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NINA PILLARD AND KENNETH W. STARR DEBATE HEALTH CARE DURING PETER JENNINGS PROJECT FOR JOURNALISTS AND THE CONSTITUTION

Philadelphia, PA (February 8, 2010) – When a massive, global outbreak of a deadly form of “Simian” flu hits the United States in the summer of 2020, a shortfall of vaccine puts the country in a panic, compelling Congress to pass a law giving priority to individuals at risk without reference to citizenship. The Arizona state legislature interprets this silence as a grant to impose its own citizenship-based priority scheme, restricting access to vaccines for non-citizens. A group—consisting of non-citizen pregnant women, parents with young children, and resident aliens—brings a class action lawsuit challenging the law. This hypothetical Supreme Court case testing the constitutionality of rationing health care will be argued by distinguished legal scholars **Nina Pillard**, Professor of Law at Georgetown Law, and **Kenneth W. Starr**, Dean of the Pepperdine University School of Law, as part of the National Constitution Center’s **Peter Jennings Project for Journalists and the Constitution**.

A Moot Court: Rationing Health Care will take place on Saturday, February 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the Ceremonial Courtroom at The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania located at 601 Market Street in Philadelphia. Admission is free, but seating is limited. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

The panel of judges includes:

- **Guido Calabresi**, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- **Michael A. Fitts**, Dean and Bernard G. Segal Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School
- **Brett Kavanaugh**, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- **Judith S. Kaye**, former Chief Judge of the State of New York Court of Appeals
- **Timothy Lewis**, Counsel at Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis and former Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- **Marjorie O. Rendell**, First Lady of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

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- **Barry Schaller**, Judge, Connecticut Supreme Court
- **Dolores K. Sloviter**, Judge, United States Court Appeals for Third Circuit
- **Jan Ting**, Professor of Law, Temple University Beasley School of Law

Professor Nina Pillard joined the Georgetown Law faculty in 1997, after a decade as an accomplished litigator. From 1998 to 2000, she worked in the Department of Justice under President Clinton as Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel. Pillard has briefed more than twenty-five Supreme Court cases and argued eight before the Court.

Kenneth W. Starr is the Duane and Kelly Roberts Dean and Professor of Law at Pepperdine University School of Law. He is a former Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, Solicitor General of the United States. During the 1990s, he served as Independent Counsel on the Whitewater matter. Starr clerked for the Honorable David W. Dyer of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, and for Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren E. Burger. He is a former partner at Kirkland & Ellis and Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher.

The 2010 Peter Jennings Project for Journalists and the Constitution will take place from February 26 through February 28, 2010. Named in honor of the late, award-winning news anchor and friend of the National Constitution Center, the Peter Jennings Project allows professional journalists from print, broadcast, and online media organizations, as well as a select group of collegiate journalists from across the country, to examine the constitutional dimension in the news today and acquire a deeper understanding of the Constitution and its important role in the lives of all Americans. **Kayce Freed Jennings**, wife of Peter Jennings, serves on the board of the project and veteran journalist **Todd Brewster**, who worked closely with Jennings and co-authored two books with him, is the program director.

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