

Dear Members of the Delaware Law School Community:

On March 19, 2020, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. the Law School will sponsor a one-hour symposium in the Vale Courtroom on the pending Supreme Court case, *John C. Carney, Governor of Delaware, v. James R. Adams*. Following the event, all attendees will be invited to a reception with food and beverages.

The three presenters for the symposium will be:

The Honorable Randy J. Holland, Retired Justice, the Supreme Court of Delaware; Distinguished Jurist in Residence, Widener University Delaware Law School; and Senior Of Counsel, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

Lawrence A. Hamermesh, Emeritus Professor of Law, Widener University Delaware Law School; and Executive Director, Institute for Law and Economics, University of Pennsylvania Law School

Rodney A. Smolla, Dean and Professor of Law, Widener University Delaware Law School

This case will be argued in the United States Supreme Court on Wednesday, March 25. It presents a fascinating collage of issues, including an inquiry into the nature of judging, and whether judges “make policy” or merely “follow the law,” the role that Delaware’s unique system of political balance for its judiciary has played in the development of Delaware corporate law, and difficult questions of constitutional law involving the intersection of First Amendment and federalism principles. The Respondent, James Adams, is a graduate of the Delaware Law School. The case also poses an interesting tension between the Delaware judiciary and the federal judiciary, including the Third Circuit.

Retired Justice Randy Holland served as one of the principal lawyers representing the Governor of Delaware in the Supreme Court of the United States.

An Amicus Brief in support of the Governor of Delaware was written and filed by Dean Rodney Smolla. Professor Lawrence Hamermesh, as well as many current and emeritus members of the Delaware Law Faculty, joined in the brief, along with scholars throughout the country.

Dean Smolla was assisted by approximately 12 Delaware Law School students in the research and preparation of the brief.

A copy of the Amicus Brief is attached.

The symposium is supported by the generous contributions of Cary Flitter, Esquire, one of our proud Delaware Law School alumni, and an Adjunct Professor at the Law School.

All members of the Delaware Law School Community are welcome to attend this brief but significant symposium. **One substantive CLE credit will be available in Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.** Please register with Carol Perrupato at caperrupato@widener.edu. Thank you.

Best regards,

Dean Rod Smolla