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**PRESS RELEASE**

The United States District Court District of Massachusetts announces the next installment in its Speaker Series at the John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse in Boston.

On Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 4:00 PM Judith Resnik and Dennis Curtis, both law professors at Yale University will discuss their recently published *Representing Justice: Invention, Controversy and Rights in City-States and Democratic Courtrooms* (Yale University Press 2011).

Early reviews of the book have been unstinting in their praise:

"Assembling monumental research, Resnik and Curtis powerfully show how images and buildings reflect and shape local and international justice across human history and how privatized dispute resolution, security concerns, and diminishing community participation erode the ideal and reality of courts' justice," according to Martha Minow, Dean and Jeremiah Smith, Jr. Professor, Harvard Law School.

"The scope of the book is breathtaking," Dame Hazel Genn, Dean of the Faculty of Laws, University College London observed, adding "through the iconography of justice, Resnik and Curtis chart the history of courts and public justice and compellingly make the case for the central role of adjudication to democracy. The combination of haunting and often visceral imagery with powerful analysis makes the book both a joy to read and an inspiration."

Former New York Times Supreme Court reporter Linda Greenhouse has said that "in this visually stunning and provocative book, Judith Resnik and Dennis Curtis lead us to think in new ways about justice as symbol, justice as reality, and the connections as well as the distance between the two."

And former Chief Justice of Israel Aharon Barak describes this as "an extraordinary book. It combines iconography of justice and claims about judges, courts and democracy. With a deep sense of art and law, the reader is guided through the comparative history of judging, courts and their role in society as manifested through the history of art and architecture. The book is a glorious proof that when judges sit at trial they stand on trial."

Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, critic Robert Campbell, architect Henry N. Cobb and United States District Court Judge Douglas P. Woodlock will provide commentary. Justice Breyer and Judge Woodlock led the efforts to design and construct the John Joseph Moakley Courthouse; Henry Cobb, founding partner of the Pei Cobb Freed architectural firm is the building's architect; and Robert Campbell is the Pulitzer Prize winning architecture critic for the Boston Globe.

United States District Court Judge Nancy Gertner will introduce the panel.

Event details: Thursday June 2, at 4:00 PM  
Jury Assembly Room, John Joseph Moakley Courthouse  
1 Courthouse Way, Boston, MA

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