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John Milewski is a veteran broadcast journalist and communications professional with extensive experience as a moderator, interviewer, anchor, reporter, and producer. For 20 years he served as executive producer, moderator, and managing editor of *Close Up* on C-SPAN, one of the longest-running news and public affairs discussion programs in cable television history. He is currently the host of the award-winning radio and television program, *Dialogue*, a production of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. The program is syndicated on nearly 200 radio stations nationwide and is televised internationally via the MHz Networks. He also serves as the Wilson Center's Director of Marketing. Mr. Milewski is also an

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Panelists

Joan Biskupic



Author and journalist Joan Biskupic has covered the Supreme Court for more than twenty years. Currently a Public Policy Scholar at the Wilson Center, she has written several books on the judiciary, including *American Original: The Life and Constitution of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2009) and *Sandra Day O'Connor: How the First Woman on the Supreme Court Became Its Most Influential Justice* (HarperCollins/Ecco, 2005). She is currently working on a book tracing the life of the nation's first Hispanic justice, Sonia Sotomayor, against the backdrop of nomination politics. As a journalist, Ms. Biskupic has covered the Supreme Court for *USA Today* (since 2000), the *Washington Post* (1992–2000).

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