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### A Progress Report on Regulatory Reform: Neomi Rao, OIRA

Time: 1:30pm - 2:50pm

Location: Gittis 213, Kushner Classroom

#### Neomi Rao

**Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs**

Neomi Rao is the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) within the Office of Management and Budget. Administrator Rao oversees the centralized review of all significant regulations within the Executive Branch, develops government-wide regulatory practices, and maintains the quality of information utilized and disseminated by federal agencies. In particular, OIRA manages the successful implementation of President Trump's executive orders directing sweeping regulatory reform and the reduction of unnecessary regulatory burdens.

Prior to her appointment as Administrator, Ms. Rao was a professor of constitutional law, administrative law, and legislation and statutory interpretation at the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University. In 2015, she founded the Law School's Center for the Study of the Administrative State, which promotes scholarship and public policy debates about the constitutional foundations and political and economic impacts of the administrative state. Ms. Rao also served as a Member of the Administrative Conference of the United States and on the Governing Council of the American Bar Association Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice, as well as co-chair of the Section's Regulatory Policy Committee.

Ms. Rao previously served in all three branches of the federal government, including as Associate Counsel and Special Assistant to President George W. Bush and counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, where she was responsible for nominations and constitutional law issues. She also practiced in the London office of Clifford Chance LLP, specializing in public international law and arbitration. Ms. Rao clerked for Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and for Justice Clarence Thomas on the U.S. Supreme Court. Ms. Rao received her J.D. with high honors, Order of the Coif, from the University of Chicago Law School and her B.A. from Yale University.



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