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**The Honorable
ERIC H. HOLDER JR.**

In conversation with Michael Reiss, J.D.

***Principled Leadership:
The Courage to Face
Challenge***

UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND SCHNEEBECK CONCERT HALL
MARCH 3, 2016 | 8 P.M.



The Honorable ERIC H. HOLDER JR.

Eric H. Holder Jr. attended public schools in New York City, graduating from Stuyvesant High School, before earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in American history from Columbia College in 1973, and a Juris Doctor degree from Columbia Law School in 1976.

After law school, Holder joined the Public Integrity Section at the Department of Justice, where he investigated and prosecuted corruption involving public officials. In 1988 President Ronald Reagan appointed him associate judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, where he presided over hundreds of criminal and civil trials. In 1993 President Bill Clinton appointed Holder to serve as the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, and in 1997 as deputy attorney general of the United States, a position that he held until the end of the Clinton administration. At the request of President George W. Bush, Holder served as acting attorney general in 2001, pending the confirmation of Attorney General John Ashcroft, and then joined the Washington, D.C., law firm of Covington & Burling as a partner in the firm's litigation practice group.

Nominated by President Barack Obama to be the 82nd attorney general, Holder assumed the post in 2009. He was the first African American to serve in that position and remained in office until 2015, becoming the third-longest-serving attorney general in the nation's history. During his tenure, Holder oversaw the government's efforts to address issues at the intersection of law and public policy, including national security investigations and prosecutions; landmark antitrust, environmental, fraud, and tax cases; the defense of voting rights and marriage equality; and reform of the federal criminal justice system.

After his departure from the Department of Justice, Holder returned to Covington & Burling, and is resident in their Washington office. He focuses on complex litigation and investigatory matters that are international in scope. His many civic commitments have included service on the boards of Columbia University, National Center for Victims of Crime, Meyer Foundation, and Save the Children Foundation, among many others. He also served on the U.S. Sentencing Commission Ad Hoc Advisory Group. Holder has received numerous awards and honorary degrees in recognition of his professional and civic contributions.

MICHAEL REISS

Mike Reiss is a nationally known trial lawyer. Before joining Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, where he has headed the firm's employment litigation group for more than 20 years, Reiss was a law professor at University of Southern California, where he taught constitutional law and employment discrimination law; a legal services attorney with California Rural Legal Assistance in Modesto, California; and the EEOC's first Regional Attorney in Seattle. Throughout his career Reiss has been a mentor and a teacher of advocacy skills to lawyers and law students, and a frequent lecturer on effective mediation techniques.

PROGRAM

Thursday, March 3, 8 p.m.
University of Puget Sound
Schneebeck Concert Hall

Introduction

Ronald R. Thomas
President

A Conversation On
Principled Leadership: The Courage to Face Challenge

Eric H. Holder Jr.

Conducted by Michael Reiss

Questions and Answers

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The Open Space of Democracy

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2003–Anna Deavere Smith

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Global Economy and American Foreign Policy

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Marlon James, award-winning novelist and educator

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