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C-SPAN'S "AMERICA & THE COURTS" TO LOOK AT U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The latest installment of the C-SPAN cable network's series "America and the Courts" will include a rare LIVE telecast from the courtroom of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C. The six-and-one-half hour segment, set for April 7 at 6:00 pm ET, will feature seven of the justices who serve on the District of Columbia circuit.

A rerun of the telecast has been announced for Sunday, April 13, at 10:00 am ET.

Series producer Connie Doebele explains that the U.S. Court of Appeals, often described as the nation's second most important court, remains virtually unknown to much of the public.

"Our goal," she explains, "is to inform our viewers about how this level of the judiciary operates and to introduce them to some of the influential judges who serve on this particular circuit."

The U.S. Court of Appeals has 13 circuits. This segment of "America and the Courts" will focus on the workings of the District of Columbia Circuit Court, which is involved in many cases that affect federal agencies.

"It is not widely known that the District of Columbia Circuit has heard such monumental cases as Watergate, the Panama Canal, 'the Pentagon Papers,' unleaded gasoline, and red dye number 2," says Ms. Doebele.

"America and the Courts" is an occasional C-SPAN series which looks at the operation of the federal judicial system in C-SPAN's unique style -- through interviews with key people and call-in programs that allow the public to participate.

C-SPAN can be seen in 24 million U.S. households via 2,100 affiliated cable systems.

The program schedule for "America and the Courts" is:

MONDAY, APRIL 7

LIVE	6:00 pm EST	<u>C-SPAN INTERVIEW</u>
	Guest:	GEORGE "TONY" FISHER, Clerk of the U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
	Topic:	The U.S. Court of Appeals system
TAPED	6:30 pm EST	<u>C-SPAN INTERVIEW</u>
	Guest:	JUDGE PATRICIA WALD, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
	Topic:	Her appointment as Chief Justice of this court
	7:00 pm EST	Program to be announced.
LIVE	7:30 pm EST	<u>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION with FEDERAL AGENCY OFFICIALS</u>
	Guests:	To be announced.
	Topic:	Impact of U.S. Court of Appeals- D.C. decisions on federal agencies
LIVE	8:30 pm EST	<u>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION with JUSTICE REPORTERS</u>
	Guests:	AL KAMEN, <u>The Washington Post</u> DAVID BECKWITH, <u>TIME Magazine</u> Other guests to be announced.
LIVE	9:30 pm EST	<u>VIEWER CALL-IN</u>
	Guests:	JUDGE ABNER MIKVA, U.S. Court of Appeals- D.C. Circuit JUDGE KENNETH STARR, U.S. Court of Appeals- D.C. Circuit

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C-SPAN's "America and the Courts" program shedule continued:

TAPED	10:30 pm EST	<u>C-SPAN INTERVIEW</u>
	Guest:	JUDGE ANTONIN SCALIA, U.S. Court of Appeals- D.C. Circuit
TAPED	11:00 pm EST	<u>C-SPAN INTERVIEW</u>
	Guest:	JUDGE HARRY EDWARDS, U.S. Court of Appeals- D.C. Circuit
TAPED	11:30 pm EST	<u>C-SPAN INTERVIEW</u>
	Guest:	JUDGE ROBERT BORK, U.S. Court of Appeals- D.C. Circuit
TAPED	12:00 am EST (Midnight)	<u>C-SPAN INTERVIEW</u>
	Guest:	JUDGE RUTH BADER GINSBURG, U.S. Court of Appeals- D.C. Circuit

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