THE NEW ROBERTS COURT: The Ground Has Shifted

Continuing Education Seminar with credit available for Attorneys Friday, September 29, 2023

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Comments

Shari Harrell, President, Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley

9:10 a.m. Introduction of Speakers

Dr. Mark C. Vopat, Co-Director, Dr. James Dale Ethics Center

9:15 a.m. Part I: Restraining Executive Power

By restricting the discretion of the executive branch, the Court has shifted power, either towards Congress or towards itself. Cases discussed will include Alabama Assn. of Realtors v. HHS (2021), West Virginia v. EPA (2022), and Biden v. Nebraska (2023).

Presenters: Marie B. Curry, JD, MPH and Brant T. Lee, JD, MPP

10:00 a.m. Break

10:10 a.m. Part II: Originalism and the Resort to History

By placing more emphasis on the historical understanding of text, the Court has raised questions regarding the uses and sources of history, and the nature of the Constitution itself. Cases discussed will include Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization (2022) and SFFA v. Harvard (2023).

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11:00 a.m. Break

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11:10 a.m. Part III

By changing the state of the law in several different areas in a relatively short time, the Court has revived questions regarding the purposes of following precedent and the perceived legitimacy of the Court itself. Cases discussed will include Dobbs, SFFA, and Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo (2024).

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12:00 p.m. Wrap-Up and Evaluation

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12:10 p.m. Closing Comments

Board Member, Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley