

*The Leon Jaworski  
Public Program Series*

*“The Jury and American Democracy”*



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### *Law in American Culture*

Since 2001, the American Bar Association Division for Public Education has conducted the Leon Jaworski Public Program Series, a continuing series of programs on the law and lawyers' role in American culture. Prior programs have examined the lawyer as reformer, the lawyer as celebrity, the lawyer as judge, the lawyer as rhetor, and the lawyer as citizen. More fundamentally, the Jaworski public programs have examined themes of American law, politics, and culture and have operated on the premise that exploring legal identities and attributes helps us better understand who we are as Americans.

### *About Leon Jaworski*

As president of the ABA in 1971, Leon Jaworski established the special committee that was the genesis of the Association's Division for Public Education. In 1983, a bequest from his estate generously established the Leon Jaworski Fund for Public Education, which continues to support annual public programs, such as this one, devoted to furthering public understanding of law and the legal system.

The American Bar Association Standing Committee on Public Education and  
Commission on the American Jury in cooperation with  
the League of Women Voters, Federation of State Humanities Councils,  
Law Library of Congress, Friends of the Law Library of Congress, and  
the ABA Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress

invite you to attend

*The Leon Jaworski Public Program Series*  
*“The Jury and American Democracy”*

Presiding: Robert J. Grey Jr., President, American Bar Association

Welcome: Rubens Medina, Law Librarian of Congress

MODERATOR: **Jeffrey Toobin**

Staff Writer, *The New Yorker* and Legal Analyst, Cable News Network

PANELISTS:

**Jeffrey Abramson**

Louis Stulberg Professor of Law and Politics, Brandeis University

**Hon. Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum**

U.S. District Judge, Southern District of New York

**Kenneth C. Frazier**

Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Merck & Co., Inc.

**Hon. Sandra Day O'Connor**

Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court

May 2, 2005

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.\*

United States Supreme Court  
East and West Conference Rooms  
One First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C.

\*Reception to precede program

**Response required.** To register, go online to [www.abanet.org/publiced/jaworski.html](http://www.abanet.org/publiced/jaworski.html). You will receive a confirmation upon completing the online form. If you require assistance, please contact Adrienne Barney at the American Bar Association at 312.988.5733. Please note that seating for the event is limited and is provided on a “space available” basis.

# *“The Jury and American Democracy”*

## FRAMING QUESTIONS

- Are juries democratic? If so, what are the distinctive elements of the American jury system as a democratic institution?
- Are juries an essential component of our system of government?
- What are the origins of the American jury? What are its animating principles? How has it changed over time? Is the Founders’ vision of the jury vital and relevant in twenty-first century America?
- Recent Supreme Court decisions have addressed the role and significance of juries in our justice system. In this context, what are, and should be, the limits of the use and power of the citizen jury, in both civil and criminal cases, for the administration of justice in our constitutional system of government?

## PROGRAM PARTNERS

*ABA Standing Committee on Public Education* mobilizes the resources of the American Bar Association to promote public understanding of law and the legal profession.

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*ABA Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress* supports efforts to maintain and enhance the collection, functions, and services of the Law Library of Congress and helps it to best meet the needs of the legal community.

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