Howard and Iris Kaplan Memorial Lecture Series

The Howard and Iris Kaplan Memorial Lecture Series was established in memory of Howard Kaplan, a prominent attorney whose legal career was characterized by uncommon excellence and devotion to the highest standards of the profession. Iris Kaplan, his wife, was an enthusiastic supporter of the lecture series during the remainder of her life. The lecture series is supported by an endowment established by the Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation, Inc., and was initiated by Tony Kaplan, the son of Howard and Iris Kaplan and an alumnus of Hofstra University School of Law. The goal of the Kaplan Lecture Series is to bring jurists of distinction and prominence to the School of Law to address students, faculty, alumni and the legal community on important and timely legal issues.

Previous Howard and Iris Kaplan Memorial Lecturers*

The Honorable Shirley S. Abrahamson
Justice, Wisconsin Supreme Court

The Honorable Richard S. Arnold
Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

The Honorable Stephen Breyer
Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

The Honorable Guido Calabresi
Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

The Honorable Harry T. Edwards
Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

The Honorable Wilfred Feinberg
Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

The Honorable Robert H. Jacobson
Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa

The Honorable Patrick E. Higginbotham
Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

The Honorable Alex Kozinski
Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

The Honorable Pierre N. Leval
Senior Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

The Honorable Hans Linde
Senior Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court

The Honorable Abner J. Mikva
Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

The Honorable Jon O. Newman
Senior Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

The Honorable Alex Kozinski
Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

The Honorable Antonin Scalia
Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court

The Honorable Dolores Sloviter
Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

The Honorable George Bundy Smith
Senior Associate Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the State of New York

The Honorable Ralph K. Winter
Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

*Titles listed represent the positions held at the time the lecture was delivered.
Theodore A. McKee was sworn in as a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit on June 20, 1994. He is only the fourth African-American to serve on the Third Circuit bench. Judge McKee graduated magna cum laude from Syracuse University College of Law in 1975. He received several awards for outstanding academic performance in law school, including induction into the Order of the Coif.

Upon graduation from law school, Theodore McKee began his legal career in Philadelphia at Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis-Cohen. He left the firm in 1977 to become assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, serving that office until 1980 when he became deputy city solicitor in the administration of then-mayor William Green. There, he headed the enforcement division of the city's law department. In 1983 he accepted a position as general counsel to the Philadelphia Parking Authority, and then ran successfully for the Court of Common Pleas. He served as a judge of the Court of Common Pleas for more than 11 years, including a three-year assignment to the homicide program. Toward the end of his first term, he became the first African-American assigned to the Orphans' Court. In 1994 Judge McKee ran successfully for a second term on the Court of Common Pleas, but was appointed to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals by President Clinton shortly after winning retention to the Court of Common Pleas.

A native of Rochester, New York, Theodore McKee earned his undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at Cortland, and served as director of minority recruitment and chair of a newly created Afro-American Studies Program at the State University of New York at Binghamton following graduation.

He married the former Ana Luisa Pujols in 1974. The couple has two daughters. Judge McKee is quite active in the community, and serves on the boards of directors of several nonprofit organizations and institutions, including the Diagnostic and Rehabilitation Center, Fox Chase Cancer Center, and the Advisory Committee of City Year Philadelphia. While a judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Theodore McKee also served on the Pennsylvania Sentencing Commission, chairing the Commission for nearly four years, during which time he also chaired a subcommittee charged with re-examining Pennsylvania's sentencing guidelines. Since joining the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, he has become a member of the Third Circuit Task Force on Equal Treatment in the Courts, and co-chaired the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Bias of the Task Force.

Judge McKee is a trustee of Temple University and recently became an adviser to the American Law Institute’s Committee on Revising the Model Penal Code. He has traveled to Moscow to address the Council of Russian Judges on “Independence of an Independent Judiciary,” and Ghana to work with the Ghanaian judiciary. Although he is not a historian, in 2001, the U.S. House of Representatives appointed him to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Congressional Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Birth of James Madison.

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A luncheon will be held in the Eckhardt Faculty Conference Room immediately following the lecture.

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