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The Trial of Antigone: Heroine Or Enemy of The State?

Leading U.S. legal scholars take on the case of Antigone V. Creon

CHICAGO, **IL -** An all-star team of litigators is preparing to take on one of the great legal cases in literary history – Antigone vs Creon, the National Hellenic Museum announced this week.

The Trial of Antigone follows the extraordinary success of the Trial of Socrates and the Trial of Orestes and reunites the illustrious legal teams who will retry the case through a present-day view, but within the context of the laws of ancient Greece.

Federal Judges William J. Bauer, Charles P. Kocoras and Richard A. Posner will preside over the case on March 10 at 6:30 p.m. in The Field Museum's James Simpson Theatre. Attorneys Robert A. Clifford, Patrick M. Collins, Patrick J. Fitzgerald, and Dan K. Webb will argue in defense of Antigone and serve as counsel for the prosecution.

A jury of citizens, the audience, will decide whether Antigone's action was treason or an act of duty.

The National Hellenic Museum's Trial Series highlights the enduring relevance and value of Greek philosophy and thought. *The Trial of Antigone* offers the unique opportunity to watch some of America's foremost legal minds contemplate and debate evolving issues and perennial questions that has concerned humanity for thousands of years.

All men make mistakes, but a good man yields when he knows his course is wrong, and repairs the evil. The only crime is pride. — Sophocles

Tickets for *The Trial of Antigone* are available at www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org, by phone at 312-66-1234, or in person at the museum's gift shop.

Photo 1: Jurors get sworn in during the *Trial of Orestes* in 2014.



Photo 2:

Audience members cast their guilty or not guilty vote with blue and white chips.



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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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