

Annual Meeting New York 08.08.08

Council of Appellate Lawyers Presents:

A Swift Round-trip on *Erie Railroad*:

State Law in Federal Courts; Federal Law in State Courts.

August 8, 2008

10:30 am - Noon

Marriott Marquis

Duffy Room, 7th floor

2008 marks the 70th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in *Erie Railroad v. Tompkins*, which overruled *Swift v. Tyson* and made a profoundly important change governing the rules of decision when state law issues are litigated in federal courts. With the ABA Annual Meeting convening in the city in which the *Erie Railroad* litigation began, it is a fitting time and place to examine the continuing interaction of state and federal courts applying the laws of other jurisdictions. This program will focus on (1) the historical context and significance of *Erie*, and (2) the challenges courts face and the procedures that have been developed (such as issue certification by federal courts to state courts) to enhance the efficiency and accuracy of judicial decision-making when a court confronts legal issues governed by the laws of different sovereigns within our federal system.

Moderator

Jerrold J. Ganzfried, Howrey LLP, Washington DC

Speakers

Honorable Dolores K. Sloviter, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Honorable Robert S. Smith, Judge, New York Court of Appeals

Honorable James R. Zazzali, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of New Jersey (Ret.)

Professor Edward A. Purcell, Jr., Joseph Solomon Distinguished Professor of Law, New York Law School, and author of *Brandeis and the Progressive Constitution: Erie, the Judicial Power, and the Politics of the Federal Courts in Twentieth-Century America*.

Council of Appellate Lawyers (CAL) Business Meeting will begin in the Duffy Room promptly after the education program. If you are a member of CAL or are interested in becoming a member of CAL, you are welcome to stay for the Business Meeting.

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