



Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to be Joined by Thomas Wilner, Counsel for Detainees in Cuba

Stockton to Host First Pappas Visiting Scholar Program on March 24

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Galloway Township, NJ - U.S. Supreme Court Justice (ret.) Sandra Day O'Connor will be joined in her **March 24, 2014** presentation at The Richard Stockton University by Thomas Wilner, an international attorney who successfully represented detainees before the Supreme Court in 2004 and 2008.

Justice O'Connor, the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court, will be part of The Pappas Visiting Scholar Series at Stockton. Justice O'Connor served under Ronald Reagan in 1981, and served until 2006. She was awarded the highest honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, by President Barack Obama in 2009.

Wilner leads the international trade, litigation and government relations practice at Sterling LLP. He was counsel of record in *Rasul v. Bush*, decided in 2002, and *Al Odah v. United States*, which affirmed detainees' right to counsel.

Wilner will serve as moderator for Justice O'Connor's 6 p.m. presentation on the main Galloway campus, which seats 3,000. All tickets to the presentation are reserved by members of the Stockton community and the general public.

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Stockton Trustee Dean Pappas and his wife, Zoe, established the Dean C. and Zoe S. Pappas Visiting Scholar Endowment Fund in 2012, to bring noted scholars and thought leaders speakers to Stockton for classes, workshops and public events.

For more information on the Pappas Visiting Scholar Series, visit stockton.edu/foundation

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