Conscience and the Free Exercise of Religion
28 January 2005

Schedule

8.50-9.00 Welcome

9.00-9.50 Belsky "A Practical and Pragmatic Approach to Freedom of Conscience"
Commentator--Nickel


11.50-1.10 Catered lunch

1.20-2.10 Worthen, "Eagle Feathers and Equality: Insights on Religious Exemptions from the Native American Experience"
Commentator--Collins

2.30-3.20 Nickel “How the Basic Liberties Generate Freedom of Religion”
Commentator--Smith

3.40-4.30 Smith "What Does Religion Have to Do with Freedom of Conscience?"
Commentator—Belsky
Speakers

Martin H. Belsky, Professor of Law, Tulsa University College of Law. Graduate of Columbia Law School, graduate diplomas from The Hague Academy of International Law and Cambridge University. Publications include written numerous articles and books in the areas of civil rights, constitutional law, criminal law, international law, environmental law, oceans and coastal law, and professional responsibility. Served on many committees and commissions in fields that include ethnic and religious tolerance and understanding, antidefamation, higher education, gerontology and aging, disabilities, fire services, criminal justice, and science and the law. Served as dean at both Tulsa and at Albany Law School. Was chief prosecutor in Philadelphia, counsel to several Congressional committees, and assistant administrator of a federal agency. Teaches courses in constitutional law, ethics, international law, and oceans policy.


Steven D. Smith, Warren Distinguished Professor, University of San Diego School of Law. J.D. 1979, Yale University . One of the nation's foremost scholars in the area of law and religion, and teaches in the areas of law and religion and constitutional law. Formerly Robert and Marion Short Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame Law School and Byron R. White Professor of Law at the University of Colorado. Scholarly works include The Constitution and the Pride of Reason (Oxford University Press 1998), Foreordained Failure: The Quest for a Constitutional Principle of Religious Freedom (Oxford University Press 1995), and articles on law and religion and constitutional law in the Michigan Law Review, Yale Law Journal, Virginia Law Review, University of Pennsylvania Law Review and Texas Law Review.