



# Fall 2026 Distinguished Speaker Series

## Mr. Rick Carlisle - September 18

Rick Carlisle is the 17th Head Coach in Indiana Pacers team history, and recently guided his team to the 2025 NBA Finals. Before his second stint with the Pacers, Carlisle was the Head Coach of the Dallas Mavericks (2008-2021), Indiana Pacers (2003-2007), and Detroit Pistons (2001-2003). In Dallas, Carlisle led the organization to the NBA Playoffs nine times and its first-ever NBA Championship in 2011. In his first stint with the Pacers, Carlisle led the Pacers to three consecutive NBA Playoffs. Coach Carlisle began his head coaching career with the Detroit Pistons, winning two Central Division Championships. For these efforts, Carlisle won the 2002 NBA Coach of the Year Award. Carlisle was a co-captain of the 1984 Virginia Cavaliers team that reached the Final Four. He was picked 70th overall by the Boston Celtics in the 1984 Draft and won an NBA Championship with the Celtics in 1986, making Carlisle the 12th person to ever win an NBA Championship as both a player and Coach.



## The Hon. Andrew Oldham - October 9



Judge Andrew Oldham is a United States Circuit Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, a position he has held since 2018. Oldham completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Virginia, where he was a member of the Jefferson Society. He then earned an M.Phil. from the University of Cambridge and a J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 2005. After law school, Oldham clerked for Judge David B. Sentelle and later for Justice Samuel Alito on the U.S. Supreme Court (2008–2009). His career includes serving as an attorney-adviser in the Office of Legal Counsel during President George W. Bush's administration and working in private practice at Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel & Frederick. In Texas, Oldham served as Deputy Solicitor General and later as General Counsel to Governor Greg Abbott. As a judge, he has authored significant opinions on First Amendment rights, election law, and qualified immunity. He has been suggested as a potential Supreme Court nominee for the Trump administration.