



## When Justice Fails: Threats to the Independence of the Judiciary (JS 644)

An independent judiciary is constantly under criticism by politicians, segments of the public, and the media. Judges can be subjected to conflicts between the law and their consciences. This course provides the intellectual tools to recognize potential threats and emphasizes the importance of maintaining an independent judiciary.

### During this course, you will learn to:

1. Define how legal and judicial systems are influenced by a government's political philosophy; ;
2. Analyze the power of hate groups and other forces that negatively influence judicial independence;
3. Describe potential areas of tension between the canons of ethics and the application of the rule of law; and,
4. Identify the elements of an independent judiciary.

The course will include visits to the Miami Holocaust Museum, the site of the 1980 race riots, and the historic police station and courthouse.

### Faculty include:

**Hon. Scott Bernstein**, 11th Judicial District of Florida, Unified Children's Court; **Dr. Marvin Dunn**, Professor Emeritus, Florida International University; **Hon. Reba Page**, Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals; and **Hon. Reggie Walton**, Senior Judge U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

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**Miami, FL**

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Conference Fee: \$499

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