



## “ORIGINALISM: OR, SHOULD THE GHOST OF JUSTICE SCALIA BE EXORCISED?”

On Thursday, October 27, 2016, Professor William Reynolds, Jacob A. France Emeritus of Judicial Process at the University of Maryland School of Law will be coming to the Library to speak on **Originalism**.

The theory of constitutional interpretation had long been of interest only to a few. Beginning around 1970, however, conservative scholars began developing an “originalist” approach to interpretation as a way to counter what they perceived as the uncabined “living constitutionalism” approach of the Warren Court. Eventually, Justices Scalia and Thomas purported to adopt originalism in their decision-making, something that excited many commentators. Justice Scalia’s death now raises the question of whether originalism has a future.

Professor Reynolds’ talk will examine originalism’s roots, whether it satisfies its objectives, as well as other methods of interpretation. Originalism – does it have a future and if so, does it deserve one? Please join us for what promises to be a fascinating evening looking at a document that defines us as a nation and who **we are** as a profession.

**Place:** Mitchell Courthouse – 100 North Calvert Street – Main Reading Room of the Bar Library (Room 618, Mitchell Courthouse).

**Time:** 5:00 p.m., Thursday, October 27, 2016, with a wine & cheese reception immediately following.

**Invitees:** Members of the Library Company of the Baltimore Bar and their guests, judges, employees of Baltimore City and its courts, courthouse employees, government lawyers, public interest lawyers, law librarians, law and college faculty and students. For all others there is a \$20.00 charge which will be waived upon subscribing to a Bar Library membership.

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