



## Sandra Day O'Connor to Inaugurate Pappas Visiting Scholar Series in March at Stockton

Presentation by First Woman Supreme Court Justice Free to Public

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Galloway Township, NJ- Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (ret.), the first woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, will be the inaugural speaker for the Pappas Visiting Scholar Series at the United States Courts of Appeals.

Justice O'Connor was awarded the nation's highest honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, by President Barack Obama in 2010.

Thomas Wilner, head of Shearman & Sterling LLP, Washington, D.C., will serve as moderator for the event at the Pappas Sports Center.

In addition to her Supreme Court service, Justice O'Connor served on the United States Court of Appeals from 1975 until 1979, when she was appointed to the Supreme Court.

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She also served as a state senator from Arizona from 1969-75 and was assistant attorney general of Arizona from 1965-1969.

Justice O'Connor has served in leadership positions and on boards for the Rockefeller Foundation, the College of William and Mary, the American Bar Association and the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, among others.

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.

Pappas has said he underwent "a transformational experience" as an undergraduate college student at Dickinson College in 1961, when he heard the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speak. "Until that point I was sort of drifting my way through college, but Dr. King's message was very