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The Trial of Antigone Returns on DVD
High Profile Chicago Lawyers Present the Trial of Antigone

CHICAGO, IL - As part of its renowned trial series, The National Hellenic Museum today released the highly anticipated DVD, "The Trial of Antigone". This DVD captures the drama and excitement of the live Trial that was staged this past March at the Field Museum before an audience of 500. An all-star cast of lawyers and judges argued whether Antigone committed treason by defying the laws of man for natural law.

Dan Webb and Bob Clifford, represented the city-state of Thebes while former federal prosecutors Patrick Fitzgerald and Patrick Collins defended Antigone. These lawyers argued the case before Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judges Richard Posner and William Bauer, and Federal District Judge Charles Kocoras. The Trial of Antigone was the third trial of ancient controversies conducted by these extraordinary lawyers and judges for the benefit of the National Hellenic Museum, but the first that was captured in a riveting video which is now available for sale to the public through the Museum's [website](#).

The Greek heroine, Antigone, followed the law of the gods by burying her brother Polynices in defiance of the decree of King Creon who considered Polynices a traitor for leading a revolt in Thebes. The Trial raised the timeless and timely question of whether to condemn or forgive a person who chooses to follow god's law over man's law. Participants in the Trial invoked the names of both Rosa Parks and Kim Davis in arguing over Antigone's guilt or innocence.

"The beauty of the trials is that they had issues that are alive and well today in some other form," said Judge Kocoras, U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois commenting on the Trial of Antigone and the previous two trials, where the fates of Socrates and Orestes hung in the balance. Citing the timeless nature of the questions posed by the ancient Greeks, Judge Kocoras noted that "those issues and the outcomes of those cases had an effect on modern society."

The Trial of Antigone was produced and edited by Brian Kallies who most recently was a co-producer of Heroes on Deck, a World War II documentary that aired on PBS on Memorial Day, 2016. The DVD is available for \$19.95 on our [website](#), by phone at 312-655-1234, or in person at the Museum's gift shop, 333 South Halsted Street. A trailer for the DVD can be viewed [here](#).

Photo 1: Attorneys (L to R) Patrick M. Collins, Dan K. Webb, Patrick J. Fitzgerald, and Judge Charles P. Kocoras in Trial of Antigone.



Photo 2: Attorneys (L to R) Dan K. Webb, and Patrick M. Collins in Trial of Antigone.



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