

FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER

26th Annual Gala & Mock Supreme Court Argument

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THE OFFICE OF THE APPELLATE DEFENDER, INC.
WILL HOST TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL *FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER*
GALA AND MOCK SUPREME COURT ARGUMENT

HONORING
FAITH E. GAY AND HON. JOHN GLEESON
Arguing Altitude Express Inc. v. Zarda
TONY WEST
FRIED, FRANK, HARRIS, SHRIVER & JACOBSON LLP
FAYOLA MACINTOSH

JEFFREY TOOBIN WILL SERVE AS MASTER OF CEREMONIES

On Monday, October 7, 2019, the **Office of the Appellate Defender, Inc. (OAD)** will host its 26th Annual *First Monday in October* Gala and Mock Supreme Court Argument. OAD is one of New York City's oldest providers of appellate defense representation. It is a not-for-profit organization that strives to ensure that poor people convicted of felonies receive full and equal access to justice by providing exceptional appellate defense representation, improving the quality of indigent defense through training and education, and advocating for systemic reform of New York City's criminal justice system. OAD's *First Monday in October* is an institution within the New York City legal community, receiving wide support the private bar, the bench, and others. For a list of major financial supporters for *First Monday in October*, please see oadnyc.org/first-monday-2019.

Faith E. Gay of Selendy & Gay PLLC and **Hon. John Gleeson of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP** will present arguments in *Altitude Express, Inc. v. Zarda*, a case that asks whether Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. They will each receive OAD's prestigious Gould Award for Outstanding Oral Advocacy, which is awarded annually to two of the nation's most accomplished legal advocates. **Tony West of Uber** will receive the OAD Counsel for Justice Award for his exemplary commitment to justice throughout his life and work. **Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP** will receive OAD's *Gideon* Award for its commitment to indigent appellate defense through its participation in OAD's Volunteer Appellate Defender program. And **Fayola McIntosh**, a former OAD client, will receive OAD's Beacon of Hope Award.

Jeffrey Toobin, Chief Legal Analyst for CNN and a Staff Writer for *The New Yorker*, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

In a nationally-recognized career, **Faith E. Gay** has been lead counsel in over 30 jury trials and has successfully navigated bet-the-company investigations for scores of Fortune 500 companies while pursuing a highly successful public-interest practice. In 2018, she founded Selendy & Gay, an elite litigation and investigations firm majority-owned by women.

Hon. John Gleeson is a partner at Debevoise & Plimpton in New York, where he is a member of the White Collar & Regulatory Defense and Commercial Litigation Practice Group. He previously served as a United States District Judge in the Eastern District of New York for 22 years.

Tony West is Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary at Uber. Mr. West previously served as Corporate Secretary and Executive Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs of PepsiCo and as Associate Attorney General of the United States in the Obama Administration.

Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP advises the world's leading corporations, investment funds and financial institutions on their most critical legal needs and business opportunities. Approximately 500 lawyers are based in North America and Europe. The Litigation Practice is one of the firm's core practices alongside Capital Markets, Finance, M&A/PE, Real Estate, Restructuring and Tax.

Fayola McIntosh is the proud mother of a 22-year-old son. She holds an Associate's Degree from Nassau County Community College and works as a gas mechanic for Con Edison. Ms. McIntosh is currently in the process of applying for a degree in engineering management.

Tony West will serve as the **Chief Justice** of the *First Monday in October* Mock Supreme Court. The Associate Justices for the evening will be: **Anirudh Bansal** (Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP); **James Joseph Benjamin Jr.** (Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP); **Carrie H. Cohen** (Morrison & Foerster LLP); **Daniel M. Gitner** (Lankler Siffert & Wohl LLP); **Katherine R. Goldstein** (Milbank LLP); **Sharon Cohen Levin** (Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr LLP); **Kelly A. Moore** (Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP) and **John A. Nathanson** (Shearman & Sterling LLP).

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First Monday in October will take place at New York University's Kimmel Center, 60 Washington Square South. The Reception will be in the Rosenthal Pavilion (10th Floor),

starting at 6:00 p.m. The Argument and Awards Ceremony will be held in the Eisner & Lubin Auditorium (4th Floor), starting at 7:30 p.m.
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