

Abraham Lincoln – *His Legal Career and His Vision for America*

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Preston Bradley Hall, Chicago Cultural Center
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Program

8:15 -8:45 A.M. - Registration

8:45 A.M. Introduction to Program. *Tom Campbell*, Chair, Seventh Circuit Bar Association Lincoln Bicentennial Planning Committee.

8:50 A.M. Introduction to Keynote Speaker. *Hon. Diane P. Wood*, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

9:00-9:45 A.M. - First Session - Lincoln's path to becoming a lawyer, his practice as a trial and appellate lawyer, his application of the skills of a lawyer to his construction of political positions, public policies and his interpretation of the Constitution. *Walter Dellinger*.

9:45 – 10:45 A.M. – Second Session - Introduction to Video, Speaker and Panelists – *Bradley L. Williams*, President, Seventh Circuit Bar Association.

Video Vignette showing the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Illinois, where Lincoln argued before Illinois Supreme Court and where he gave his "House Divided" speech in 1858, narrated by *Hon. Anne M. Burke*, Justice, Supreme Court of Illinois.

The law of slavery, slavery cases in Illinois 1835-1860, Lincoln's runaway slave cases, Lincoln's view of the Fugitive Slave Act, Lincoln and abolition. *Paul Finkelman*, Speaker, *Russell Lewis* and *Tom Campbell*, Panelists.

10:45 – 11:00 A.M. – Break.

11:00-12:00 Noon – Third Session - Introduction to Video, Speaker and Panelists – *Hon. E. Kenneth Wright*, Presiding Judge, Municipal Division, Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois; President, Chicago Bar Association.

Video Vignette showing the Old Courthouse in St. Louis, Missouri where the *Dred Scott* case was tried twice (1847 and 1850), narrated by *Hon. Michael A. Wolff*, Judge, Supreme Court of Missouri, and featuring *Mariano V. Favazza*, Circuit Clerk, City of St. Louis, and the petition to sue for freedom filed by Dred Scott with that court in 1846.

Lincoln's re-entry into politics and the issues he confronted: the Nebraska Act and its repeal of the Missouri Compromise, the *Dred Scott* decision, the Lincoln-Douglas Debates. *Allen Guelzo*, Speaker, and *David Zarefsky* and *John Rowe*, Panelists.

12:00 – 1:30 – Lunch Break.

1:30 **Introduction** to Supreme Court Video – *Doug Carlson*, Vice Chair, Seventh Circuit Bar Association Lincoln Bicentennial Planning Committee.

Video Vignette showing the Old Supreme Court Chamber in Washington, D.C., where Lincoln argued *Lewis v. Lewis* in 1849, narrated by *Hon. John G. Roberts, Jr.*, Chief Justice of the United States, and featuring Lincoln's handwritten notes for his argument.

1:45 – 3:15 P.M. – **Fourth Session** – Introduction to Speaker and Panelists – *Hon. David H. Coar*, Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Lincoln's view of the Constitution and Presidential powers. *Dennis Hutchinson*, Speaker, *Thomas P. Sullivan* and *Michael Stokes Paulsen*, Panelists.

3:15- 3:30 P.M. – Break.

3:30- 5:00 P.M. – **Fifth Session** – Introduction to Speaker and Panelists – *Gary Johnson*, President, Chicago History Museum

Lincoln's legacy. *David Blight*, Speaker, and *Hon. Ruben Castillo*, Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and one or more Panelists to be invited.

5:00 – Reception.

Participants

David Blight. Professor of American History and Director of the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University; author of *Slave No More: Two Men Who Escaped to Freedom, Including their Narratives of Emancipation* and *Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory*, for which he received several prizes including the Lincoln Prize.

Hon. Anne M. Burke. Justice, Supreme Court of Illinois.

Tom Campbell. Chair, Seventh Circuit Bar Association Lincoln Bicentennial Planning Committee; author, *Fighting Slavery in Chicago*; partner, Baker & McKenzie LLP (Chicago).

Doug Carlson. Vice Chair, Seventh Circuit Bar Association Lincoln Bicentennial Planning Committee; partner, Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon LLP (Chicago).

Hon. Ruben Castillo. Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Hon. David H. Coar. Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Walter Dellinger. Former Solicitor General of the United States; Professor of Law, Duke University; partner, O'Melveny and Myers (Washington, D.C.).

Mariano V. Favazza, Circuit Clerk, City of St. Louis, Missouri Circuit Court, Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit.

Paul Finkelman. President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy, Albany Law School; author of books on slavery and the law, the *Dred Scott* case, John Brown and Frederick Douglass.

Allen Guelzo. Professor of the Civil War Era, Gettysburg College; first two-time winner of the Lincoln Prize for his books *Abraham Lincoln: Redeemer President*; *Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation: The End of Slavery in America*; and *Lincoln and Douglas: The Debates That Defined America*.

Dennis Hutchinson. Senior Lecturer on Law and William Raney Harper Professor in the College, Master of the New Collegiate Division and Associate Dean of the College, University of Chicago; has taught courses on the Lincoln-Douglas debates, and courses focusing on Constitutional issues such as the President's War Powers; Rhodes Scholar.

Gary Johnson. President, Chicago History Museum.

Russell Lewis. Executive Vice President and Chief Historian, Chicago History Museum; editor (text and captions), *Historic Photos of Chicago*.

Michael Stokes Paulsen. Distinguished University Chair and Professor, University of St. Thomas School of Law; author, "Lincoln and Judicial Authority," "The Emancipation Proclamation and the Commander in Chief Power," and "The Civil War as Constitutional Interpretation" (reviewing D. Farber, Lincoln's Constitution).

Hon. John G. Roberts, Jr. Chief Justice of the United States.

John Rowe. Chairman and Chief Executive of Exelon Corporation, the utility holding company based in Chicago; Chair of the Chicago History Museum; self-described amateur historian.

Thomas P. Sullivan. Partner, Jenner & Block (Chicago); former United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; has led a team of attorneys representing Guantanamo detainees.

Bradley L. Williams. President, Seventh Circuit Bar Association; senior counsel, Ice Miller LLP (Indianapolis).

Hon. Michael A. Wolff. Judge, Supreme Court of Missouri.

Hon. Diane P. Wood. Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Hon. E. Kenneth Wright, Presiding Judge, Municipal Division, Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois; President, Chicago Bar Association.

David H. Zarefsky. Owen L. Coon Professor of Communication Studies, Northwestern University; author of books on the Lincoln-Douglas debates; teaches courses in the history and criticism of U.S. public discourse, with a special focus on the pre-Civil War period and on the 1960s, and also teaches courses in argumentation and in Presidential rhetoric.