

David Sacks and Gail Perlman '76 of the Probate and Family Court led the discussion. Insightful commentary was provided by Program Chair Mary Socha '70 and Attorney Richard ("Packy") Packenham.

The Institute rescheduled one seminar and one conference, originally planned for the spring, to the fall term, 2002. On September 20, Professors Gouvin, Miller, and Wolf of the WNEC faculty and Professor Linda Kelly of the Indiana University Law School faculty addressed the topic, "Legal Response to Terrorism." Special guest Vic Bernson, associate deputy general counsel at the U.S. Department of Defense, presented "A View from the Pentagon," which engendered a lively discussion. In October, 2001, the Congress, in the wake of the events of September 11, enacted the "USA Patriot Act," an omnibus bill containing a wide variety of issues to deal with the prevention of terrorism and the apprehension of terrorists. The seminar discussed key features of the act and executive initiatives, including issues relating to immigration, indefinite detention, international money laundering, and military tribunals.

On October 2, Professors Bruce Miller, Harris Freeman '93, and Lauren Carasik, together with the Pioneer Valley Labor Council, convened a conference on the rights of low income workers, focusing in particular on welfare-to-work, temporary workers without benefits, and the workplace rights of aliens. Ms. Linda Chavez-Thompson, national vice-president of the AFL-CIO, was the keynote speaker and Professor Frances Fox Piven (CUNY), author of *Regulating the Poor*, and Professor Lucy Williams (Northeastern Law School), were the principal presenters. The conference covered a wide range of issues relating to low-income workers, including the

application of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and the reauthorization of the Federal Welfare Reform Act of 1996.

On October 19, the Institute hosted the Law School's Seventh Annual Supreme Court Review Conference. Discussing the principal decisions of the Supreme Court's October 2001 Term, the panelists explored the major cases and trends in the contemporary Court. Professors Leora Harpaz, John Hill, Arthur Leavens, and Bruce Miller brought their expertise and insights to this popular annual program. Institute Director Wolf served as the moderator, seeking to keep the panelists under some semblance of control.

Through the efforts of Professor Howard Kalodner and our audio/visual department, many of these programs have been recorded and in some instances "streamed" onto our homepage, where visitors can find verbatim transcripts. Readers are encouraged to visit the Law School's homepage (www.law.wnec.edu) for these and other important entries. ♦



(Photo left) Rep. Candaras '82 listens while Chairman Bosley questions a witness at the "cracker barrel" hearings.

(Photo right) Attorney Packenham (left) makes a point at the May Family Law Seminar as Justices Sacks and Perlman and chairwoman Socha contemplate the observation.

Recent and Upcoming Events

2002

- September 20 Legal Response to Terrorism Seminar
- September 24 Gubernatorial Debate
- October 1 Basics of Divorce - CLE
- October 2 Low Income Worker's Conference
- October 15 Public Law Basics - CLE
- October 19 Supreme Court Review Conference
- October 28 Business Organization Basics (off-campus) - CLE
- November 14 Bankruptcy

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- February 25 Women in Politics Seminar
- April 9 First Circuit Court of Appeals