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### **FORMER U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICIAL TO DISCUSS MICROSOFT CASE AT UCSD ECONOMICS ROUNDTABLE OCT. 23**

Antitrust expert Richard Gilbert, a professor of economics at University of California, Berkeley will discuss "The Microsoft Case: Antitrust for the Next Century?" at the Oct. 23 breakfast meeting of the UCSD Economics Roundtable. The event will be held from 7:30 to 9 a.m. in the UCSD Faculty Club Lounge.

Gilbert, considered to be one of the country's leading industrial organization economists, served as deputy assistant attorney general for economics in the antitrust division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Issues to be explored by Gilbert in his talk include the ability of America's antimonopoly laws, which were written in the 19th century, to deal with the threat of monopoly in the 21st century. Gilbert will also examine the Microsoft case and whether it is typical of the next generation of antitrust issues.

"We are very pleased that Richard Gilbert is able to participate in our fall roundtable," said Ross Starr, a professor of economics at UCSD and the chairman of the UCSD Economics Roundtable. "While serving at the U.S. Department of Justice, he coauthored the Microsoft consent decree so he is uniquely well informed both as a practical insider and as an academic analyst."

Members of the news media are invited to attend the roundtable free of charge but should make reservations in advance. Those wishing to register for the roundtable, which is \$50 per person and includes a continental breakfast, should contact Edie Munk at (619) 822-0510.

The UCSD Economics Roundtable, founded in 1991, provides a forum for local business leaders to exchange ideas and information with world-class economists and financial experts. Recent speakers hosted by the roundtable, which now consists of more than 100 San Diego civic, business, and governmental leaders, include Dr. Robert Parry, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Dr. Laura Tyson, former national economic adviser to President Clinton, and Harry Markowitz, Nobel Laureate and adjunct professor of economics at UCSD.

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