



WJA Tribute to  
**JUSTICE ANTHONY M. KENNEDY**  
Supreme Court of the United States

**MARCH 4-5, 2024**  
Rule of Law Digital Center Madrid



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# WJA TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY M. KENNEDY

Madrid, March 4-5, 2024

## THE ORGANIZERS

“A world ruled by law, and not by force” has been the [World Jurist Association](#)’s mission since its founding in 1963. A non-governmental organization in **special consultative status with the United Nations ECOSOC**, the [WJA](#) was created as free and open forum for judges, lawyers, law professors, students, and other professionals from around the world to cooperate in strengthening the Rule of Law and its institutions. Amongst its main activities are the biennial World Law Congress and the presentation of recognitions to distinguished personalities and institutions worldwide.

As a result of the Madrid Declaration 2019, the **World Law Foundation** was created as the executive arm to carry out the main activities of the World Jurist Association. Its [Board of Trustees](#) and the Advisory Board are composed of prominent jurists and professionals, including former presidents and prime ministers, chief justices, directors of prestigious institutions, lawyers, academics, and businesspeople.

## TRIBUTE PROGRAM

On **March 4-5, 2024**, the WJA will host the **WJA TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY M. KENNEDY** (1936), Senior Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The session will take place at the **Rule of Law Digital Center Madrid**, headquarters of the World Law Foundation.

The program comprises panels of discussions around the Rule of Law, including Independence of the Judiciary, Moderated & Free Practice of Religions, Freedom of Speech, Democracy, and Legal Certainty in Current Democracies. The event will close with the awarding of the **WJA Medal of Honor** to Justice **ANTHONY M. KENNEDY**, to be received by US Supreme Court Justice **SONIA SOTOMAYOR** on his behalf.

The **WJA MEDALS OF HONOR** are conferred to world personalities and institutions who have distinguished for their commitment to the promotion of peace through law and the rule of law as a guarantor of freedom.

## JUSTICE ANTHONY KENNEDY

Throughout his career, Justice Kennedy served as lawyer, National Army Guard, Professor of Constitutional Law at the McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, and justice 1975-2018.

In his legal career, Kennedy has been a member of the Board of the Federal Judicial Center from 1987–1988, and two committees of the Judicial Conference of the United States: the Advisory Panel on Financial Disclosure Reports and Judicial Activities, subsequently renamed the Advisory Committee on Codes of Conduct, from 1979–1987, and the Committee on Pacific Territories from 1979–1990, which he chaired from 1982–1990. He was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 1975. Later, President Reagan nominated him as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and he took his seat February 18, 1988.

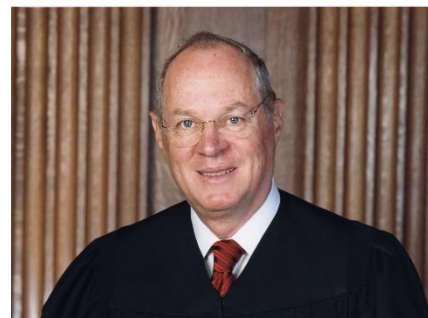


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At the US Supreme Court, Justice Kennedy did not subscribe to a particular judicial philosophy; instead, his approach grounded in concerns for personal liberty and freedom from government interference, promoting the WJA’s idea that law is above any political preference. He emphasized on the structural protection of the Constitution, including the separation of powers as “defense against tyranny”, authoring or joining Court opinions that invalidated on separation-of-powers grounds intrusions on the executive, legislative, or judicial functions. Justice Kennedy retired from the Supreme Court on July 31, 2018.

# MADRID

## March 3-5 Program

Ruth Bader Ginsburg Auditorium  
Rule of Law Digital Center. Jorge Juan 30, Madrid

### SUNDAY, MARCH 3

01:00 pm

#### Countryside Luncheon

El Escorial – Outskirts of Madrid (*By invitation only*)

### MONDAY, MARCH 4

09:30 am

Host of Ceremony

#### Patricia Lee Refo

USA, President of the American Bar Association (2020-2021)

#### Opening Remarks

##### Javier Cremades

Spain, President of the World Jurist Association

##### Anthony Kennedy *(video)*

USA, Senior Justice of the US Supreme Court

##### Deborah Enix-Ross

USA, Immediate Past-President and member of the Board of the American Bar Association

##### José Luis Martínez-Almeida

Spain, Mayor of Madrid

10:00 am

#### Panel: “Independence of the Judiciary and the Rule of Law”

Keynote Speaker & Moderator

##### Miodrag Đorđević

Slovenia, President of the Supreme Court

Panelists

##### Adrián Vázquez Lázara

Spain, Chairman of the Committee on Legal Affairs of the European Parliament

##### Fa'iq Zaydan

Iraq, President of the Supreme Judicial Council

##### Héctor Pérez Aguilera

Guatemala, President of the Constitutional Court

##### Holta Zaçaj

Albania, President of the Constitutional Court

##### John Pérez Brignani

Uruguay, Magistrate of the Supreme Court

#### Małgorzata Manowska

Poland, First President of the Supreme Court

11:30 am

#### Panel: “Freedom of Speech, Democracy & Rule of Law”

Keynote Speaker & Moderator

##### Víctor Olea

Mexico, Trustee of the World Law Foundation, President of the Mexican Bar Association (BMA)

Panelists

##### Diego Arria

Venezuela, President of the UN Security Council (1992)

##### Dina Josefina Ochoa Escribá

Guatemala, Justice of the Constitutional Court

##### Gresa Caka-Nimani

Kosovo, President Constitutional Court

##### Kaori Matsumoto

Japan, Member of the World Jurist Association

##### Rainer Arnold

Germany, Professor at Regensburg University

##### Ricardo Ríos Ferrer

Mexico, President of the General Council of the Mexican Bar Association

01:00 pm

#### Networking Cocktail Lunch

Rule of Law Digital Center – Mezzanine Floor

03:30 pm

#### Panel: “The Rule of Law & Legal Certainty in Current Democracies”

Keynote Speaker & Moderator

##### Egils Levits

Latvia, President of the Republic (2019-2023). Judge of the European Court of Justice (2004-2019)

Panelists

##### Anthony Kennedy *(video)*

USA, Senior Justice of the US Supreme Court

## Matej Accetto

Slovenia, President of the Constitutional Court

## Stephan Harbarth

Germany, President of the Federal Constitutional Court

04:30 pm

## Presentation of the WJA Medal of Honor to Justice Anthony Kennedy

### Video WJA

#### Remarks

## Javier Cremades

Spain, President of the World Jurist Association

### Video Tribute

## John Roberts

USA, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court

## Mary Smith

USA, President of the American Bar Association

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## Stephan Harbarth

Germany, President of the Federal Constitutional Court

#### Acknowledgements

## Anthony Kennedy *(via Zoom)*

USA, Senior Justice of the US Supreme Court

*Awarding of the WJA Medal of Honor to  
**JUSTICE ANTHONY KENNEDY***

*Receives **JUSTICE SONIA SOTOMAYOR** on his behalf.*

#### Remarks

## Sonia Sotomayor

USA, Associate Justice of the US Supreme Court

05:30 pm

## Closing Remarks

## Cándido Conde-Pumpido

Spain, President of the Constitutional Court

05:45 pm

End of Session & Family Picture

08:30 pm – Wellington Hotel

# *The Peace Through Law Gala Dinner*

*(User Pay. Cocktail Attire)*

#### Host of Ceremony

## David Kovel

General Counsel of the WJA, managing partner at Kirby McInerney LLP

### With the participation of

## Javier Cremades

Spain, President of the World Jurist Association

## Félix Bolaños

Spain, Minister of the Presidency, Justice, and Relations with the Spanish Parliament

## Milton Ray Guevara

Dominican Republic, Magistrate Emeritus and President of the Constitutional Court (2011-2023), Trustee of the WLF

## Napoleón Ricardo Estévez Lavandier

Dominican Republic, Magistrate President of the Constitutional Court

## Cándido Conde-Pumpido

Spain, President of the Constitutional Court

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 5**

11:00 am - Palacio de la Zarzuela

### **Audience of the WJA Delegation with HM King Felipe VI of Spain**

*(By invitation only)*

05:00 pm

### **Ruth Bader Ginsburg Auditorium**

Rule of Law Digital Center. Jorge Juan 30, Madrid

#### Host of Ceremony

### **Kim Quarles**

USA, Executive Vice President of the World Jurist Association

05:05 pm

### **Panel: “Religions for Peace: Advocating for Moderated & Free Practice”**

#### Moderator

### **Viviane Reding**

Luxembourg, Vice President of the World Law Foundation, VP of the European Commission (2010-2014)

#### Panelists

### **Abdulatif Al Muylaq**

Saudi Arabia, Deputy to the Secretary General of the Muslim World League and Secretary General of the International Organization of Jurists

### **Isaac Sacca**

Argentina, Chief Rabbi of the Sephardic Community of Buenos Aires, President of Menora – World Organization for the Youth

### **Gerardo del Pozo Abejón**

Spain, Professor Emeritus of Theology at the University of San Dámaso

05:50 pm

### **Closing Remarks**

### **Javier Cremades**

Spain, President of the World Jurist Association

### **Mohammad bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa**

Saudi Arabia, Secretary General of the Muslim World League

06:15 pm

**End of Session & Family Picture**



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