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Dean Melanie Leslie
invites 2Ls, 3Ls, LLMS, Faculty and Staff to:

A Conversation with Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Justice Rosalie Abella

**Wednesday, February 12, 2020
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Moderated by Professor Michael Pollack
in the Jacob Burns Moot Court Room**

**Tickets for the event and for overflow screening rooms
available via Eventbrite.**

Tickets are first come, first served.

Doors open at 1 p.m. - Please arrive by 1:30 p.m.



Justice Sonia Sotomayor,
Supreme Court of the United States
and Justice Rosalie Abella,
Supreme Court of Canada

Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice, was born in Bronx, New York, on June 25, 1954. She earned a B.A. in 1976 from Princeton University, graduating summa cum laude and receiving the university's highest academic honor. In 1979, she earned a J.D. from Yale Law School where she served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal. She thereafter served as Assistant District Attorney in the New York County District Attorney's Office from 1979-1984. She then litigated international commercial matters in New York City at Pavia & Harcourt, where she was an associate and then partner from 1984-1992.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated her to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, and she served in that role from 1992-1998. She then served as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1998-2009. President Barack Obama nominated her as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on May 26, 2009, and she assumed this role August 8, 2009.

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Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada in 2004 after serving on the Ontario Court of Appeal for 12 years. She practiced civil and criminal litigation until she was appointed to the Ontario Family Court in 1976. She subsequently

chaired the Ontario Law Reform Commission and the Ontario Labour Relations Board. Justice Abella was the sole Commissioner and author of the 1984 Royal Commission on Equality in Employment, creating the term and concept of "employment equity." She was the Boulton Visiting Professor at McGill Law School from 1988-1992, teaching jurisprudence, administrative law, and constitutional law. She is a specially elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, as well as a graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Music in classical piano. She was a judge of the Giller Literary Prize, and has written over 90 articles and written or co-edited four books on a wide variety of legal topics.

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