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Jason Adkins (HLS'91)

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John Bonifaz (HLS'92)

Joan Claybrook

Pete Davis (HLS'18)

Bruce Fein (HLS'72)

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TIME	SPEAKER	PRESENTATION TITLE
12:15p - 12:20p	Jason Adkins HLS'91 Pablo Manon Mateos HLS'26	Opening Remarks
12:20p - 12:30p	Ralph Nader HLS'58	Required For Justice: Curiosity, Courage, Commitment
12:30p - 12:45p	Robert Weissman HLS'95	Litigating Against an Unlawful Administration
12:50p - 1:05p	John Bonifaz HLS'92	Impeach Trump. Again. Dot Org.
1:10p - 1:25p	Russell Mokhiber	Covering Corporate Crime: From Wall Street To Washington
1:30p - 1:45p	Elizabeth Beavers	One Big Collective Struggle
1:50p - 2:05p	Bruce Fein HLS'72	The End Of Lawyering Is Justice, Not Wealth, Power, Or Celebrity
2:10p - 2:25p	James Henry HLS'76	Dodgy Law Firms I Have Known and How AI Will Impact Law
2:30p - 2:45p	Deepak Gupta	The Opportunity Of Public Interest Entrepreneurship
3:00p - 3:45p	Robert Weissman HLS'95 Benet Magnuson HLS'09 Ruthzee Louijeune HLS'14	Organizing, Mobilizing, And Rebuilding A Better System

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5:30p - 6:00p	Jason Adkins HLS'91 Pablo Manon Mateos HLS'26 John Bonifaz HLS'92	Welcome, Socializing
6:00p - 6:10p	Judge Nancy Gertner (Ret.)	Opening Remarks
6:10p - 6:20p	Ralph Nader HLS'58	Required For Justice: Curiosity, Courage, Commitment
6:25p - 6:40p	Joan Claybrook	A Lifetime In The Public Interest: Lobbying For The People And Saving Lives
6:45p - 7:00p	Robert Fellmeth HLS'70	What's Missing From Law School Curriculum
7:05p - 7:20p	Mark Green HLS'70	Lawyering In A Mobocracy
7:25p - 7:40p	Samuel Levine HLS'12	Why I Still Believe In Government Service
7:45p - 8:00p	Pete Davis HLS'18	Seven Things I Wish I had Known When Starting Harvard Law School: Rejuvenating HLS's Public Interest Mission

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JASON ADKINS

Jason Adkins (HLS'91) is a founder of Adkins, Kelston & Zavez, P.C., based on Boston, from which he litigates class actions on behalf of consumers nationally. He is now litigating to stop “greenwashing” by a major gas utility, and has for 30 years represented policyholders challenging mutual insurance company reorganizations that harm millions of policyholders and involve billions of dollars; and consumers challenging food company mislabeling, and product adulteration, challenging polluters for a major coastal oil spill, and wetland protection, and against governmental agencies when they aid and abet the companies they were charged with overseeing. Jadkins@akzlaw.com

ELIZABETH BEAVERS

Elizabeth Beavers is a public interest policy advocate and national security legal scholar. She serves as the Director of Congress Watch at Public Citizen and teaches remotely as an adjunct professor of counterterrorism law at the University of New Hampshire's Franklin Pierce School of Law. Her analysis has been featured in numerous media outlets including The New York Times, USA Today, Politico, Reuters, and The Guardian. She has also published several original works of scholarship in prominent law journals. Prior to serving at Public Citizen, she worked for more than a decade on issues of anti-militarism, peace and human rights.

JOHN BONIFAZ

John Bonifaz (HLS'92) is a constitutional attorney and the Co-Founder and President of Free Speech For People, a national non-profit public interest organization dedicated to defending our democracy and our Constitution. Free Speech For People challenges big money in politics, fights to protect the right to vote and our elections, confronts corruption at the highest levels of our government, holds insurrectionists accountable, and works to advance a new jurisprudence grounded in the promises of political equality for all and American self-government. Mr. Bonifaz previously served as the executive director and general counsel of the National Voting Rights Institute, an organization he founded in 1994, and as the legal director of Voter Action, a national election integrity organization. He has been at the forefront of key voting rights and democracy campaigns in the United States for more than three decades. Mr. Bonifaz is a 1992 cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School and a 1999 recipient of a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship.

JOAN CLAYBROOK

Joan Claybrook was president of Public Citizen from 1982 to January 2009. During that time she oversaw many successful advocacy campaigns, including playing a key role in persuading Congress to mandate air bags, as well as pushing measures to improve fuel economy and truck safety. Prior to becoming president of Public Citizen, Ms. Claybrook was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to head the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. She served in this role from 1977 to 1981. During her time in Washington, she played a key role in enactment of McCain Feingold Campaign finance reform. Subsequently, Ms. Claybrook founded and ran Public Citizen's Congress Watch division and worked for the Public Interest Research Group, the National Traffic Safety Bureau, the Social Security Administration in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Among her many honors is honorary doctor of law, Goucher College, 1980; honorary doctor of public service, University of Maryland, 1981; Philip Hart Distinguished Consumer Service Award, Consumer Federation of America, 1986; Excellence in Public Service Award, Georgetown Law Center, 1990; honorary doctor of law, Georgetown University, 1993.

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PETE DAVIS

Pete Davis (HLS'18) is a writer and civic advocate from Falls Church, Virginia — and a member of the Harvard Law School Class of 2018. He is the co-founder of the Democracy Policy Network, a policy group focused on raising up ideas that deepen democracy, the co-director of *Join or Die*, a documentary on community in America, and the author of *Dedicated: The Case for Commitment in An Age of Infinite Browsing*.

BRUCE FEIN

Bruce Fein (HLS'72) predicted the abyss we confront today in his twin books, *Constitutional Peril* and *American Empire Before The Fall*. In the manner of Paul Revere, he has sounded the alarm against the counterrevolution against July 4, 1776, to restore the odious doctrine that “the King can do no wrong.” Mr. Fein has testified more than 200 times before Congress. He has drafted articles of impeachment against Presidents Clinton, Bush, Obama, Trump, Biden, and Trump 2.0 for, among other things, usurping the war power, failing to faithfully execute the laws, and violating the Constitution’s required oath of office. Bruce has posted his 15 articles of impeachment against President Trump on bruce.fein@substack.com.

ROBERT FELLMETH

Bob Fellmeth (HLS'70) was one of the original "Nader's Raiders," investigating the Federal Trade Commission in 1968. He served as a deputy district attorney for San Diego County and as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Department of Justice in San Diego, prosecuting state and federal antitrust violations. In 1980, he founded USD's Center for Public Interest Law, and in 1989, he founded the Children's Advocacy Institute. He joined the USD School of Law faculty in 1977. Professor Fellmeth teaches and writes in the areas of children's rights, public interest law, regulation, antitrust, and consumer law. He publishes the California Regulatory Law Reporter on the actions of state regulatory agencies, and has supervised many courses involving their reform.

MARK GREEN

Mark Green (HLS'70) is the author or editor of twenty-six books, including the #1 New York Times bestselling book, *Who Runs Congress?* After working with Ralph Nader for ten years, Green founded The Democracy Project and served as the twice-elected Public Advocate for New York City, later becoming the president of Air America Radio. He was the Democratic nominee for mayor in 2001, losing the general election to Michael Bloomberg by two points.

JUDGE NANCY GERTNER (RET.)

Judge Nancy Gertner is a former U.S. federal judge who built her career around standing up for women’s rights, civil liberties and justice for all. Gertner was appointed to the federal bench of the U.S. District Court of Massachusetts by President Bill Clinton in 1994. She retired from the bench in 2011 to teach at Harvard Law School. Named one of “The Most Influential Lawyers of the Past 25 Years” by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, Gertner has written and spoken throughout the U.S., Europe and Asia. She has published widely on sentencing, discrimination, and forensic evidence; women’s rights; and the jury system. Her autobiography, *In Defense of Women: Memoirs of an Unrepentant Advocate*, was published in 2011. She is a graduate of Barnard College, Columbia University, and holds a M.A in Political Science and J.D. from Yale University.

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DEEPAK GUPTA

Deepak Gupta is Founding Principal of Gupta Wessler and a lecturer at Harvard Law School, where he teaches the Harvard Supreme Court Litigation Clinic. Over more than two decades, Deepak has led high-stakes cases before the U.S. Supreme Court (including three merits cases in the current 2024-2025 term), all thirteen federal circuits, many state supreme courts, and trial courts nationwide. Much of Deepak's advocacy has focused on ensuring access to justice for consumers, workers, and communities injured by corporate or governmental wrongdoing. As a go-to appellate advocate for plaintiffs, Deepak is frequently sought out by trial lawyers to defend their most consequential victories or resurrect worthy claims on appeal—often after years of hard-fought litigation—including the defense of some of the largest jury verdicts in the nation.

JAMES HENRY

James S. Henry (HLS'76) is a leading economist, attorney, consultant, and investigative journalist, who has written and spoken widely on the problems of tax justice and development finance. He can be found on Twitter at [@submergingmkt](#).

SAMUEL LEVINE

Samuel Levine (HLS'12) is a Senior Fellow at the Berkeley Center for Consumer Law and Economic Justice. From 2021 until earlier this year, he served as Director of the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection, overseeing litigation, rulemaking, and market monitoring initiatives across a broad range of industries. Under his leadership, the Bureau filed over 150 lawsuits, cracked down on junk fees and subscription traps, brought groundbreaking enforcement actions against tech abuses, and leveraged dormant authorities to deter lawbreaking. Sam previously served as an attorney advisor to FTC Commissioner Rohit Chopra, an attorney in the FTC's Midwest Regional Office, and as an Assistant Attorney General in Illinois, where he prosecuted predatory for-profit colleges. Sam is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis and Harvard Law School, where he was a member of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau.

RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE

Ruthzee Louijeune (HLS'14) is an American politician and lawyer serving as president of the Boston City Council. She has been an at-large member of the Boston City Council since January 2022, and has served as the council's president since January 2024. She is the first Haitian-American to serve on the council.

BENET MAGNUSON

Benet Magnuson (HLS'09) has been a member of the Appleseed family since 2009 when he served as the Harvard Law School Kaufman-Skirnick Fellow for Appleseed's immigrant financial access project. He led Kansas Appleseed from 2013 to 2019, and joined the national Appleseed office as executive director in 2020. After a decade in the Appleseed Network, Benet continues to be inspired by the Appleseed promise to confront deep-rooted injustices through community-driven, systemic advocacy.

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RUSSELL MOKHIBER

Russell Mokhiber is the editor of the *Corporate Crime Reporter*, a legal weekly print newsletter now in its 39th year. He is also editor of the *Capitol Hill Citizen*, a new newspaper covering Congress.

RALPH NADER

Ralph Nader (HLS'58), born in Connecticut in 1934, has spent his lifetime challenging corporations and government agencies to be more accountable to the public. His 1965 book *Unsafe at Any Speed* permanently altered the course of a reckless U.S. automobile industry and made Nader a household name. His lobbying and writing on the food industry helped to ensure that the food we buy is required to pass strict guidelines before reaching the consumer. One of Nader's greatest achievements was his successful lobbying for a 1974 amendment to the Freedom of Information Act, which gave increased public access to government documents. Over the years he has co-founded the public interest groups Public Citizen, Critical Mass, Commercial Alert, and the Center for the Study of Responsive Law. His 2000 presidential campaign on the Green Party ticket served to broaden the scope of debate on the nation's priorities. Named by the Atlantic as one of the hundred most influential figures in American history, Nader continues to be a relentless advocate for grassroots activism and democratic change. He lives in Washington, D.C.

ROBERT WEISSMAN

Robert Weissman (HLS'95) is co-president of Public Citizen. Currently leading the charge against Trump in the courts and in a wide variety of policy fights, Weissman has worked on corporate accountability for 40 years, including global fights over intellectual property issues that led to the price of HIV/AIDS drugs falling by 99% in developing countries and enabling treatment that has saved more than 25 million lives.

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