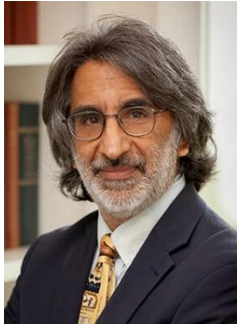


The Legislative Path to Supreme Court Reform

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Speaker Bios



Akhil Reed Amar is Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University, where he teaches constitutional law in both Yale College and Yale Law School. Mr. Amar's work has won awards from both the American Bar Association and the Federalist Society, and he has been cited by Supreme Court justices across the spectrum in more than four dozen cases. He regularly testifies before Congress at the invitation of both parties and ranks among America's five most-cited mid-career legal scholars. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and has written widely for popular publications, including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Time*, and *The Atlantic*. He is the author of more than a hundred law review articles and several books. His latest and most ambitious book, *The Words That Made Us: America's Constitutional Conversation, 1760-1840*, came out in May 2021.



Charles Fried has been teaching at Harvard Law School since 1961. He was Solicitor General of the United States, 1985-89, and an Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, 1995-99. His scholarly and teaching interests have been moved by the connection between normative theory and the concrete institutions of public and private law. During his career at Harvard he has taught Criminal Law, Commercial Law, Roman Law, Torts, Contracts, Labor Law, Constitutional Law and Federal Courts, Appellate and Supreme Court Advocacy. The author of many books and articles, his *Anatomy of Values* (1970), *Right and Wrong* (1978), and *Modern Liberty* (2006) develop themes in moral and political philosophy with applications to law. In recent years Fried has taught Constitutional Law and Contracts. During his time as a teacher he has also argued a number of major cases in state and federal courts, most notably *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals*, in which the Supreme Court established the standards for the use of expert and scientific evidence in federal courts.



Adam Hinds is CEO of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate. Adam has twenty-five years of experience working in US politics, government, and foreign affairs. Before joining the Institute, he spent six years as a Massachusetts State Senator where he Chaired the Committee on Revenue and led the Senate's effort to rebuild the

Commonwealth post-COVID. In 2021-2022 he was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts. From 2005 to 2014 Adam worked for the United Nations in the Middle East. He was based in Baghdad, Iraq where he was a team leader of a UN-led negotiation between the Kurdistan Region and the Government of Iraq over disputed territory. He was a regional advisor to the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process in Jerusalem. He worked for former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to establish a ceasefire in Syria in 2012 and then was part of a team to eliminate Syria's chemical weapons program. Early in his career, Adam worked for former Congressman John Olver and was part of John Kerry's campaign for President where he worked for Susan Rice, the head of his foreign policy team who later became the US National Security Advisor. Adam attended Wesleyan University and received a Master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Adam is married to Dr. Alicia Mireles Christoff, Associate Professor of English at Amherst College, and they have two young children.



David W. Oxtoby is President of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is President Emeritus of Pomona College and he was a Visiting Scholar at the Harvard Graduate School of Education prior to becoming President of the American Academy. As the ninth president of Pomona College, serving from 2003–2017, he has been recognized as a leader in American higher education, at the forefront in advancing environmental sustainability, increasing college access, cultivating creativity, and pursuing academic excellence in the context of an interdisciplinary liberal arts environment. Previously he served as Dean of the Division of Physical Sciences and the William Rainey Harper Distinguished Service Professor of Chemistry at the University of Chicago. Dr. Oxtoby has been the recipient of several fellowships, including from the Guggenheim and National Science foundations. He is a Fellow of the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a member of the American Chemical Society. He was an Overseer of Harvard University from 2008–2014 and is a member of the Ojai Music Festival Board. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Oxtoby received honorary degrees from Occidental College (2005) and Lingnan University in Hong Kong (2009). He was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2012.



Gabe Roth is executive director of Fix the Court, a nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) organization that advocates for non-ideological “fixes” that would make the federal courts, and primarily the U.S. Supreme Court, more open and more accountable to the American people. Previously, he managed the Coalition for Court Transparency, a national alliance of media and legal organizations that advocated for the broadcast of Supreme Court proceedings, and before that worked in political consulting in Washington, New York and Chicago. Originally from Nashville, Gabe

began his career as a producer at the NBC affiliate in Jacksonville, Fla. He has an undergraduate degree from Washington University in St. Louis and a master's from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.



Judge Patti B. Saris served as Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts from 2013 to 2019. She was Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission in Washington, DC from January, 2011 to January, 2017. A graduate of Radcliffe College and Harvard Law School, Judge Saris clerked for the Supreme Judicial Court, and then went into private practice. When Senator Edward M. Kennedy became chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, she moved to Washington D.C. and worked as staff counsel. She later became an Assistant United States Attorney, and eventually chief of the Civil Division. In 1986, Judge Saris became a United States Magistrate Judge, and in 1989, she was appointed as an Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court. In 1994, she was appointed to the United States District Court. Judge Saris currently serves as Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School.



Kimberly Atkins Stohr is a senior opinion writer and columnist at The Boston Globe. She is also an MSNBC contributor, a frequent panelist on NBC's "Meet the Press," and co-host of the weekly Politicon legal news podcast #SistersInLaw. Previously, Kim was the inaugural columnist for The Emancipator, a collaboration between The Boston Globe and Boston University's Center for Antiracist Research that reframes the conversation about racial justice and equality. Prior to that, was the first Washington, DC-based news correspondent for WBUR. She has also served as the Boston Herald's Washington bureau chief, guest host of C-SPAN's morning call-in show Washington Journal, and a Supreme Court reporter for Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly and its sister publications. She has appeared as a political and legal commentator on a host of national and international television and radio networks, including CNN, Fox News, NBC News, PBS, NPR, Sky News (UK), and CBC News (Canada). Before launching her journalism career, she was a trial and appellate litigation attorney in Boston. She was inducted into the American Academy of Arts & Sciences in 2023. Kim is a native of Michigan, and a graduate of Wayne State University, Boston University School of Law and Boston University College of Communication, and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.