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Greek Philosophers, Founding Fathers & American Law

U.S. Judge Richard Allen Posner discusses the influence of Aristotle on America's founders

CHICAGO, IL - The National Hellenic Museum will host U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Richard Allen Posner on Thursday, Jan. 28 for a discussion of Greek philosophers and their influence on America's political system, the National Hellenic Museum said Wednesday.

Posner, a longtime member of the U.S. Court of Appeals and the most cited legal scholar of the 20th century, will discuss the impact of Greek philosophers, Aristotle in particular, on America's founders, law, and institution. Aristotle is generally regarded as one of the most influential ancient thinkers in a number of philosophical fields, including political theory.

The discussion, one of a series events the National Hellenic Museum is holding this winter in support of *The Greeks* exhibit at The Field Museum, provides a timely reminder of the roots of democracy during this presidential election year, said Elizabeth Martin, the museum's executive director .

“Judge Posner is one of our country’s most acclaimed and influential legal scholars,” said Martin. “It’s such a gift to have him here to offer his keen insight into the enduring impact of the great philosophers of Ancient Greece.”

Join us from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 28 at **the National Hellenic Museum, located at 333 South Halsted Street (corner of Halsted and Van Buren).**

Tickets are free for students, \$15 per person, \$10 for members, and are available at <https://www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/calendar/greek-philosophers-founding-fathers-american-law/>

Judge Posner is an influential legal theorist, judge, author, and senior lecturer at the University of Chicago Law School. He helped found the law and economics movement, which argues that the primary goal of law should be outcomes that are economically sensible and efficient rather than "just." He was the founding editor of the "Journal of Legal Studies" and the "American Law and Economics Review," and has written 30 books, including ones on the Clinton impeachment and Bush vs. Gore, and more than 300 articles and book reviews.

The "Celebrating the Greeks" program series is made possible by a generous donation from Grecian Delight Foods and the Parthenis Families.

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Located in Chicago's Greektown, the sleek 40,000-square-foot National Hellenic Museum at 333. S. Halsted St. is both contemporary and timeless, connecting all generations—past, present and future—to the rich heritage of Greek history, culture, art and the Greek American experience. The National Hellenic Museum, previously known as the Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center, has been fulfilling this mission since 1983.

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