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The Criminal Law Section presents

Investigating the Executive

Inside DOJ's Efforts to Hold Presidents Accountable, From Watergate to Jack Smith

Monday
November 10, 2025

MCLE Registration: 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
In-Person Program: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
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Speakers

Honorable Charles R. Breyer
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Chief Prosecutor, Iran-Contra Trial

Richard Ben–Veniste
Special Prosecutor, Watergate
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Greg Bernstein
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Special Counsel Jack Smith's legal team

Moderator

Andrew Dawson
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Topics

- Mechanisms of holding executive branch accountable
- Watergate and Saturday Night Massacre
- Independent Counsel statute—strengths and weaknesses
- State vs. Federal accountability
- Impeachment as backstop
- Special Counsel and Jack Smith Investigation
- Future of accountability for the executive branch

Section Chair
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