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#### **Ohio Northern College of Law Class of 1936**

Born in Anzi, Italy on September 4, 1910, one of 13 children, Judge Celebrezze came to this country at the age of two. He attended public schools in Cleveland, Fern College and John Carroll University and graduated from Ohio Northern University with LL.B Degree in 1936. His activities in public affairs began upon his graduation from College of Law when he joined the Ohio Bureau of Unemployment Compensation.

He entered general practice in 1939. His political start began its ascendancy in 1950 when he was elected to the Ohio Senate. His able work in this august body resulted in his reelection in 1952 as State Senator, and twice he was voted one of the top senators.

He was first elected Cleveland's mayor in 1953. He was the only mayor in the city's history to be elected to five consecutive terms.

Judge Celebrezze was elected president of the American Municipal Association (now the Nation League of Cities) in 1958, and served as president of the U.S. Conferences of Mayors in 1962.

In July of 1962, Celebrezze was appointed to the Cabinet post as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW). He served in the Cabinets of both Presidents Kennedy and Johnson until August of 1965. During this time, Celebrezze was responsible for enactment of important social legislation, including the Medicare Act, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. One of Celebrezze's most important achievements as secretary of HEW was separating the public assistance and child health and welfare functions from the Social Security Administration and transferring these programs to a new Welfare Administration. Under Celebrezze's watch, HEW was granted power to deny funds for any federal program, to any state, or institutions which practiced racial segregation.

Celebrezze took the oath of office as Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals on September 1, 1965. By Act of Congress, the federal building in Cleveland in named the Anthony J. Celebrezze Federal Building.

## **Anthony J. Celebrezze Appellate Advocacy Competition**



### **Final Round**

**Petitioner                      Respondent**  
**Courtney Staton            v.            Tessa Scott**

***Schuetz v. Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action***  
**April 16, 2014**

**Ohio Northern University  
Pettit College of Law**



*Anthony J. Celebrezze*



## A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR GUEST, INCLUDING THE CELEBREZZE FAMILY

### **Question Presented:**

Whether a state violates the Equal Protection Clause by amending its constitution to prohibit race- and sex-based discrimination or preferential treatment in public-university admissions decisions.

## PANEL OF JUDGES

### **Dean Richard Bales**

Rick Bales became Dean of the Law School effective July 1, 2013. He has published more than eighty scholarly articles and authored or co-authored five books, on employment arbitration, alternative dispute resolution in the workplace, employment law, labor law, and arbitration law. Before coming to ONU Law, Dean Bales was a faculty member at NKU Chase College of Law, where he was the Director of the Advocacy Center and he was Associate Dean of Faculty Development. Prior to his teaching career Dean Bales litigated employment cases for the Houston-based law firm of Baker & Botts and the Cleveland-based law firm of Baker & Hostetler.

### **Professor Stephen Velti**

Professor Velti teaches commercial law and property. He holds an LL.M. from Columbia University, a J.D. from Georgetown University, and a B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh. He has written widely in the field of payments. Professor Velti is a member of the Uniform Commercial Code committee of the Section of Business Law of the American Bar Association. He has served as chair and vice-chair of the Subcommittee on Payments and as editor of the Annual Survey of Developments in Commercial Law published each August in THE BUSINESS LAWYER.

### **Professor Joanne Brant**

Prior to joining the faculty, Professor Brant practiced law in Cleveland, Ohio, with the firms of Thompson Hine & Flory and Squire, Sanders & Dempsey where she specialized in labor and employment litigation. From 1986-87 she clerked for Chief Justice Pierce Lively of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Danville, KY.

Professor Brant has served on the Attorney General's Ethics and Professional Responsibility Advisory Council, served on an ABA site inspection team in 2006, and served as Chair of the AALS Section on Law and Religion in 2001. She has been a recurrent visiting professor at the University of Alabama since 2003. In 2013, she taught law students at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

## COMPETITORS

### **Courtney Staton, Petitioner**

Courtney Staton is currently a second-year law student and the newly elected Chief Justice of the Moot Court Executive Board. Courtney graduated from Kent State University with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, with a concentration in Cognitive Behavioral Psychology. This Spring, Courtney participated in the John J. Gibbons Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition in Newark, New Jersey, and earned Fifth Best Petitioner's Brief. Courtney currently interns with the Allen County Prosecutor's office in Lima, and plans to continue with prosecutorial work this summer.

### **Tessa Scott, Respondent**

Tessa Scott is a third-year law student and a member of the ABA Moot Court team. She is a native of Buffalo, New York and graduated from Canisius College with a B.A. in Clinical Psychology and a Minor in Classics. Last year she competed with the intellectual property Moot Court team in Chicago. She has interned with Brinkman Portillo & Ronk in Los Angeles and at the U.S. Attorney's Office, where she argued in federal court. Prior to attending law school Tessa was a guest artist and ballet teacher in the greater Buffalo area. She has also volunteered with women and children's advocacy groups in India. Tessa plans to take the New York and Massachusetts bar in July.

