



The Media & Communications Committee present

First Amendment and the U.S. Supreme Court

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Course 3207

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Moderator: Thomas R. Julin, shareholder, Gunster Yoakley & Stewart, P.A. Panel: U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit Judge Adalberto Jordan; U.S. District Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks; University of Miami Law Professor Lili Levi; Florida International University Law Professor Howard Wasserman; Leslie Rothenberg, Retired Chief Judge, Florida Third District Court of Appeal and partner, the Ferraro Law Firm; Carlton Fields Jordan Burt shareholder Richard J. Ovelmen; and Timothy J. McGinn of Gunster Yoakley & Stewart, P.A.

This panel will take its first in-depth look at the First Amendment philosophy of Justice Brett Kavanaugh through the prism of eight new controversial Supreme Court cases. One was written in just a single day. The 5-4 decision overturned a Judge Stanley Marcus stay of the execution of a Muslim prisoner because Georgia would not let an imam into the death chamber. The Supreme Court will take much more time to decide whether a massive stone cross must be removed from a traffic intersection in Maryland. The Court also is expected to put to rest its long debate over legislators favoring their own parties through gerrymandering. A police bust of a partier at ArcticMan in the Hoodoo Mountains of Alaska should set the rules for speech-based retaliatory arrests. Two years ago the Court opened the door to disparaging trademarks. Now the owner of the FUCTION mark wants the ban on scandalous and immoral marks gone too. Last, we'll look at how the Court has decided whether free speech protects public TV airing of "The 1% Visits the Barrio," a different sort of look at Mister Roger's neighborhood.

The panel will be dedicated this year to the memory of Third District Court of Appeal Chief Judge Alan Schwartz who served as a continuous participant in this seminar for almost 40 years. He brought his irascible style from the Bench to the Bar Convention and we all profited greatly.

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