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

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**AGENDA**  
**Subject to Change**

- 12:30 PM** Registration Opens
- 1:15 PM** Program Begins with Welcome Video
- 1:20 PM – 1:25 PM** Welcome Remarks: **Mr. John Heubusch**, Executive Director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute
- 1:25 PM – 1:30 PM** Introduction to Panel 1: **Mr. Theodore B. Olson**, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher; Trustee, 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: **Ms. Dahlia Lithwick**, Senior Editor, Slate  
Confirmed Panelists:
- **Mr. Evan Thomas**, Biographer, Author of *First*
  - **Ms. Deborah Jones Merritt**, Professor of Law, Ohio State University
  - **Mr. Jay O'Connor**, Managing Principal, Silver Tree Associates
  - **Mr. Edwin Meese III**, Ronald Reagan Distinguished Fellow Emeritus, The Heritage Foundation
- 2:40 PM – 2:45 PM** Introduction to Panel 2: **Mr. Larry Kramer**, President, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
- 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, CHILD USA; Robert A. Fox Leadership Program Professor of Practice, University of Pennsylvania
  - **The Honorable Adalberto Jordan**, U.S. Circuit Court Judge, 11th Circuit

  
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- **Chancellor Kent Syverud**, 12th Chancellor and President, Syracuse University

**Part II (3:25 PM – 4:00 PM):**

- **Ms. Allyson Ho**, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
- **Mr. Viet Dinh**, Chief Legal and Policy Officer, Fox Corporation
- **Ms. Theane Evangelis**, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher

**4:05 PM – 4:10 PM** Introduction to Panel 3: **Mr. Roger I. Zakheim**, Director, 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**, Executive Director, Georgetown Project on State and Local Government Law and Policy; Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown University
- **Ms. Kathleen Smalley**, Of Counsel, Foley & Lardner; Governing Board of iCivics
- **Ms. Linda Hirshman**, Author of *Sisters in Law*
- **The Honorable Ruth V. McGregor**, Former Chief Justice, Arizona Supreme Court
- **Dr. Carla Hayden**, Librarian of Congress

**5:10 PM – 5:35 PM** Intermission

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

**5:45 PM – 6:45 PM** **Closing Plenary**

Moderator: **Mr. Theodore B. Olson**, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher; Trustee, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute

Confirmed Panelists:

- **The Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg**, Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court
- **The Honorable Sonia Sotomayor**, Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court

**7:00 PM** Dinner Begins