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SCOTUS IN FOCUS

THE 2ND ANNUAL SCHOLARLY REVIEW OF KEY 2024-25 U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISIONS
OCTOBER 23, 2025

SCHEDULE

5:00 P.M.

CHECK-IN

5:20 P.M.

WELCOMING REMARKS

5:30 P.M. – 6:45 P.M.

SCOTUS IN FOCUS DISCUSSION PANEL

Dr. Tom Campbell,

Doy and Dee Henley Distinguished Professor of Jurisprudence
Chapman University, Dale E. Fowler School of Law

Professor Lawrence Rosenthal,

Chapman University, Dale E. Fowler School of Law

Professor Ken Stahl,

Chapman University, Dale E. Fowler School of Law

MODERATOR:

LtCol Alex Douvas, USMC (JD '05),

Military Judge, Western Judicial Circuit
Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary

6:45 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

RECEPTION IN KENNEDY HALL LOBBY

TOM CAMPBELL

Doy and Dee Henley Distinguished Professor of Jurisprudence,
Chapman University, Dale E. Fowler School of Law

Dr. Tom Campbell served as Dean of the Fowler School of Law from 2011 to 2016. He came to Chapman in January 2009 as a visiting Presidential Fellow and Fletcher Jones Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law. Prior to joining Chapman, he was the Bank of America Dean and Professor of Business from 2002 to 2008 at the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley.

Campbell was a Professor of Law at Stanford University from 1987-2002; Associate Professor at Stanford, 1983-1987; a member of the United States Congress from 1989-1993 and 1995-2001; a member of the California State Senate from 1993-1995; and the director of the California Department of Finance from 2004-2005. He has a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in economics from the University of Chicago, and a JD, magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School, where he also served as a member of the board of editors of the *Harvard Law Review*. He was a law clerk to United States Supreme Court Justice Byron White, and to US Court of Appeals Judge George E. MacKinnon; a White House Fellow; executive assistant to the Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; and director of the Bureau of Competition at the Federal Trade Commission.

His principal area of academic work is in the application of economics to legal questions. He has published articles in the *Harvard Law Review*, the *Columbia Law Review*, the *Stanford Law Review*, the *UCLA Law Review*, the *Texas Law Review*, the *Hastings Law Journal*, and the *Antitrust Law Journal*, among others. He is the author of the book *Separation of Powers in Practice*, published by Stanford University Press (2004). Since 2001, Tom Campbell and his wife Susanne have taught in



Africa as volunteers on seven separate occasions, in Ghana, Eritrea and Rwanda, where they taught courses in fundraising (Susanne) and international financial institutions, business strategy and constitutional law (Tom), at the following universities: Ashesi University, Accra, Ghana; Kigali Institute of Science and Technology, Kigali, Rwanda; School of Banking and Finance, Kigali, Rwanda; and the University of Asmara, Asmara, Eritrea.

KENNETH STAHL

Professor of Law,
Chapman University, Dale E. Fowler School of Law

Kenneth Stahl is a Professor of Law and the Director of the Environmental, Land Use, and Real Estate Law certificate program at Chapman University, Fowler School of Law.

His scholarly work focuses on the relationship between the local political process and judicial doctrine in land use and local government law. His research combines doctrinal analysis with insights from disciplines including urban sociology, geography, economics, and the humanities.

Professor Stahl's works have appeared in journals including: *The University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, the *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*, and *Cardozo Law Review*, among others. He was selected as a participant at the 2012 Junior Faculty Forum at Harvard Law School. Professor Stahl has also been named Professor of the Year at Fowler School of Law twice and received the Michael Lang Award for Scholarly Excellence in 2021.

Before joining the Fowler School of Law, Professor Stahl spent four years as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of New York. Prior to that, he worked as a Trial Attorney for the United States Department of Justice, Office of Constitutional Torts, and as an Associate at the Washington, D.C. law firm of Arnold & Porter.

Professor Stahl earned a B.A. with highest honors and highest distinction from the University of Michigan and a JD from Yale Law School. At Yale, he served as a Notes Editor of the *Yale Law Journal* and an editor of the *Yale Journal of Law and The Humanities*.



2025 SCOTUS DECISIONS

Ames v. Ohio Department of Youth Services

Docket Number: 23-1039

June 5, 2025

Judgement VACATED and case REMANDED: 9-0



OPINION



JACKSON
Opinion Author



THOMAS
Concurring Opinion

CONCUR



ALITO



BARRETT



GORSUCH



KAGAN



KAVANAUGH



ROBERTS



SOTOMAYOR

Mahmoud v. Taylor

Docket Number: 24-297

June 27, 2025

Judgement REVERSED and case REMANDED: 6-3



OPINION



ALITO
Opinion Author



THOMAS
Concurring Opinion



SOTOMAYOR
Dissenting Opinion

CONCUR



BARRETT



GORSUCH



KAVANAUGH



ROBERTS

DISSENT



KAGAN



JACKSON

Seven County Infrastructure v. Eagle County, Colorado

Docket Number: 23-975
May 29, 2025
Judgement REVERSED and case REMANDED: 8-0



OPINION



KAVANAUGH
Opinion Author



SOTOMAYOR
Concurring Opinion

CONCUR



ALITO



BARRETT



ROBERTS



THOMAS

JOINED CONCURRING OPINION



KAGAN



JACKSON

United States v. Skrmetti

Docket Number: 23-477
June 18, 2025
Judgement AFFIRMED: 6-3



OPINION



ROBERTS
Opinion Author



THOMAS
Concurring Opinion



SOTOMAYOR
Dissenting Opinion



ALITO
Concurring Opinion:
Concurs with Parts I, IIB & Judgement



KAGAN
Dissenting Opinion

CONCUR



BARRETT



GORSUCH



KAVANAUGH



THOMAS

DISSENT



KAGAN
Concurs with
Dissent: Parts I-IV



JACKSON

LAWRENCE ROSENTHAL

Professor of Law,
Chapman University, Dale E. Fowler School of Law

After graduating from Harvard Law School, where he won the Fay Diploma and was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*, Professor Rosenthal clerked for Judge Prentice Marshall of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and Justice John Paul Stevens of the United States Supreme Court.

Professor Rosenthal entered the practice of law as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, specializing in organized crime and public corruption prosecutions. Among other things, he brought the first racketeering case involving insider trading, and secured the longest sentence in the history of the district in an organized crime case (200 years). He subsequently joined the City of Chicago's Department of Law, where he was Deputy Corporation Counsel for Counseling, Appeals, and Legal Policy. In that capacity, he argued three cases in the United States Supreme Court, and supervised a large volume of complex litigation as well as legislative policy matters.

To his great embarrassment, Professor Rosenthal was named by *Chicago Magazine* as one of "Chicago's 25 Toughest Lawyers". Since then, he tries to be nicer. Professor Rosenthal joined the Chapman faculty in the fall of 2005. He also continues to engage in litigation in the United States Supreme Court and other appellate courts, usually on a pro bono basis.



ALEX DOUVAS

Military Judge
Western Judicial Circuit
Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary

Lieutenant Colonel Alex Douvas (JD '05) currently serves as a Military Judge for the Western Judicial Circuit of the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary.

He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps upon graduating from California State University, Fullerton in 2002. He earned his J.D. from Chapman University School of Law in 2005 and was admitted to the State Bar of California.

After completing The Basic School in Quantico, VA and Naval Justice School in Newport, RI, he was stationed at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) Twentynine Palms from 2007-2010 where he served as Defense Counsel and Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General. From 2010-2012, he was stationed at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar, serving as a Trial Counsel (prosecutor) and Senior Trial Counsel before deploying to Helmand Province, Afghanistan with I Marine Expeditionary Force in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from 2012-2013.

From 2013-2014, he served as Regional Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, embedded within the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California to prosecute felony offenses occurring on military installations in U.S. District Court. He was then selected to attend The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School (TJAGLCS) in Charlottesville, VA, earning an LL.M. in Criminal Law in 2015.

From 2015-2017, he served as the Senior Defense Counsel for MCAGCC Twentynine Palms before deploying with Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force–Crisis Response–Central Command,



in support of Operation Inherent Resolve from 2017-2018. From 2018-2021, he was Professor of Criminal Law at TJAGLCS, serving as the Criminal Law Department Vice Chair from 2020-2021.

From 2021-2024, he served as the Regional Defense Counsel-West, responsible for the provision of defense services for all Marine Corps installations in the Western United States. From 2024-2025, he served as the Staff Judge Advocate (general counsel) for MCAS Miramar.

His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (three Gold Stars in lieu of fourth award), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (one Gold Star in lieu of second award) and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He is admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

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