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Principles of Discussion and Debate Routledge

The Choices Justices Make is a groundbreaking work that offers a strategic account of Supreme Court decision making. Justices realize that their ability to achieve their policy and other goals depends on the preferences of other actors, the choices they expect others to make, and the institutional context in which they act. All these factors hold sway over justices as they make their decisions, from which cases to accept, to how to interact with their colleagues, and what policies to adopt in their opinions. Choices is a thought-provoking, yet nontechnical work that is an ideal supplement for judicial process and public law courses. In addition to offering a unique and sustained theoretical account, the authors tell a fascinating story of how the Court works. Data culled from the Court's public records and from the private papers of Justices Brennan, Douglas, Marshall, and Powell provide empirical evidence to support the central argument, while numerous examples from the justices' papers animate the work.

The Supreme Court Harvard University Press

Of all the steps in the Supreme Court's decision-making process, only one is visible to the public: the oral arguments. By carefully analyzing transcripts of all the oral arguments available to the public, Professor Wrightsman provides empirical answers to a number of questions about the operation of oral arguments. This book provides a model for understanding the dynamics of judicial decision making from an empirical perspective.

A Deliberate Dialogue Cambridge University Press

The Model Rules of Professional Conduct provides an up-to-date resource for information on legal ethics. Federal, state and local courts in all jurisdictions look to the Rules for guidance in solving lawyer malpractice cases, disciplinary actions, disqualification issues, sanctions questions and much

more. In this volume, black-letter Rules of Professional Conduct are followed by numbered Comments that explain each Rule's purpose and provide suggestions for its practical application. The Rules will help you identify proper conduct in a variety of given situations, review those instances where discretionary action is possible, and define the nature of the relationship between you and your clients, colleagues and the courts.

Examining Judicial Process and Decision Making on the U.S. Courts of Appeals Oxford University Press

A judge's role is to make decisions. This book is about how judges undertake this task. It is about forces on the judicial role and their consequences, about empirical research from a variety of academic disciplines that observes and verifies how factors can affect how judges judge. On the one hand, judges decide by interpreting and applying the law, but much more affects judicial decision-making: psychological effects, group dynamics, numerical reasoning, biases, court processes, influences from political and other institutions, and technological advancement. All can have a bearing on judicial outcomes. In *How Judges Judge: Empirical Insights into Judicial Decision-Making*, Brian M. Barry explores how these factors, beyond the law, affect judges in their role. Case examples, judicial rulings, judges' own self-reflections on their role and accounts from legal history complement this analysis to contextualise the research, make it more accessible and enrich the reader's understanding and appreciation of judicial decision-making. Offering research-based insights into how judges make the decisions that can impact daily life and societies around the globe, this book will be of interest to practising and training judges, litigation lawyers and those studying law and related disciplines.

The Rule of Five Oral Arguments and Decision Making on the United States Supreme Court

In this remarkable book, a national bestseller in hardcover, Sandra Day O'Connor explores the law, her life as a Supreme Court Justice, and how the Court has evolved and continues to function, grow, and change as an American institution. Tracing some of the origins of American law through history,

people, ideas, and landmark cases, O'Connor sheds new light on the basics, exploring through personal observation the evolution of the Court and American democratic traditions. Straight-talking, clear-eyed, inspiring, *The Majesty of the Law* is more than a reflection on O'Connor's own experiences as the first female Justice of the Supreme Court; it also reveals some of the things she has learned and believes about American law and life—reflections gleaned over her years as one of the most powerful and inspiring women in American history.

A Political and Behavioral View University of Michigan Press

Three general questions drive this study. First, what influences Justices' levels of information seeking during oral argument in the U.S. Supreme Court? Second, do Justices signal how they are going to vote based on their levels of information seeking? Third, has judicial behavior during Supreme Court oral argument changed over the past four decades? The three main models of judicial behavior and decisionmaking—legal, attitudinal, and strategic—all posit different causes for Justices' behavior and voting patterns. In examining information seeking, this study additionally attempted to see if evidence from oral argument points more prominently to one model over the others. Analyzing 7600 sentences from oral arguments transcripts for 35 cases relating to the freedoms of speech and the press, this study found that oral argument seems to hold less information-seeking value for current Justices when compared to their counterparts in the 1960s. Furthermore, current Justices, unlike members of the Court forty years previous, do tip their hand regarding their eventual vote on the merits, with Justices much more likely to engage in less information-seeking behavior with the side in a party they will eventually oppose. Finally, this study found evidence not only for all three of the major models of judicial behavior and decisionmaking, but strong support for a fourth, the relatively unknown behaviorist model. Future studies need to take the behaviorist model into account when seeking to explain why Justices act and vote the way they do.

Rhetoric and Discourse in Supreme Court Oral Arguments University of Michigan Press

While legal scholars, psychologists, and political scientists commonly voice their skepticism over the influence oral arguments have on the Court's voting pattern, this book offers a contrarian position focused on close scrutiny of the justices' communication within oral arguments. Malphurs examines the rhetoric, discourse, and subsequent decision-making within the oral arguments for significant Supreme Court cases, visiting their potential power and danger and revealing the rich dynamic nature of the justices' interactions among themselves and the advocates. In addition to offering advancements in scholars' understanding of oral arguments, this study introduces Sensemaking as an alternative to rational decision-making in Supreme Court arguments, suggesting a new model of judicial decision-making to account for the communication within oral arguments that underscores a glaring irony surrounding the bulk of related research—the willingness of scholars to criticize oral arguments but their unwillingness to study this communication. With the growing accessibility of the Court's oral arguments and the inevitable introduction of television cameras in the courtroom, this book offers new theoretical and methodological perspectives at a time when scholars across the fields of communication, law, psychology, and political science will direct even greater attention and scrutiny toward the Supreme Court.

Race, Education, and Affirmative Action CQ Press

This book examines whether and how the Office of the Solicitor General influences the United States

Supreme Court. Combining archival data with recent innovations in the areas of matching and causal inference, the book finds that the Solicitor General influences every aspect of the Court's decision making process.

D012941, Petition for Rehearing Wolters Kluwer

What happens when the Supreme Court of the United States decides a case impacting one or more publicly-traded firms? While many have observed anecdotal evidence linking decisions or oral arguments to abnormal stock returns, few have rigorously or systematically investigated the behavior of equities around Supreme Court actions. In this research, we present the first comprehensive, longitudinal study on the topic, spanning over 15 years and hundreds of cases and firms. Using both intra- and interday data around decisions and oral arguments, we evaluate the frequency and magnitude of statistically-significant abnormal return events after Supreme Court action. On a per-term basis, we find 5.3 cases and 7.8 stocks that exhibit abnormal returns after decision. In total, across the cases we examined, we find 79 out of the 211 cases (37%) exhibit an average abnormal return of 4.4% over a two-session window with an average $|t|$ -statistic of 2.9. Finally, we observe that abnormal returns following Supreme Court decisions materialize over the span of hours and days, not minutes, yielding strong implications for market efficiency in this context. While we cannot causally separate substantive legal impact from mere revision of beliefs, we do find strong evidence that there is indeed a "law on the market" effect as measured by the frequency of abnormal return events, and that these abnormal returns are not immediately incorporated into prices.

The Power of the American Prosecutor University of Michigan Press

The Oxford Handbook of U.S. Judicial Behavior offers readers a comprehensive introduction and analysis of research regarding decision making by judges serving on federal and state courts in the U.S. Featuring contributions from leading scholars in the field, the Handbook describes and explains how the courts' political and social context, formal institutional structures, and informal norms affect judicial decision making. The Handbook also explores the impact of judges' personal attributes and preferences, as well as prevailing legal doctrine, influence, and shape case outcomes in state and federal courts. The volume also proposes avenues for future research in the various topics addressed throughout the book. Consultant Editor for The Oxford Handbooks of American Politics: George C. Edwards III.

The Use of Humor in Supreme Court Oral Arguments SUNY Press

The Supreme Court cannot be both efficient and consistent, and thus fails in its Constitutional mandate

The Bakke Case American Bar Association

Examining the psychology of Supreme Court decision-making, this book seeks to understand almost all aspects of the Supreme Court's functioning from a psychological perspective. It addresses many factors of influence, including the background of the justices, how they are nominated and appointed, the role of their law clerks, and more.

Model Rules of Professional Conduct University of Virginia Press

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Persuasive Written and Oral Advocacy in Trial and Appellate Courts Landmark Law Cases & American

Appellate Advocacy books can overwhelm students with a disparate mixture of appellate rules, arcane procedural requirements, multiple writing instructions, practice tips, etc. This book avoids that problem by focusing on the most important aspect of appellate advocacy: how to write a persuasive appellate brief. It sets forth very specific, well-defined rules--adapted from the recommendations of experienced appellate practitioners and judges--for students to learn and follow. Principles of Appellate Advocacy stresses three overarching principles that students need to understand: (1) The perspective principle: putting the brief writer in the shoes of the judge; (2) The structural principle: building the brief around issues; and (3) The organizational principle: separating the thought process from the writing process. New to the Second Edition: Expanded coverage of standards of review, with explanations of the most commonly employed standards, examples from decisions using the standards and from briefs that apply them, plus exercises to assist students in recognizing the applicable standards of review. Increased emphasis on the concept of appealable error and preservation of issues. Additional exercises that require students to implement the rules for writing discussed in the text and to practice revision and editing techniques. An updated sample appellate brief that implements the book's rules for writing a brief. A video illustrating the "dos and don'ts" of oral argument. Professors and student will benefit from these features: The direct, practical approach to teaching students how to write an appellate brief--the most important aspect of appellate advocacy. The concepts as presented are straightforward and accessible to facilitate understanding. Students will learn and then implement specific rules that appellate experts nationwide agree are essential to good appellate writing. The first edition has been proven effective by students in a very successful law school appellate program. This approach and these materials work.

Appellate Decision Making in the Common Law World University Press of Amer

When the Supreme Court decides a case, the litigants make an oral presentation. This is the only public part in the steps in the Court's decision, so it provides an important window into its decision-making processes. Using transcripts, the author examines how the oral arguments work, and their effect on the Court's decisions.

The Psychology of the Supreme Court Taylor & Francis

Inscribed on the walls of the United States Department of Justice are the lofty words: "The United States wins its point whenever justice is done its citizens in the courts." Yet what happens when prosecutors, the most powerful officials in the criminal justice system, seek convictions instead of justice? Why are cases involving educated, well-to-do victims often prosecuted more vigorously than those involving poor, uneducated victims? Why do wealthy defendants frequently enjoy more lenient plea bargains than the disadvantaged? In this timely work, Angela J. Davis examines the expanding power of prosecutors, from mandatory minimum sentencing laws that enhance prosecutorial control over the outcome of cases to the increasing politicization of the office. Drawing on her dozen years

of experience as a public defender, Davis demonstrates how the everyday, legal exercise of prosecutorial discretion is responsible for tremendous inequities in criminal justice. Davis uses powerful stories of individuals caught in the system to illustrate how the day-to-day practices and decisions of well-meaning prosecutors produce unfair and unequal treatment of both defendants and victims, often along race and class lines. These disparities are particularly evident in prosecutors' charging and plea-bargaining decisions and in their muddy relationships with victims. Prosecutors not only hold vast power, Davis argues, but they are also under-regulated and lack accountability. The current standards of practice for prosecutors are unenforceable, while the mechanisms that purport to hold prosecutors accountable are weak and ineffectual. Not only does lack of oversight result in injustices, it may even foster a climate tolerant of unfair practices and in some cases, misconduct. Offering a sensible agenda for comprehensive review and reform, *Arbitrary Justice* challenges the legal community and concerned citizens to pursue and enact meaningful standards of conduct and effective methods of accountability to help prosecutors serve their communities and the interests of justice.

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Making Sense of Judicial Sensemaking Oxford University Press on Demand

Over the years, psychologists have devoted uncountable hours to learning how human beings make judgments and decisions. As much progress as scholars have made in explaining what judges do over the past few decades, there remains a certain lack of depth to our understanding. Even where scholars can make consensual and successful predictions of a judge's behavior, they will often disagree sharply about exactly what happens in the judge's mind to generate the predicted result. This volume of essays examines the psychological processes that underlie judicial decision making. *Judicial Decision Making* Oxford University Press

This dissertation engages previous research in political science and psychology by arguing for the importance of oral arguments from a communication perspective, examining justices' rhetorical discursive interaction in oral arguments, introducing Sensemaking as a new model of judicial decision making, and discussing the legal and cultural impact of justices' rhetorical discursive

interaction in *Morse v. Frederick*, *Kennedy v. Louisiana*, and *District of Columbia v. Heller*. In contrast to the aggregate behavioral models and longitudinal studies conducted by political scientists and psychologists, this study examines these specific cases in order to gauge each justice's individual interaction in oral argument and to determine how certain justices may have controlled the discursive flow of information within oral arguments, which in turn may have influenced the Court's decision making ability. The dissertation begins with an introduction, providing an overview of the development and study of legal rhetoric from the Greeks to present day. A review of prior literature in law, political science, and psychology displays how fields outside of communication view oral arguments and reveals where communication may provide valuable contributions to the study of Supreme Court oral arguments. Theoretical and methodological approaches adopted for the study of oral arguments are discussed. Analysis within the dissertation begins with an overview of the inherent complexity found within oral arguments and applies the previously discussed theoretical

and methodological approaches to the case of *Morse v. Frederick* as a means of determining theoretical and methodological validity. Following analysis of *Morse v. Frederick*, a second case, *Kennedy v. Louisiana* is analyzed to determine if similar results will occur. Final consideration is given to a third case, *District of Columbia v. Heller*, to understand whether justices' behavior may deviate in more socially and politically sensitive cases. The dissertation concludes with suggestions for lawyers and judges based upon this study's findings and makes recommendations to scholars for further areas of research.

Inside Appellate Courts Taylor & Francis

Explores the intersection of Supreme Court decision-making, constitutional personhood, the fetus, and abortion rights. Develops a theory of Supreme Court decision-making on constitutional personhood by analyzing the actions in *Roe v. Wade* (1973) and the behavior of lower courts in several abortion-related decisions.