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**Chief Justice of the
United States
John G. Roberts Jr.
at the
School of Law**



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Dear Alumni and Friends:

Earlier today, the Chief Justice of the United States, John G. Roberts Jr., presided over a moot court argument at the University of South Carolina School of Law. Joining him on the bench were the four other chief judges in whose jurisdiction the law school sits—Chief Judge William W. Wilkins of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; Chief Judge Joseph F. Anderson Jr. of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina; Chief Justice Jean H. Toal of the Supreme Court of South Carolina; and Chief Judge Kaye G. Hearn of the South Carolina Court of Appeals. Appearing before the panel were four third-year students, members of our moot court bar—Sarah R. Bayko and Brook B. Andrews, who represented the petitioner in a case involving both the Fourth Amendment and the Fifth; and Meghan K. Johnson and Andrew A. Mathias, who represented the United States as respondent.

All of us at the law school wanted to share with you images from this historic occasion, certainly for the law school and very likely for all of legal education. I doubt that ever before has such an eminent panel, comprised of five chief judges, judged a moot court event at an American law school. You'll see from the accompanying photographs that we welcomed Chief Justice Roberts with a reception and dinner, hosted last night by USC President Andrew Sorensen and his wife, Donna. We were honored to be joined by Senator Lindsey Graham, whose office had been of great help in coordinating the details of Chief Justice Roberts' visit. This morning's argument was marked by careful questions from the bench and by responses from the students that made all of us proud. Following the argument, Chief Justice Roberts was kind enough to stay for a short question-and-answer session. I am confident that everyone involved in the event will have memories to last a lifetime.

Although the past 24 hours have given us unique experiences, they are but examples of exciting recent events at the law school. In the past month we have seen a symposium on coastal marshes, organized by the *Southeastern Environmental Law Journal*, and hosted a visit by Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, a former prime minister of Poland, who led his country into NATO and into the European Union. In the coming months, we have plans for other symposia and other distinguished guest speakers. Details of all of the events will be on our Web page—www.law.sc.edu.

In addition, during this year we will be experimenting with new ways to communicate with you. This special edition of the *Legal Times* is but an example. Another example is an e-mail newsletter for those who are interested in receiving that format. Please watch for those and other communications in the coming months. I will welcome your comments on our experiments, and will especially welcome your suggestions about how we might better maintain contact with all of our friends and alumni.



Sincerely,

Walter F. Pratt Jr., *Dean*
Educational Foundation Distinguished Professor of Law

FRONT COVER PHOTO: Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. addresses the audience following the moot court session. COVER INSET PHOTO: U.S. Senator Lindsey O. Graham, Chief Justice Roberts, School of Law Dean Jack Pratt, and University of South Carolina President Andrew A. Sorensen.



1 Participants in the moot court session, *left to right*: Robert T. Bockman Esq., faculty advisor for moot court; Joseph F. Anderson Jr., Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina; Andrew A. Mathias, student; William W. Wilkins, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; Brook B. Andrews, student; John G. Roberts Jr., Chief Justice of the United States; Meghan K. Johnson, student; Jean H. Toal, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina; Kaye G. Hearn, Chief Judge of the South Carolina Court of Appeals; and Sarah R. Bayko, student.

2 Thursday evening reception at the President's House, *left to right*: Mrs. Dottie Pratt, Dean Jack Pratt, Senator Lindsey O. Graham, Mrs. Jane S. Roberts, Chief Justice Roberts, Mrs. Donna I. Sorensen, and President Andrew A. Sorensen. **3** Chief Justice Roberts responds to questions from students at the conclusion of the moot court arguments.

4 President Sorensen, Dean Pratt, and Senator Graham presenting Chief Justice Roberts with a gift from the University of South Carolina. **5** Chief Justice Roberts speaks with Professor Lewis W. Burke and alumnus Miles Loadholt.

6 President Sorensen greets guests attending the dinner in honor of Chief Justice Roberts. **7** Chief Justice Roberts at dinner.



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Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. congratulates, left to right, Meghan K. Johnson, Andrew A. Mathias, Brook B. Andrews, and Sarah R. Bayko, the four students who successfully argued in front of the moot court panel, and participates in a question-and-answer session with students.

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