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**THE SHAKESPEARE THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS
THE TRIAL OF SOCRATES
ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

Case Examines the Appellate Process through the Trial of Socrates

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Shakespeare Theatre Company presents **The Trial of Socrates** on **Tuesday, September 16, 2008**, at Sidney Harman Hall (610 F Street NW). At the event, counsel will appeal the case that originally convicted Socrates of corrupting Athenian youth and preaching godlessness in 399 B.C.E.

Justice Samuel Alito will preside over the appellate proceeding. The Counsel for Socrates includes **Abbe Lowell, Esq., McDermott, Will and Emery LLP**, and **Abe Krash, Esq., Arnold and Porter LLP. Pantelis Michalopoulos, Esq., Steptoe and Johnson LLP**, and **Betty Jo Christian, Esq., Steptoe and Johnson LLP** compose the Counsel for the City of Athens. The record will be limited to selected texts including *Apology of Socrates* and *Crito* by Plato, and Xenophon's *Memorabilia of Socrates* and *Apology of Socrates*. Supplemental testimony may also be entertained due to the extraordinary circumstances of this appellate proceeding, including the lapse of millennia.

The Trial of Socrates is sponsored by The Doric Column—a partnership supporting Greek culture at the Shakespeare Theatre Company.

About the Shakespeare Theatre Company

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