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March 13 - Reception
John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse

March 14 - Symposium
The Westin Boston Seaport Hotel

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The Symposium and reception the night before will bring together prominent members of the judiciary and the legal profession who are concerned about threats to a fair and impartial judiciary. This year's program promises engaging sessions and a keynote address by **Akhil Reed Amar**, Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University. Professor Amar will also be signing copies of his recent book, *The Words That Made Us*.

SPEAKERS TO INCLUDE:

- Karen C. Burgess, Esq., Burgess Law PC, President-Elect, International Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Jack Cushman, Esq., Director, Harvard Library Innovation Lab
- Anthony A. Froio, Esq., Regional Managing Partner, Robins Kaplan LLP
- Hon. Mark Green, Chief Justice, Massachusetts Appeals Court
- Hon. Thomas Griffith (Ret.), U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- Hon. Michael Heavican, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Nebraska
- Hon. Geraldine Hines (Ret.), Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court
- Anna Mercado Clark, Esq., Phillips Lytle, LLP, President, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- Hon. Maureen O'Connor (Ret.), Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio
- Hon. Edwina Richardson, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, New York State Unified Court System
- Hon. Paul Reiber, Chief Justice, Vermont Supreme Court
- Hon. Fredric D. Rutberg (Ret.), President, Massachusetts Newspapers Publishers Association and President/Publisher, The Berkshire Eagle
- Hon. Jeffrey S. Sutton, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit
- Hon. Robert Torres, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Guam
- Hon. David Wecht, Associate Justice, Pennsylvania Supreme Court

SESSION TOPICS TO INCLUDE:

- The Essential Role of a Free and Independent Media
- Artificial Intelligence: Resource or Threat to Democracy?
- The Judiciary and the Bar: Reviving the Bar's Critical Role in Preserving the Independence of the Judiciary
- Championing the Rule of Law: The Role of State Constitutions

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