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Legal Analyst Jeffrey Toobin to Speak on Supreme Court, UC Davis History in Mondavi Center Lecture

September 12, 2008; Davis, California—One of the country's most respected legal analysts, **Jeffrey Toobin**, will speak on the U.S. Supreme Court and its history over the course of the past century in a lecture entitled *One Hundred Years: A Look Inside the Supreme Court* at the **Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, UC Davis**. Toobin, CNN's senior legal analyst and author of the bestselling *The Nine: Inside the World of the Supreme Court*, will include references to the events and issues of UC Davis' first 100 years in a lecture presented as part of the **UC Davis Centennial** celebration.

The event will begin at 8 pm on October 10 in the Mondavi Center's Jackson Hall on the UC Davis campus. Tickets are available from the Mondavi Center Ticket Office at 530.754.ARTS (2787) or online at MondaviArts.org. The event is presented as part of the Mondavi Center's **Distinguished Speakers** series. A **Post-performance Q&A** with the speaker will follow the lecture.

Jeffrey Toobin is one of the nation's most respected commentators on politics, media, and law. As senior legal analyst for CNN, a staff writer for *The New Yorker*, and author of bestselling books on the inner workings of the Supreme Court, the Clinton impeachment, the disputed 2000 presidential election, the **O.J. Simpson** murder trial, and other subjects, Toobin consistently has delivered well-balanced, thorough, and insightful analysis of the most important legal issues of our time.

Toobin may be best known as the author of the critically acclaimed 2007 book *The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court*, which delves into the historical, political, and personal issues impacting the inner workings of the Supreme Court and its justices to provide invaluable

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insights into one of America's most mysterious and powerful institutions. The work was cited as among the best books of the year by *The New York Times*, *Slate*, *The Economist*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Fortune*, and *Entertainment Weekly*, among others. *The New York Times Review of Books* called *The Nine* "smart and entertaining," adding that the book is "engaging, erudite, candid, and accessible, often hard to put down. Toobin is a natural storyteller, and the stories he tells are gripping."

He also wrote what is often considered the definitive account of the controversy surrounding the 2000 presidential election and the recounting of votes in Florida that decided the race. The 2002 bestseller *Too Close to Call: The 36-Day Battle to Decide the 2000 Election* attacks the subject with clarity, insight, humor, and a deep understanding of the law, and won more critical praise for Toobin. "Toobin knows how to tell a clear and compelling story," wrote *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. "And his vignettes of the people behind the scenes—and the U.S. Supreme Court justices behind the bench—are invaluable to understanding what happened." Other books to his credit include *A Vast Conspiracy: The Real Story of the Sex Scandal that Nearly Brought Down a President*, a 2000 book on the **Bill Clinton** and the **Monica Lewinsky** scandal, and *Opening Arguments: A Young Lawyer's First Case: United States v. Oliver North*, from 1992.

Toobin, a resident of New York City, received his bachelor's degree from **Harvard College** and graduated magna cum laude from **Harvard Law School**, where he was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. He has served as an Assistant United States Attorney in Brooklyn, New York, and as an associate counsel in the Office of Independent Council **Lawrence E. Walsh**, an experience that provided the basis for his first book, *Opening Arguments: A Young Lawyer's First Case—United States v. Oliver North*, published in 1992.

After a six-year tenure at ABC News, where he covered the country's highest-profile cases and received a 2000 Emmy Award for his coverage of the **Elian Gonzales** custody saga, Toobin joined CNN as a legal analyst in 2002. Also a staff writer for *The New Yorker* since 1993, he has written articles on such subjects as Former Attorney General **John Ashcroft**, the **Paula Jones** sexual harassment case, Supreme Court Justice **Clarence Thomas**, the trial of **Timothy McVeigh**, and the trial of O.J. Simpson.

As part of his Mondavi Center lecture, Toobin has promised to intertwine the stories of the Supreme Court and the history of UC Davis, though he has not indicated which specific issues he may focus on. The event takes place as part of the UC Davis Centennial Celebration. For more information on the centennial, please visit <http://centennial.ucdavis.edu/>

"Jeffrey Toobin ranks among the most important and influential legal analysts of our time, and his discussion of the past 100 years of the court's history, coinciding with UC Davis' first 100 years, promises to be fascinating and provocative," said Mondavi Center Executive Director **Don Roth**. "We're proud to present this event as part of the UC Davis Centennial."

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What: Jeffrey Toobin
One Hundred Years: A Look Inside the Supreme Court

When: Friday, October 10 ▪ 8 pm

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Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts
University of California, Davis

Admission: \$45/\$35/\$25 Adults ▪ \$22.50/\$17.50/\$12.50 Students, Children

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