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### VISITING SCHOLARS DISCUSS HOT TOPIC OF EXECUTIVE POWER AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (August 14, 2007) – The National Constitution Center welcomes visiting scholars **Laurence Tribe**, **Theodore Olson**, and University of Pennsylvania Professor of Political Science **Rogers M. Smith** to discuss the hot and controversial topic of the balance of power between the Bush administration and Congress. The program, titled *Maintaining our Balance*, will take place on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. This event is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Tribe and Olson will discuss the complex relationship between the presidency and Congress, citing newsworthy topics such as executive privilege, the right to unfettered counsel, and more.

Theodore Olson, now a partner in the Washington, DC office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, served as Solicitor General of the United States from 2001 to 2004. *New York Times* columnist William Safire described Olson as this generation's "most persuasive advocate" before the Supreme Court and "the most effective Solicitor General" in decades. He has argued 43 cases before the Supreme Court. During the first term of the Reagan Administration, he served as Assistant Attorney General heading the Office of Legal Counsel. Olson received his law degree from the University of California at Berkeley where he was a member of the California Law Review.

Laurence Tribe is one of the most respected names in constitutional law in America today. He is the Carl M. Loeb University Professor and Professor of Constitutional Law

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at the Harvard Law School, where he has taught since completing his clerkship with Justice Potter Stewart in 1968. Tribe has argued before the Supreme Court more than 35 times. He has written a number of widely cited books and articles on the Constitution and the role of the U.S. Supreme Court, including “The Anti-Emergency Constitution” in the *Yale Law Review* and “The Unbearable Wrongness of Bush v. Gore” in *Constitutional Commentary*. Tribe received his undergraduate and law degrees at Harvard.

Rogers M. Smith is the Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Smith centers his research on constitutional law, American political thought, and modern legal and political theory, with special interests in questions of citizenship, race, ethnicity and gender. He was elected as an American Academy of Arts and Sciences Fellow in 2004.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, “Freedom Rising”. The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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