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Judge, Constitutional Scholar to Speak at University of Charleston for Constitution Day

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The University of Charleston and the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia are presenting an event in honor of the 236th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. In 2004, Congress established September 17th as Constitution Day.

Constitutional scholar Jeffrey S. Sutton, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, will speak at the University of Charleston at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 18, in recognition of Constitution Day.

The event will take place in the Golden Eagle Commons on the second floor of the Geary Student Union and is open to the public.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Beth Walker will introduce Chief Judge Sutton. Among other publications, he is the author of *Who Decides? States as Laboratories of Constitutional Experimentation* and *51 Imperfect Solutions: States and the Making of American Constitutional Law*.

“We are thrilled to have Chief Judge Sutton speak about the importance of state constitutions,” Chief Justice Walker said. “Our partnership with the University of Charleston gives students and the public a unique opportunity to learn about constitutional democracy from one of our country’s leading experts.”

Chief Judge Sutton began his federal judicial service on May 5, 2003, and became Chief Judge on May 1, 2021.

Since 1993, Chief Judge Sutton has been an adjunct professor at The Ohio State University College of Law, where he teaches seminars on State Constitutional Law, the United States Supreme Court, and Appellate Advocacy. He also teaches a class on State Constitutional Law at Harvard Law School.

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