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Justice for Sale?

Contributions to Judicial Elections in the Wake of the Supreme Court's decision in *Caperton v. Massey*

July 30, 2009
10:30 AM– 12:00 PM

Hyatt Regency Chicago
Regency Ball Room C
Gold Level, West Tower

Moderator:

William K. Weisenberg,
Chair, Standing Committee on Judicial Independence

Panelists:

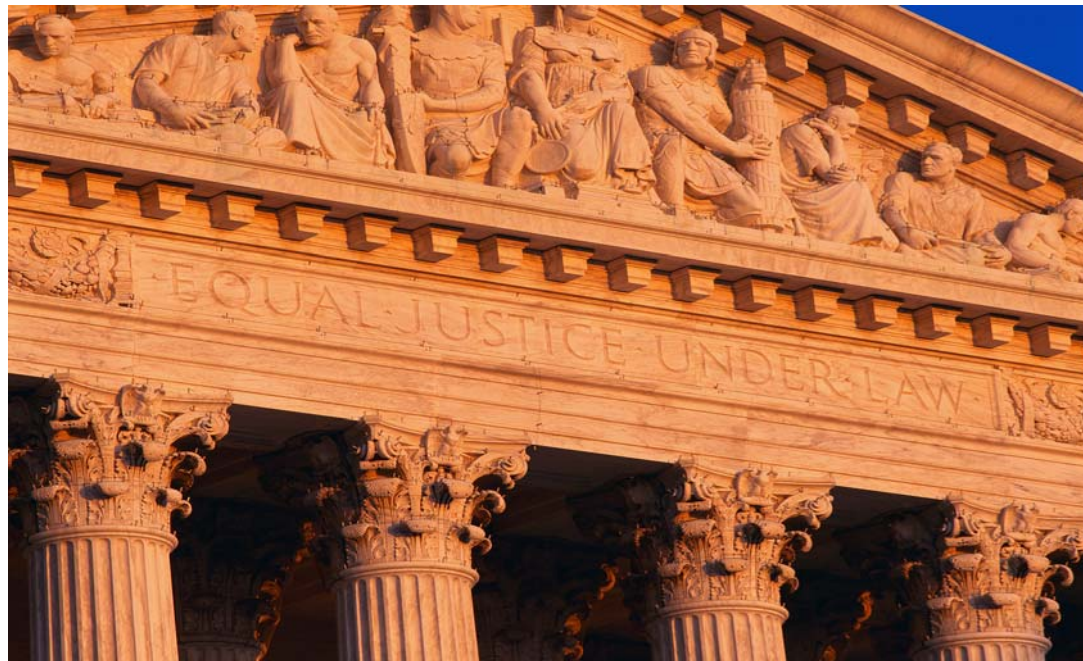
Dennis Archer, Associate Justice, Michigan Supreme Court, Retired; Past President, American Bar Association; Former Mayor of Detroit

Meryl Justin Chertoff, Director, Sandra Day O'Connor Project on the State of the Judiciary

Professor Keith Fisher, Principal Drafter, ABA Amicus Briefs on the Certiorari Petition and on the Merits

The Honorable A. William Maupin, Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court, Retired ; Chair of the Nevada Supreme Court "Judicial Code" Commission

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On June 8, 2009, the U.S. Supreme Court announced its groundbreaking decision in the case of *Caperton v. Massey Coal Co.*, stating that “there is a serious risk of actual bias” when a judicial campaign contributor with a personal stake in a particular case has a “significant and disproportionate influence in placing the judge on the case by raising funds ... when the case was pending or imminent.” This program will address:

- *How do judges, lawyers and the public move forward on recusal after the decision in Caperton?*
- *What factors give rise to a Caperton situation?*
- *How are states reacting to the ruling in Caperton?*
- *How will state judicial recusal practices change, if at all?*
- *How much is “too much” to contribute to a judicial campaign?*

Explore these and other issues during this interactive conversation.

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