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Donald Trump and the Federal Courts

Time: 12:00pm
Location: Gittis 213, Kushner Classroom

What are the implications of President Trump’s comments for the federal judiciary and the separation of powers? Please join the Federalist Society in welcoming Judge David W. McKeague of the United States Court of the Appeals for the Sixth Circuit to discuss these important issues.

Only three weeks into office, President Trump has already established a combative posture towards the federal courts. The President has labeled U.S. District Judge James Robart as a “so-called judge” and has lashed out at a three judge panel on the 9th Circuit for making “disgraceful” and “political” decisions. These recent incidents follow candidate Trump’s assertion that U.S. District Judge Gonzalo Curiel’s Mexican heritage would render him unable to deliver an impartial decision in a civil suit to which Trump was a party.

A Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Judge McKeague previously served as a district judge for the Western District of Michigan for 12 years. He was appointed to the Sixth Circuit by President Bush in 2005. Judge McKeague is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and worked in private practice in Lansing, Michigan prior to his service in the federal judiciary.

Lunch will be served.

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