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A Brookings Judicial Issues Forum

Reshaping the Supreme Court

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9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

The Brookings Institution
Falk Auditorium
1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

As the U.S. Senate debates the nomination of Judge John Roberts, Jr. to become the 17th chief justice of the United States, the Brookings Institution will hold a panel discussion on the issues likely to be raised in the Senate floor debate on the nomination as well as the important issues the court is expected to decide over the next twenty years. This session is the fifth Judicial Issues Forum, in an ongoing series of public discussions sponsored by the Brookings Governance Studies Program.

The Senate's first confirmation hearing for a chief justice in nearly two decades, and the second vacancy on the nation's highest court, will undoubtedly play crucial roles in determining the shape of the court's direction for decades to come. The upcoming Senate debate will also be an important reflection of the emergence of the judiciary as a crucial battleground in American politics.

Stuart Taylor, Jr., a nonresident senior fellow at Brookings and a contributor to *National Journal* and *Newsweek*, will moderate the panel. Panelists will include Sarah Binder, a senior fellow at Brookings and a professor of political science at George Washington University; Charles Lane, who covers the Supreme Court for the *Washington Post*; Russell Wheeler, a guest scholar at Brookings and the incoming president of the Governance Institute; and Neal Katyal, a professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center.

A question and answer session will follow remarks.

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