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The John G. Heyburn II Initiative
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proudly present a conversation with

THE HONORABLE NEIL M. GORSUCH

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

with moderator

PAUL E. SALAMANCA

Wendell H. Ford Professor of Law

and featuring a special introduction by

THE HONORABLE MITCH MCCONNELL

Senate Majority Leader

Thursday, September 21, 2017
6:00 p.m.

The Kincaid Auditorium
Gatton College of Business & Economics

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

PRE-EVENT PERFORMANCE

Paws and Listen

WELCOME

David A. Brennan
Dean, UK Law

Dr. Eli Capilouto
President, University of Kentucky

Dr. Martha Heyburn
Chair, The Heyburn Initiative Advisory Board

SPECIAL INTRODUCTION

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader

CONVERSATION AND Q&A

The Honorable Neil M. Gorsuch
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

Paul E. Salamanca
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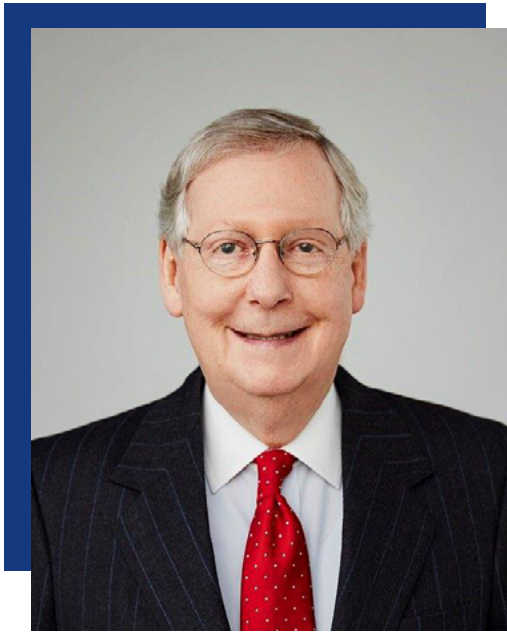
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THE HONORABLE NEIL M. GORSUCH

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

Neil M. Gorsuch, Associate Justice, was born in Denver, Colorado, August 29, 1967. He and his wife Louise have two daughters. He received a B.A. from Columbia University, a J.D. from Harvard Law School, and a D.Phil. from Oxford University. He served as a law clerk to Judge David B. Sentelle of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and as a law clerk to Justice Byron White and Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the Supreme Court of the United States. From 1995-2005, he was in private practice, and from 2005-2006 he was Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice. He was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in 2006. He served on the Standing Committee on Rules for Practice and Procedure of the U.S. Judicial Conference, and as chairman of the Advisory Committee on Rules of Appellate Procedure. He taught at the University of Colorado Law School. President Donald J. Trump nominated him as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and he took his seat on April 10, 2017.



THE HONORABLE MITCH MCCONNELL

Senate Majority Leader

Mitch McConnell is the Senate Majority Leader. Elected to that position unanimously by his Republican colleagues first in 2014 and again in 2016, he is only the second Kentuckian to ever serve as Majority Leader in the U.S. Senate. The first, Senator Alben Barkley, led the Democrats from 1937 to 1949. Senator McConnell previously served, again by the unanimous vote of his colleagues, as the Republican Leader from the 110th through the 113th Congresses and as the Majority Whip in the 108th and 109th Congresses. McConnell also served in leadership as chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee during the 1998 and 2000 election cycles. McConnell graduated with honors from the University of Louisville College of Arts and Sciences, where he served as student body president. He also is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law, where he was elected president of the Student Bar Association. McConnell is married to Secretary Elaine L. Chao, the 18th U.S. Secretary of Transportation. Previously, Secretary Chao served for eight years as President George W. Bush's U.S. Secretary of Labor. She is also a former president of the United Way of America and director of the Peace Corps.



THE JOHN G. HEYBURN II INITIATIVE *for Excellence in the Federal Judiciary*

The John G. Heyburn II Initiative for Excellence in the Federal Judiciary is a non-partisan initiative devoted to the preservation and study of U.S. Judicial history. Although there are many presidential libraries and Congressional centers, the Heyburn Initiative is unique in its focus on the federal judiciary.

The Heyburn Initiative will host conferences provided by entities, such as the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts and the Federal Judicial Center, responsible for the structure, work, daily needs, and education of our nation's justices and judges.

The Heyburn Initiative is expected to serve as a resource for the federal judiciary to educate, develop and distribute best practices, and to improve the quality of judges. In addition, it will seek to create a complete history of all Kentuckians who have served in the federal judiciary, with archives and oral histories managed by UK Libraries. The material is to be made publicly available, for free, online.



JOHN G. HEYBURN II

John G. Heyburn II was known as a master of the courtroom, an artful chief judge, a leader in funding our judiciary and a modernizer of the procedures governing the nation's most complex and intractable lawsuits. He was described as having a unique blend of grace, authority and humor.

Judge Heyburn presided over 7,645 cases in his 23 years on the bench, including some of the most controversial that faced the courts: recognition of same sex marriages, restrictions on access to abortion, racial desegregation of our schools, and the scope of First Amendment's guarantees. His opinions were known for his indefatigable sense of fairness, respect for litigants, and commitment to clear, logical, and thoughtful rulings.

He had a special affinity for mentoring young lawyers, as well as his sons and their friends, and children of his friends. He was drawn to those who were passionate about their interests - as others were to him - and he helped and inspired others in the law, the judiciary, politics, sports strategy for an upcoming race, career, family and life choices. Despite living with a difficult cancer treatment regimen for nearly four years, Judge Heyburn continued in all these efforts and a full caseload with courage, gratitude, love, respect, enthusiasm for others, and his trademark sense of humor.

