

February 9th – Arun Rao

Arun G. Rao has served as the Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Consumer Protection Branch of the Department of Justice since May 2021.

In that capacity, he leads Department of Justice efforts to enforce laws that protect Americans' health, safety, economic security, and identity integrity through both criminal and affirmative civil enforcement cases across the country. Arun also supervises defense of the Food and Drug Administration and other federal consumer protection agencies in district court litigation. Arun previously served as the President of Investigative Group International, Inc. (IGI) and Principal of The Lenzner Firm, P.C., where he directed due diligence and corporate internal investigations and advised clients on crisis and risk management. From 2015 to 2017, he served as Chief of the Southern Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland. Arun also was a Deputy Associate Counsel in the Office of the White House Counsel from 2012 to 2013. He attended the NYU School of Law, and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia. **He is an alumnus of the Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, having served as Fall 1997 President.**



March 29th – Dean Ian Solomon

Ian H. Solomon is a professor of practice and dean of the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy.

For four years, Solomon served in the U.S. Senate as legislative counsel to then-Senator Barack Obama. Later, under the Obama administration, he was confirmed unanimously by Congress as the U.S. Executive Director for the World Bank Group. Solomon has also been a consultant with McKinsey & Company, an associate dean and visiting lecturer at Yale Law School, and a vice president and lecturer in law at the University of Chicago. Before joining the Batten School, he led his own international consulting practice focused on conflict and collaboration. Originally from New York City, Solomon

earned his AB from Harvard University and his JD from Yale Law School. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.

April 5th – Mary Beth Tinker

Mary Beth Tinker is an activist known for her role in the 1969 Supreme Court Case Tinker vs. Des Moines.

When Tinker was an eighth-grade student at Warren Harding Jr. High School in 1965 Iowa, she was suspended for wearing a black armband to mourn the dead in the Vietnam War. Tinker and four other students were suspended, and the American Civil Liberties Union challenged the suspensions in court.

In 1969, the Court issued a landmark ruling in Tinker v Des Moines that neither teachers or students "shed their constitutional rights... at the schoolhouse gate." To this day, the ruling protects student speech from infringement. After the Court victory, Mary Beth became a Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioner, working mostly with children and teenagers. She holds master's degrees in nursing and public health. Mary Beth currently lives in Washington, but speaks virtually with students throughout the country on a "Tinker Tour" to promote civics education and the rights of young people. Her visit to the Jefferson Society is her first in-person speaking event since the COVID-19 pandemic



April 19th – Judge Barbara Lynn

Barbara M. G. Lynn has been a U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Texas for over twenty years.

In 2016, she became the Chief Judge, the first female to hold this position in Texas. A summa cum laude graduate of UVA, Judge Lynn graduated first in her class from SMU Dedman School of Law. She then joined the Dallas firm of Carrington, Coleman, Sloman, and Blumenthal, where she remained until she took the bench in 2000. She was the first female associate of the firm and went on to become its first

female partner. Judge Lynn is the Vice-President of the American Inns of Court Foundation. She has served as Chair of the ABA's Section of Litigation and Judicial Division.

Lynn's accomplishments have been celebrated with many awards, including Dedman Law's Distinguished Alumni Award for Private Practice in 1999 and the inaugural Louise B. Raggio Award from the Dallas Women Lawyers Association. National Law Journal named her one of the most influential women attorneys in the country, and the International Women's Forum presented her with the Women Who Make a Difference Award. Judge Lynn was among the first female undergraduates at the University of Virginia. She is an alumna of the Jefferson Literary and Debating Society.

When she was granted membership in 1972, Judge Lynn was the first female member of the Jefferson Society. During her time in the Society, Judge Lynn served as probationary chair and won the Moomaw Oratorical Contest. Judge Lynn's visit will coincide with the unveiling of her portrait in Jefferson Hall.