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Welcoming Remarks

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Good morning. Welcome to UC Davis School of Law and the UC Davis Law Review Symposium on the Honorable John Paul Stevens. We are proud and honored to have you all here. I also want to welcome C-SPAN and America in the Courts' viewers from across the United States.

Appropriately held on the 40th anniversary of the dedication of Martin Luther King, Jr. Hall, the home of UC Davis School of Law, this Symposium pays tribute to the career of U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens. Since his appointment in 1975, Justice Stevens has crafted a rich and intellectually powerful jurisprudence. We are graced today with some of the best legal minds in the country, many of whom served as clerks to the Justice. Together, they will analyze his work on the most difficult issues of our times — from terrorism to environmental protection, from statutory interpretation to administrative law.

Justice Stevens's remarkable jurisprudence, and his role for more than 30 years as the conscience of the Supreme Court, richly deserves the careful study that it will receive today. We have an extraordinarily

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distinguished group of panelists, and I want to mention them at the outset and thank them all.

We have Dean David Levi from Duke University Law School, and formerly a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California and adjunct professor at UC Davis School of Law; Jeffrey Fisher, Co-Director of Stanford Law School's Supreme Court Litigation Clinic; Jamal Greene, Columbia; Linda Greenhouse, currently at Yale Law School and formerly the *New York Times* reporter on the Supreme Court beat; Elisabeth Semel, Director of the Death Penalty Clinic at UC Berkeley; Professor Cruz Reynoso, former Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court; Andrew Siegel, Seattle; Teresa Wynn Roseborough, former U.S. Deputy Assistant Attorney General; Kenneth Manaster, Santa Clara; Daniel Farber, UC Berkeley; Eugene Fidell, President of the National Institute of Military Justice; Deborah Pearlstein, Research Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton; and Kathryn Watts, University of Washington.

I want to thank all the participants for being part of this wonderful Symposium. I would also like to thank the generous sponsors of the event: the law firm of Boutin Gibson Di Giusto Hodell Inc., Kirkland & Ellis LLP, and the King Hall Annual Fund.

Last but not least, I would be truly remiss if I did not thank my friend and colleague, Professor Diane Marie Amann, an influential international law scholar, a former law clerk to Justice Stevens, and the Inaugural Director of the California International Law Center at King Hall. This symposium is the result of her hard work and commitment. Thank you, Professor Amann.

Without any further ado, we will hear from Justice Stevens.