

The Supreme Court of the United States at a Historical Crossroads
Program for Czech and Slovak Bar Associations
UIC Law School Czech/Slovak Legal Institute – Professor Michael Seng
Brno, March 22, 2024
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9:00 a.m. The Roberts Court in Historical Perspective

The role of the Supreme Court in American Government
The Constitutional Basis and Statutory Basis for Supreme Court Jurisdiction
The Supreme Court’s Docket
Supreme Court Legitimacy
Judicial Ethics and the Supreme Court

10:30 a.m. The Challenge to Democracy and the Supreme Court

Judicial Review and the Rule of Law
Voting Rights in the United States
The Role of Sovereign and Official Immunities
The Challenges Posed by the Trump Presidency and The January 6, 2001 Insurrection – A
Review of Current Cases

Luncheon Speaker -- George Drost

A Czech/American Lawyer Hero

1:30 p.m. Individual Liberties in the Supreme Court

The Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment and Congressional Enforcement
Enumerated v. Unenumerated Rights
The Evolving Concept of Equality
The Role of Religion in American Law

3:00 p.m. Truth and Freedom of Speech

The Challenge Posed by Trump
First Amendment Protection of Free Speech
False and Misleading Speech
Hate Speech
The American v. the European Approach to Freedom of Speech