

A CCPL PUBLIC LECTURE

READING LAW

Justice Scalia and Professor Garner discuss their co-authored book, Reading

Law: The Interpretation of Legal Texts

Tuesday 2nd February 2016, 18:00 – 19:30

Academic Conference Room, 11/F Cheng Yu Tung Tower, University of Hong Kong





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Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice, was born in Trenton, New Jersey, on March 11, 1936. He married Maureen McCarthy in 1960 and has nine children – Ann Forrest, Eugene, John Francis, Catherine Elisabeth, Mary Clare,

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He served as Chairman of the American Bar Association's Section of Administrative Law from 1981-1982 and its Conference of Section Chairmen from 1982-1983. He served as General Counsel of the Office of Telecommunications Policy from 1971-1972, as Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States from 1972-1974, and as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel from 1974-1977. He served as a Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 1982. Nominated as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States by President Reagan, he assumed that office on September 26, 1986.



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Professor Garner is the recipient of many honours and awards, including the 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award in Plain Legal Language, the 2000 Scribes Book Award for Research and Writing, and the 1998 Outstanding Young Texas Ex Award. His many professional activities include service on the Board of Directors of the Texas Law Review Association and on the Editorial Advisory Boards of *The Copy Editor* and *The Green Bag*, and as a consultant to the Oxford Dictionary Department in Oxford, England.



