

Miller & Martin Mornings | POTUS and SCOTUS: Behind the Scenes of Presidential Appointments to the Supreme Court

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Date: Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Location: Miller & Martin PLLC | Volunteer Building Suite 1200, 832 Georgia Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37402-2289

Time: Registration & Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Presentation + Q&A: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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Topic Summary

Through this insightful discussion with Miller Center expert Dr. Barbara A. Perry, you'll experience the rare opportunity to eavesdrop on recordings and oral histories of presidents, advisors, and jurists as they shape the nation's highest tribunal. After a brief introduction to the factors used to select justices throughout history, we'll explore the nominations from Presidents Lyndon Johnson through George W. Bush and the appointments of Fortas, Marshall, Rehnquist, Thomas, Roberts, and Alito.

During Q&A conversation, Dr. Perry can provide insights into both the historical and current law-making interplay between the executive and judicial branches from her own research and experiences serving as a U.S. Supreme Court fellow and on the board of trustees of the Supreme Court Historical Society.

Meet the Speaker

[Barbara A. Perry | Co-chair, Presidential Oral History Program, Miller Center](#)

Dr. Barbara A. Perry is J. Wilson Newman Professor of Governance and Co-Chair of the Presidential Oral History Program at the University of Virginia's Miller Center. She is the author of 17 books on the Supreme Court, civil rights and liberties, the presidency, and the Kennedy family. In 1994-95, she served as the Judicial Fellow at the U.S. Supreme Court. Currently, she is a trustee on the Supreme Court Historical Society's board. To read more, click [here](#).

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