



Activism at US Supreme Court!



DECEMBER LUNCHEON
Open To All Alumni, Members & Guests

WHEN: Wednesday, Dec 12, 2012 11:30 -1:30 pm
WHERE: Michael's On East, Sarasota
DRESS: Business Casual or Work Wear.
COST: Lunch, Dessert, Tea, Coffee, Cash Bar
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Our Speaker: Bill Cotter, AB '58, JD '61, served as President of Colby College for 20 years and is a member of the United States Supreme Court Bar Association. As a former LBJ White House Fellow, he helped write the Nigerian Constitution and recalls lunches with President and Lady Bird Johnson, dinners with Vice President Hubert Humphrey, Supreme Court justices and congressional leaders. "I had a debate with Secretary of State Dean Rusk in the State Department dining room," he said. After Cotter asked, sympathetically, about Robert Kennedy's suggestion that the U.S. start negotiating with the North Vietnamese, Rusk snapped back, "What are you, some kind of communist?"



There are Big Fears about judicial activism with 4 new Supreme Court justices in the last seven years. From 1994-2005, not a single new Supreme Court Justice was appointed. The Court is shifting to one that has a majority of justices appointed by conservative Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush. There is uncertainty as to how the Roberts court will vote and react to the critical cases the Court may hear soon.

Some of those cases are Fisher v. University of Texas (Affirmative Action), Klapper v. Amnesty International (National Security, Wire-tapping, and attorney-client privilege), Windsor v. US (Same-sex Marriage), Kiobel v Dutch Petroleum Co. (Human Rights and International Law). The Roberts court has shifted to the right, but what does that mean for the future? It is difficult to predict because the Supreme Court has had surprising unity as of late on most issues, excluding the Obama Care vote, which was a 5-4 narrow victory. With so many landmark cases already scheduled on the Supreme Court's docket for the coming session, there is plenty of impetus for hearing the inside scoop from a true expert and insider. — *Mark Riddell, AB '04*

PLEASE NOTE: This One Luncheon is on Wednesday, not Friday as in the past.

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