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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER TO OFFER LIVE ANALYSIS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING C-SPAN BROADCAST OF SUPREME COURT ORAL ARGUMENTS

## NCC President and Legal Scholar Jeffrey Rosen to moderate discussions with scholars on both sides

Philadelphia, PA (May 1, 2020) – Today the National Constitution Center announced it will convene top scholars to provide live commentary on C-SPAN immediately following the network's live audio broadcast of Supreme Court oral arguments beginning Monday, May 4. National Constitution Center President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen will moderate conversations between experts who have filed briefs on both sides of each case to unpack the major constitutional and legal issues in each argument and field audience questions.

As Supreme Court oral arguments air live for the first time in American history, the National Constitution Center—the country's leading platform for constitutional education and debate—will provide viewers with in-depth analysis and discussion of the key constitutional and legal questions in each case and their broader significance in America today.

"This is the first opportunity in American history for the American public to hear Supreme Court arguments live and then to participate in a discussion about them in real time with scholars and advocates on both sides explaining the arguments they've just heard," said Jeffrey Rosen, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center. "The National Constitution Center and C-SPAN are uniquely positioned to offer this rigorous, balanced, nonpartisan analysis to learners across America and we're thrilled to collaborate with the C-SPAN team in this exciting educational experiment."

Participating scholars include **Gillian Metzger**, Harlan Fiske Stone Professor of Constitutional Law at Columbia Law; **Ilya Shapiro**, director of the Robert A. Levy Center for Constitutional Studies at the Cato Institute; **Paul M. Smith**, vice president of litigation and strategy at Campaign Legal Center; and **Eugene Volokh**, Gary T. Schwartz Distinguished Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law.

The full schedule of cases and scholars, along with registration information can be found <a href="here">here</a>. Participants can join the daily Zoom webinars to watch and submit questions live or view on C-SPAN television and <a href="here">c-span.org</a>.

The National Constitution Center and C-SPAN previously partnered on two seasons of the <u>Landmark</u> <u>Cases</u> history series. The series, which debuted in the fall of 2015, explored the issues, people, and places involved in some of the most historically significant Supreme Court cases in American history.

Since the coronavirus crisis began in March, the National Constitution Center has expanded its free online programming and classes in order to continue engaging with community members, students, and teachers on important constitutional topics. To date, over 22,000 middle school, high school, and college students have participated in free daily online courses, which feature lively conversations about the basic principles of the U.S. Constitution. The Center also offers live interactive public programs for adult

learners through it *America's Town Hall* series, accessible from any computer or mobile device. More information about the National Constitution Center's online programming can be found at constitutioncenter.org.

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## **About the National Constitution Center**

The National Constitution Center in Philadelphia brings together people of all ages and perspectives, across America and around the world, to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America's leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its congressional charter "to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a nonpartisan basis." As the Museum of We the People, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As America's Town Hall, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a Headquarters for Civic Education, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire citizens and engage all Americans in learning about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org.