

## UCSD's Earl Warren College to host ninth annual Earl Warren Symposium

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UCSD'S EARL WARREN COLLEGE HOSTS NINTH ANNUAL JUSTICE EARL WARREN MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM -- APRIL 14-15

The selection procedure for state and U.S. Supreme Court judges will be the topic for discussion April 15 when former California Supreme Court Justices Frank K. Richardson and Joseph R. Grodin share a lectern for the annual DeWitt Higgs Lecture, 8 p.m., Peterson Hall, at the University of California, San Diego.

The free lecture culminates events of the two-day (April 14-15), law-oriented, ninth annual Justice Earl Warren Symposium, which this year addresses the topic "Judging Judges: How Should We Choose Our State and Federal Judges?" Honeybear Warren-Brien, daughter of the late Justice Warren, will open the program.

The DeWitt Higgs Lecture is named after DeWitt "Dutch" Higgs, a leading member of the San Diego Bar Association and a former U.C. Regent.

"This year's topic is particularly timely in light of the controversy surrounding the Robert Bork and Douglas Ginsburg nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court," said David Wong, Warren College Provost.

The symposium begins 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 14, when Wong and Robert Horwitz, director of UCSD's Law and Society Program, will welcome more than 300 San Diego County high school students to a panel debate on "Should Bork and/or Ginsburg Have Been Confirmed?," in the Mandell Weiss Center for the Performing Arts.

After the debate, high school students will take part in small group discussions led by UCSD faculty and San Diego County attorneys and law faculty.

The panel moderator will be Harry Hirsch, UCSD associate professor of political science. Participants will be the Hon. Patricia Benke, associate justice for the Fourth Appellate District Court of Appeal; Abraham Blumberg, visiting professor, UCSD Department of Political Science; Mary Franklin, candidate for judgeship, San Diego Municipal Court; Sheldon Krantz, dean, University of San Diego Law School; Alex Landon, supervising attorney, Community Defenders of San Diego, and Justice Richardson.

In the afternoon, from 1-2:30 p.m., a mock U.S. Supreme Court confirmation will be held before a "senate judiciary committee." The public is invited free of charge.

UCSD history professor Michael Parrish, a specialist in constitutional law, will be the "nominee." "Senators" will include Richardson and Grodin; Betty Wheeler, legal director of the San Diego Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union; and Gary Kreep, executive director of the U.S. Justice Foundation, Escondido.

Grodin is currently a professor at Hastings College of Law, San Francisco. He served as a member of the California Supreme Court from 1982 to January 1987. He received his legal education at Yale Law School.

In 1960, Grodin received a doctorate in labor law and labor relations from the University of London which he attended on a Fulbright Scholarship. He is considered an expert in the area of labor law.

Richardson served on the California Supreme Court from 1974-83, and was a presiding justice for the Third Appellate District Court of Appeal from 1971-74. Richardson retired in 1985, after serving one year as a solicitor for the U.S. Department of Interior. He received his law degree from Stanford Law School.

Other participants in the Warren Symposium are: Celia Ballesteros, attorney, former member of the San Diego City Council, and a former trustee of the California State Universities; Michael Belknap, professor of criminal and constitutional law, California Western School of Law; Stanley Chodorow, UCSD dean of arts and humanities and associate vice chancellor of academic planning; Gerald Doppelt, associate professor, UCSD Department of Philosophy; Sanford Schane, professor, UCSD Department of Lingustics, and Tracy Strong, chairman and professor, UCSD Department of Political Science.

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