



Justice John Paul Stevens Presides at Moot Court Finals on Texas Affirmative Action Case, Holds Conversation with Linda Greenhouse '78 MSL



RETIRED U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE John Paul Stevens was at Yale Law School April 24 to preside over the Thurman Arnold Prize Finals of the Morris Tyler Moot Court of Appeals. The case being argued, *Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin*, considered whether the University of Texas at Austin's use of race in undergraduate admissions is constitutional. The actual case comes before the U.S. Supreme Court next term. Joining Justice Stevens on the panel were the Honorable Judge Diane Wood of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and the Honorable Judge Brett Kavanaugh '90 of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the

District of Columbia Circuit. Yale Law students Pete Huffman '12 and Kasdin E. Miller '12 argued for the petitioner, Abigail Fisher. Allyson Bennett '13 and Connor S. Sullivan '13 represented the respondent, the University of Texas at Austin.

"We are very excited to see our four talented competitors argue such a high-profile case," said Moot Court co-chair Wendy Zupac '12. "It is also a once-in-a-lifetime experience to listen to arguments in front of such a distinguished panel, including a retired Supreme Court Justice and two of the most prominent appellate judges in the country."

Later that evening, Justice Stevens was the guest of the *Yale Law & Policy Review* for a conversation with Linda Greenhouse '78 MSL. Greenhouse, a lecturer at Yale Law School and the Knight Distinguished Journalist-in-Residence, covered the Supreme Court for *The New York Times* for thirty years and currently writes a biweekly column for the *Times* on legal issues. The conversation focused on Justice Stevens' jurisprudence and experiences on the Court, as well as his recent memoir, *Five Chiefs*.

"The *Yale Law & Policy Review* is honored to host one of the nation's most distinguished jurists," said Russell Balikian '12 and Kasdin Miller '12, editors-in-chief of the *Yale Law & Policy Review*, which plans to publish Justice Stevens' remarks in an upcoming issue.

