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THE 2011
FRANK C. JONES REENACTMENT

TEXAS V. WHITE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2011

**Wednesday,
November 9, 2011**

**6:00 pm
Chamber – Supreme Court of
the United States**

***HISTORICAL OVERVIEW –
Professor Melvin I. Urofsky***

***REENACTMENT OF Texas v. White*
The Honorable Antonin Scalia
– presiding**

**David Beck – *appearing on
behalf of the State of Texas***

**Patricia Millett – *appearing on
behalf of George W. White***

***RECEPTION TO FOLLOW –
East and West Conference
Rooms
Supreme Court of the
United States***

TEXAS V. WHITE, 74 U.S. 700 (1869) was a significant case argued before the United States Supreme Court in 1869. The case involved a claim by the Reconstruction government of Texas that United States bonds owned by Texas since 1850 had been illegally sold by the Confederate state legislature during the American Civil War. The state filed suit directly with the United States Supreme Court, which, under the United States Constitution, retains original jurisdiction on cases in which a state is a party.

DAVID BECK is a founding partner at Beck Redden & Secret. He has been named by the *National Law Journal* as one of the top 10 trial lawyers in America. In 2004, United States Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist appointed Mr. Beck to the prestigious Judicial Conference Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure. In 2007, Chief Justice John Roberts re-appointed him to a 3 year term on the Standing Committee. Mr. Beck has published numerous law journal articles and has appeared as a lecturer on many bar association and law school continuing legal education programs. He is the author of *Legal Malpractice in Texas*, currently in a second edition. He also co-authored the 1999 through 2010 versions of *O'Connor's Annotated Civil Practice and Remedies Code*, a treatise widely used by Texas lawyers.

PATRICIA A. MILLETT heads Akin Gump's Supreme Court practice and co-heads the firm's national appellate practice. She has argued 28 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and approximately 30 in the courts of appeals. From August 1996 to September 2007, Ms. Millett served as an assistant to the solicitor general in the

Office of the Solicitor General at the U.S. Department of Justice, in Washington, D.C. During that time, she argued 25 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and she briefed more than 50 cases. Ms. Millett clerked for two years for the late Judge Thomas Tang, on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit. She was recently named by the *National Law Journal* as one of Washington's 2010 Most Influential Women Lawyers. One of her Supreme Court briefs was featured in the book, *Point Made: How to Write Like the Nation's Top Advocates* by Ross Guberman (2011). She is the author of "'We're Your Government and We're Here To Help': Obtaining Amicus Support From the Federal Government in Supreme Court Cases" (*The Journal of Appellate Practice and Process*, Vol. 10, No. 1, Spring 2009).

ANTONIN SCALIA is an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of the United States. Justice Scalia practiced law in Cleveland, Ohio until 1967, when he joined the faculty of the University of Virginia Law School. In 1971, Scalia became General Counsel of the White House Office of Telecommunications Policy. He was chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States from 1972 to 1974. Scalia was appointed Assistant Attorney General of the Office of Legal Counsel in the Department of Justice in 1974. After one half year as Resident Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., Scalia returned in 1977 to teaching at the University of Chicago Law School. He was also visiting professor at the Law Schools of Georgetown and Stanford Universities. President Ronald Reagan appointed Scalia to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 1982. Four years later, on June 24, 1986, President Reagan nominated Scalia to the Supreme Court of the United States. The Senate confirmed the appointment on September 17, 1986.

MELVIN I. UROFSKY is Professor of Law & Public Policy and Professor Emeritus of History at Virginia Commonwealth University. He writes widely on constitutional history, and has been the Chairman of the Board of Editors of the *Journal of Supreme Court History* since 1993.

Among the fifty-two books he has either written or edited are *A March of Liberty: American Constitutional History* (1987; later editions with Paul Finkelman); *A Conflict of Rights: The Supreme Court and Affirmative Action* (1991); *Letting Go: Death, Dying and the Law* (1994); *Division and Discord: The Supreme Court under Stone and Vinson, 1941-1953* (1997); and *Louis D. Brandeis: A Life* (2009).

In appreciation of Frank C. Jones's six years of service to the Society as its President and his more than 20 years of service as Membership Chair and Vice President, the Society has created a special fund to honor him by endowing the reenactment series which has been named for him. The Frank C. Jones Fund will allow the Society to conduct annual reenactments of significant Supreme Court cases.

The Supreme Court Historical Society serves the Court, the legal profession, historians and the public. The Society is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and dissemination of historical information about the Supreme Court of the United States through educational programs, publications, scholarship, and the acquisition of Court-related antiques and artifacts.

RESERVATIONS

Tickets for the reenactment are \$75 each.
Advance reservation is required; seating is limited.
The Society confirms all requests for reservations in writing.

LOCATION

The reenactment will be held at the
Supreme Court of the United States,
One First Street NE, Washington, DC.

Due to security requirements, a government-issued photo identification such as a driver's license or passport must be presented for admittance to each of the lectures.

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