

The *Widener Law Review* of Widener University Delaware Law School
and The American Constitution Society presents

**The Meaning of Establishment and Freedom
of Religion in the *Roberts*' Court**

April 12, 2024 (Friday)

8:15 AM – 4:15 PM

Widener University Delaware Law School
4601 Concord Pike
Wilmington, DE 19803

5 CLE credits (4 substantive, 1 ethics) in Delaware, Pennsylvania – New Jersey may self-report

Join us for a symposium exploring the critical interplay of the Establishment and Free Exercise Clauses and state and local legislation. In an era of shifting jurisprudence and societal dynamics, the delicate balance between religious liberties and anti-discrimination laws has taken center stage. We will delve into the multifaceted implications of landmark cases such as *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia* and *Groff v. DeJoy*, examining their impact on constitutional principles and legal practice. While navigating the intricacies of religious freedoms and civil rights, ethical considerations remain paramount in shaping legislative frameworks and advocacy. Join us as we unravel the complexities of this pivotal intersection, forging a path towards equity, justice, and constitutional integrity.

8:15 am Registration Check-In and Continental Breakfast

8:45 – 8:55 am Welcome and Introductory Overview

Todd J. Clark, Esquire, Dean and Professor of Law, Widener University Delaware Law School

Matthew Lynch, Vice Chair, American Constitution Society – Delaware Chapter

Ronald P. Oddo, Editor-in-Chief, *Widener Law Review*, Vol. 30, J.D. Candidate 2024

9:00 – 10:20 am Panel 1: A Discussion on Religious Liberties and Anti-Discrimination Laws, Illustrated by *Fulton v. Groff*

Moderator: Brooke L. Girley (Professor of Law, Widener University Delaware Law School)

Panelists: Mary Catherine Roper, Esquire (Langer Grogan & Diver P.C. - Philadelphia); **Sue Ghosh Stricklett, Esquire** (on behalf of the American Hindu Coalition); **Nelson Tebbe** (Jane M.G. Foster Professor of Law, Cornell Law School)

10:20 – 10:30 am Break

10:30 – 11:50 am Panel 2: Examining the Evolution of the Establishment Clause and Church-State Relations and Its Impact on Dignity and Democratic Ideals

Moderator: John G. Culhane (Associate Dean for Faculty Development, Distinguished Professor of Law, Widener University Delaware Law School)

Panelists: Perry Dane (Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School); **Erin Daly** (Professor of Law & Director of the Dignity Rights Clinic; Global Liaison for Graduate Programs, Widener University Delaware Law School)

12:00 – 1:30 pm Lunch – Barristers’ Club

1:30 – 2:30 pm Distinguished Speaker: A Talk on the Tension Between Religious Liberties and Anti-Discrimination Laws, Establishment Clause Jurisprudence, and Responsibility

Marci A. Hamilton, Founder and CEO of CHILD USA; Professor of Practice in the Department of Political Science and Fox Family Pavilion Non-resident Senior Fellow in the Program for Research on Religion at the University of Pennsylvania

2:30 – 2:45 pm Break

2:45 – 4:05 pm Panel 3: Addressing Ethical Dilemmas: The Practice of Law and Legislating on Religious Liberties and Anti-Discrimination Protections

Moderator: Dwayne J. Bensing, Esquire (Legal Director, ACLU-Delaware)

Panelists: Lori Lipman Brown (on behalf of the Secular Coalition for America); **Randal M. Shaheen, Esquire** (on behalf of The Rutherford Institute); **Christian D. Wright, Esquire** (Delaware Deputy Attorney General)

4:05 – 4:15 pm Closing Remarks

Ronald P. Oddo, Editor-in-Chief, *Widener Law Review*, Vol. 30, J.D. Candidate 2024

Course materials will be distributed electronically.

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