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Events

December 2, 2021

The Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Memorial Lecture

4:30pm EST

Justice and the Judicial Role: The Quest for Empathy and Impartiality

Guest Lecturer: Dean Tomiko Brown-Nagin of
Harvard University

The recording from this event can be viewed here: https://youtu.be/cAnXDL2yb_E

This program has been approved for 1.0 Ethics CLE credits for Pennsylvania lawyers. CLE credit may be available in other jurisdictions as well. Attendees seeking CLE credit should make a payment via the online registration link in the amount of $40.00 ($20.00 public interest/non-profit attorneys). In order to receive the appropriate amount of credit, passwords provided throughout the program must be noted in your evaluation form.

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Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., American civil rights advocate, author, and judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. The celebration will culminate in June 2022 with the unveiling of a mural created in Judge Higginbotham’s honor by the Philadelphia Mural Arts Project.

Tomiko Brown-Nagin, Dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, is an award-winning legal historian and an expert in constitutional law and education law and policy. She is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Law Institute, and the American Philosophical Society, a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and a distinguished lecturer for the Organization of American Historians. She has published articles and book chapters on a wide range of topics, including the Supreme Court’s equal protection jurisprudence, civil rights law and history, the Affordable Care Act, and education reform. Her 2011 book, *Courage to Dissent: Atlanta and the Long History of the Civil Rights Movement* (Oxford), won six awards, including the Bancroft Prize in U.S. History. In her new book, *Civil Rights Queen: Constance Baker Motley and the Struggle for Equality* (Pantheon, forthcoming January 2022), Brown-Nagin explores the life and times of Constance Baker Motley, the pathbreaking lawyer, politician, and judge.

In 2019, Brown-Nagin was appointed chair of the Presidential Committee on Harvard and the Legacy of Slavery, which is anchored at the Radcliffe Institute. Brown-Nagin has previously served as faculty director of Harvard Law School’s Charles Hamilton Houston Institute and as codirector of Harvard Law School’s law and history program, among other leadership roles.

She earned a law degree from Yale University, where she served as an editor of the *Yale Law Journal*; a doctorate in history from Duke University;