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**A Bridge Builder and Trailblazer:
Celebrating Justice Sandra Day O'Connor**

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AGENDA
Subject to Change

- 1:00 PM** Registration Opens
- 1:30 PM – 1:35 PM** Welcome Remarks: **Mr. Theodore B. Olson**, Trustee of the Board of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute
- 1:35 PM – 2:35 PM** **PANEL 1 – *The Road to Being First***
This panel will focus on the factors that led to the appointment of the first woman on the Supreme Court (FWOTSC), including the context and the players of the 1980 campaign and the Reagan Presidency. It will also focus on the woman herself and the unique qualifications, characteristics, and values that made her the FWOTSC, paving the way for the remarkable women that followed.
- Moderator: Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute Trustee
Confirmed Panelists:
- **Mr. Evan Thomas**, Biographer, Author of *First*
 - **Ms. Deborah Jones Merritt**, Professor of Law at Ohio State University
 - **Mr. Jay O'Connor**, Managing Principal, Silver Tree Associates
 - **Mr. Edwin Meese**, Ronald Reagan Distinguished Fellow Emeritus, The Heritage Foundation; Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute Trustee
- 2:40 PM – 2:45 PM** Introduction to Panel 2: TBD
- 2:50 PM – 4:00 PM** **PANEL 2 – *First-hand***
The panel will focus on the historic decisions of Justice O'Connor as told through the lens of her former law clerks, who have gone on to illustrious careers. They will account for the historic decisions as only they saw it - firsthand.
- Moderator: **Mr. Jeffrey Rosen**, President and CEO, National Constitution Center
Part I (2:50 PM – 3:25 PM):
- **Ms. Marci Hamilton**, Founder and CEO at CHILD USA; Robert A. Fox Leadership Program Professor of Practice at the University of Pennsylvania
 - **Ms. Allyson Ho**, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
 - **Chancellor Kent Syverud**, 12th Chancellor and President of Syracuse University
- Part II (3:25 PM – 4:00 PM):**
- **The Honorable Adalberto Jordan**, U.S. Circuit Court Judge, 11th Circuit
 - **Mr. Viet Dinh**, Chief Legal and Policy Officer, 21st Century Fox
 - **Ms. Theane Evangelis**, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher


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4:05 PM – 4:10 PM Introduction to Panel 3: **Mr. Roger I. Zakheim**, Director of the Ronald Reagan Institute

4:10 PM – 5:10 PM **PANEL 3 – *The Lasting Legacy***

This panel will focus on the legacy Justice Sandra Day O’Connor left, her tenure the enduring impact of her decisions, and her career post-tenure dedicated to reviving active citizenship in America.

Moderator: **Ms. Nina Totenberg**, NPR Correspondent

Confirmed Panelists:

- **Ms. Meryl Justin Chertoff**, Director of The Aspen Institute’s Justice and Society Program; Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University
- **Ms. Kathleen Smalley**, Of Counsel at Foley & Lardner, Governing Board of iCivics
- **Ms. Linda Hirshman**, Author of *Sisters in Law*
- **The Honorable Ruth V. McGregor**, Former Justice, Arizona Supreme Court
- **Dr. Carla Hayden**, Librarian of Congress

5:10 PM – 5:35 PM Networking Reception

5:40 PM – 5:45 PM Introduction to Closing Plenary: **Mr. Frederick J. Ryan, Jr.**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute

5:45 PM – 6:45 PM **Closing Plenary**

Moderator: **Mr. Theodore B. Olson**, Trustee of the Board of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute

Confirmed Panelists: **Distinguished Guests TBA**

7:00 PM Dinner Begins