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SHAKESPEARE THEATRE COMPANY ANNOUNCES FULL LINEUP FOR MOCK TRIAL

NEW LIVE STREAMING ACCESS ADDED TO ACCOMMODATE DEMAND



U.S. Supreme Court Justice **Stephen G. Breyer** Presides with
Second Gentleman **Douglas Emhoff** and
D.C. Litigator **Debra Katz** Advocating

(Washington, D.C., February 16, 2022) Shakespeare Theatre Company is proud to present the annual Mock Trial on **March 21, 2022, at 7:30 PM live at Sidney Harman Hall**. This beloved in-person event features **Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer** presiding over an esteemed bench including **Judge Patricia Tolliver Giles, Judge James E. Boasberg, Judge Patricia Millett, and Judge Amy Berman Jackson**. **Pamela Talkin** will perform the role of the Marshal of the court. Our extraordinary advocates arguing the case will be **Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff** and **D.C. litigator Debra Katz**. **STC Bard Association Chair Abbe Lowell** and **STC Artistic Director Simon Godwin** will also hold a riveting conversation on Shakespeare and the law during the judges' deliberation.

Because legal issues run throughout Shakespeare's work, it is a marriage of true minds for the **Bard Association**, STC's legal affinity group, to stage its unique and highly popular Mock Trial in the nation's capital, a city with the highest concentration of lawyers in the country. Called "A Washington wonk's dream" by *The New York Times*, this lively event has attracted a multitude of prominent law professionals since its inception in 1994. Advocates argue the merits of their

case before a packed audience of their peers, and don't be surprised if final arguments are in iambic pentameter!

Through early access opportunities for Bard Association members, as well as STC subscribers, donors, and fans, the in-person audience for this eagerly anticipated event is completely reserved. However, to meet popular demand, for the first time ever, **the Mock Trial will be livestreamed. Patrons may purchase on-line access for this live event for \$25. Complete ticket information is at www.shakespearetheatre.org/events/spring-mock-trial-2022/.**

The scenario for the trial, entitled *A HERO DEFAMED? MUCH ADO ABOUT MARGARET*, revolves around *Much Ado About Nothing's* Hero and her attendant Margaret. Hero has sued Don John, his follower Borachio, and Margaret in the Superior Court of Messina for conspiracy to commit defamation of character. While Don John and Borachio do not challenge the claim, Margaret contests all claims against her. After conducting a non-jury trial, Margaret is found guilty on all counts. We find ourselves now at Margaret's appeal trial in Italy's highest court.

The advocates have been presented with the following questions: 1) Did the trial court err in concluding that Margaret was, in fact, a co-conspirator in the scheme to defame Hero? and 2) Does the evidence sufficiently support the trial court's conclusion that Margaret knew enough about Don John and Borachio's plan to defame Hero to be liable for aiding and abetting that plan? Join us on March 21 to find out.

ABOUT THE ADVOCATES

Douglas Emhoff

Second Gentleman

Douglas Emhoff is a devoted father, proud husband of Kamala Harris, and an experienced litigator. He is currently a Distinguished Visitor from Practice at Georgetown Law and a Distinguished Fellow of Georgetown Law's Institute for Technology Law and Policy. Prior to becoming Second Gentleman of the United States, Emhoff was a prominent entertainment lawyer for nearly 30 years with an emphasis on media, entertainment, and intellectual property matters.

Debra Katz

D.C. Litigator, Founding Partner of Katz, Marshall & Banks

Recognized as "Civil Rights Lawyer of the Year" for Washington, D.C. by The Best Lawyers® In America for 2018, as one of the "toughest" employment lawyers in Washington, D.C. by *Washingtonian* magazine, and as an expert in sexual harassment, employment, and whistleblower law by *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *TIME magazine* and others, Debra S. Katz has been successfully litigating employment discrimination, civil rights, and whistleblower protection cases for over 35 years.

Ms. Katz is a founding partner of Katz, Marshall & Banks, LLP, where she concentrates her practice on employment discrimination, sexual harassment, wrongful discharge, Sarbanes-Oxley, corporate, environmental and other whistleblower retaliation claims, SEC whistleblower tips, and contractual employment disputes. She has developed extensive litigation experience in federal and local courts and has achieved significant courtroom successes in a number of high-profile cases.

ABOUT THE BENCH

Stephen G. Breyer

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

Stephen Breyer, born in San Francisco in 1938, is a justice on the Supreme Court of the United States. He is a graduate of Stanford, Oxford, and Harvard Law School. He taught law for many years as a professor at Harvard Law School and at the Kennedy School of Government. He has also worked as a Supreme Court law clerk (for Justice Arthur Goldberg), a Justice Department lawyer (antitrust division), an Assistant Watergate Special Prosecutor, and Chief Counsel of the Senate Judiciary Committee (working closely with Senator Edward M. Kennedy to pass the Airline Deregulation Act). In 1980 he was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit by President Carter, becoming Chief Judge in 1990. In 1994 he was appointed a Supreme Court Justice by President Clinton. He has written books and articles about administrative law, economic regulation, and constitutional law, including *Regulation and Its Reform*, *Breaking the Vicious Circle: Toward Effective Risk Regulation*, *Active Liberty*, *Making Our Democracy Work: A Judge's View*, *The Court and the World* and *The Authority of the Court and the Peril of Politics*, which was recently published. His wife, Joanna, was born in Great Britain and is a retired clinical psychologist. They have three children (Chloe, Nell, and Michael) and six grandchildren.

Judge Amy Berman Jackson

US District Court for the District of Columbia

Amy Berman Jackson was appointed as a United States District Judge in March of 2011. Prior to joining the Court, she was engaged in private practice in Washington, D.C. as a member of Trout Cacheris, where she specialized in complex criminal and civil trials and appeals. Earlier, she was a partner at Venable, Baetjer, Howard, and Civiletti. She began her career as a law clerk for the Hon. Harrison L. Winter on the United States Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit, and she served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, where she received Department of Justice Special Achievement Awards for her work on murder and sexual assault cases. Judge Jackson received her J.D. cum laude from Harvard Law School and her A.B. cum laude from Harvard College.

Judge James E. Boasberg

US District Court for the District of Columbia

Judge James E. "Jeb" Boasberg was appointed to the District Court in March 2011. Judge Boasberg is a native Washingtonian, having graduated from St. Albans School in 1981. He received a B.A., magna cum laude, in History in 1985 from Yale College, where he also played basketball. Judge Boasberg then received an M.St. in Modern European History from Oxford University in 1986 and a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1990.

Judge Boasberg next served as a law clerk to Judge Dorothy W. Nelson on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Following his clerkship, he was a litigation associate at Kecker & Van Nest in San Francisco from 1991 to 1994 and at Kellogg, Huber, Hansen, Todd & Evans in Washington from 1995 to 1996. In 1996 Judge Boasberg joined the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia as an Assistant United States Attorney, where he served for 5½ years and specialized in homicide prosecutions.

In September 2002, Judge Boasberg became an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court, where he served in the Civil and Criminal Divisions and the Domestic Violence Branch until his appointment to the federal bench in 2011.

Judge Boasberg also served a seven-year term on the United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court beginning in May 2014. Appointed by Chief Justice John Roberts, he was the

Court's Presiding Judge from January 2020 to May 2021. He is currently the President of the Edward Bennett Williams Inn of Court and the past Chair of the Governing Board of St. Albans School.

Judge Patricia Tolliver Giles

US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

Patricia Tolliver Giles was appointed to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia on November 1, 2021. She received her BA in English, with distinction, from the University of Virginia in 1995 and was an Echols Scholar. She received her JD from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1998. After law school, Judge Giles served as a law clerk to the Honorable Gerald Bruce Lee (retired) in the Eastern District of Virginia as well as in the Fairfax County Circuit Court. After clerking, she worked as a litigation associate at Cooley Godward LLP. From 2003 to 2021, she served in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia as an attorney in the Major Crimes Unit, and then as the Managing Assistant United States Attorney for the Alexandria Division.

Judge Patricia A. Millett

US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

Judge Millett was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on December 10, 2013. She graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, summa cum laude, in 1985 and from Harvard Law School, magna cum laude, in 1988. After working in a private law firm (Miller & Chevalier) for two years, she clerked for Judge Thomas Tang of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Following her clerkship, she worked for four years on the Appellate Staff of the Civil Division in the United States Department of Justice and for eleven years as an Assistant in the Office of the Solicitor General. In September 2007, she became a leading partner in the Supreme Court and appellate practices at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. She has argued 32 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

ABOUT THE MARSHAL

Pamela Talkin

Former Marshal of the Supreme Court of the United States

Pamela Talkin was sworn in on July 16, 2001, as the tenth Marshal of the Supreme Court of the United States. Talkin is the first woman to hold the position. The Marshal is appointed by the Court and oversees the security, operations, and maintenance of the Supreme Court building. The Marshal's most visible responsibilities are to attend all sessions of the Court by "crying" the Court (announcing its arrival), ensure Courtroom security and decorum, and supervise Courtroom seating and recording of proceedings. The Marshal also supervises and controls all Court property, administers the Court's contracting and procurement activities, and is the Treasury Disbursing Officer for the Court.

Talkin came to the Court after six years as the first Deputy Executive Director of the Office of Compliance, the independent regulatory agency created by the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995, which applied many of the nation's labor and employment laws to the legislative branch for the first time. She has also served as a Presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, Chief of Staff at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and in various capacities at the National Labor Relations Board.

ABOUT THE BARD ASSOCIATION

The Shakespeare Theatre Company's Bard Association offers lawyers and other individuals with legal ties the opportunity to experience classical theatre at its finest while building both personal and professional relationships. This unique affinity group provides a valuable connection between the legal community and the arts through networking opportunities, enriching panel discussions and programs, including the popular Mock Trial Series. The panel discussions and other events conduct in-depth examinations into the roles of lawyers and legal issues in many Shakespeare plays and other classic theatre pieces.

Membership in the Bard Association transforms the individual experience from occasional ticket buyer to dedicated patron of the Shakespeare Theatre Company. Members of the Bard Association enjoy exclusive benefits such as advance ticket purchase for the Mock Trial Series and Shakespeare and the Law events, "behind-the-scenes" access to the theatre and the chance to create a greater awareness of the importance of the arts.

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