

Seattle University Law to Welcome Supreme Court Expert Stephen Vladeck for Luminaries in Law Event

Stephen Vladeck, a nationally recognized expert on the Supreme Court, will headline Seattle University School of Law's next Luminaries in Law event.

SEATTLE, WA, UNITED STATES, October 13, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Seattle University School of Law Dean's Luminaries in Law Lecture and Conversation series welcomes Stephen Vladeck, a nationally recognized expert on the Supreme Court, the federal courts, national security law, and military justice, at noon on Thursday, Oct. 29, at the school's Sullivan Hall.



Stephen Vladeck

In this special, free lunchtime event, Vladeck will be interviewed by [Seattle U Law](#) Professor Andrew Siegel. Together, they will explore the current Supreme Court, its problems, and what needs to change. They will also cover the response of both the Supreme Court and the lower federal courts to the Trump administration, the court's use and misuse of the shadow docket, what it is like to argue before the current court, and Supreme Court culture, personalities, and trivia. Students, faculty, and members of the broader legal community are invited to attend this engaging installment of the Luminaries in Law series.

About Stephen Vladeck

Stephen Vladeck is the Agnes Williams Sesquicentennial Professor of Federal Courts at Georgetown University Law Center and the author of the New York Times bestseller "The Shadow Docket: How the Supreme Court Uses Stealth Rulings to Amass Power and Undermine the Republic."

A highly regarded appellate advocate, Vladeck has argued three cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and more than 20 before lower federal civilian and military courts. He is a frequent congressional witness, having testified before committees including the House and Senate

Judiciary Committees, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and has served as an expert witness in U.S. and foreign tribunals.

His honors for scholarship, popular writing, teaching, and service include the 2024 University of Texas President's Research Impact Award and his selection by the Order of the Coif as its Distinguished Visiting Professor for 2025. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute and he is the inaugural holder of the National Institute of Military Justice's Professor Edmund Morgan Chair in Military Justice.

Vladeck is also a leading public voice on the work of the Supreme Court. He serves as CNN's Supreme Court analyst and writes One First, a popular weekly Substack newsletter about the court. His scholarship has appeared in leading journals, including the Harvard Law Review, the Yale Law Journal, and the Supreme Court Review, and his popular writing has appeared in outlets ranging from The New York Times and The Atlantic to Slate and TIME. He is also co-author of Aspen Publishers' leading national security law and counterterrorism law casebooks.

Vladeck graduated from Yale Law School in 2004, where he was an executive editor of the Yale Law Journal, won the Harlan Fiske Stone Prize for outstanding moot court oralist, and shared the Potter Stewart Prize for best moot court team performance. He earned his B.A. summa cum laude with highest distinction in history and mathematics from Amherst College in 2001, and clerked for Judge Marsha S. Berzon on the Ninth Circuit and Judge Rosemary Barkett on the Eleventh Circuit. Before joining the Georgetown faculty, he taught for eight years at the University of Texas School of Law (2016-2024) and, earlier, at the University of Miami School of Law (2005-2007) and American University Washington College of Law (2007-2016).

Vladeck's newest book, "The Court We Need: What's Really Wrong with the Supreme Court - And How to Fix It" will be released in May 2027. "The Shadow Docket" won the 2024 Order of the Coif Book Award and the 2023 Writers' League of Texas Book Award for Non-Fiction, and was a finalist for the 2024 ABA Silver Gavel Award for Media and the Arts.

About the Dean's Luminaries in Law Lecture and Conversation Series

The Dean's Luminaries in Law Lecture and Conversation Series brings to Seattle University School of Law nationally and internationally preeminent leaders from law practice, the judiciary, government, and the corporate world to share their bold ideas about the future of law and the legal profession.

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