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A conversation with U.S. District Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson

Moderator: Bert Huang, Vice Dean for Intellectual Life and Michael I. Sovern Professor of Law

Jerome Greene Hall, Room 102A
Wednesday, May 1st | 12:10-1:10 p.m.

THE HON. KETANJI BROWN JACKSON

U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson received her commission as a United States District Judge in March 2013. Until December 2014, she also served as a Vice Chair and Commissioner on the United States Sentencing Commission.

Prior to her four years of service on the Sentencing Commission, Judge Jackson worked for three years as Of Counsel at Morrison & Foerster LLP, with a practice that focused on criminal and civil appellate litigation in both state and federal courts, as well as cases in the Supreme Court of the United States. Before joining Morrison & Foerster LLP, Judge Jackson served as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the appeals division of the Office of the Federal Public Defender in the District of Columbia. Before that appointment, Judge Jackson worked as an Assistant Special Counsel at the Sentencing Commission and as an associate with two law firms (one specializing in white-collar criminal defense, and the other focusing on the negotiated settlement of mass-tort claims). Judge Jackson also served as a law clerk to three federal judges: Associate Justice Stephen G. Breyer of the Supreme Court of the United States, Judge Bruce M. Selya of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and Judge Patti B. Saris of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Judge Jackson is currently a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on Defender Services, as well as the Board of Overseers of Harvard University and the Council of the American Law Institute. She also currently serves on the board of the D.C. Circuit Historical Society and the United States Supreme Court Fellows Commission.

Judge Jackson received a J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1996, where she served as a supervising editor of the Harvard Law Review. She received an A.B., magna cum laude, in Government from Harvard-Radcliffe College in 1992.

*Lunch will be provided*

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