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Dean Howard A. Glickstein:

Good morning, everyone. I am Howard Glickstein, the Dean of Touro Law School. I would like to welcome you to the Ninth Annual Supreme Court Conference. The focus of this conference is on the issues the Supreme Court has dealt with in the past term that have an impact on local and state government. In this country, there has always been a fascination with the work of the United States Supreme Court, and, perhaps, because here, unlike in many other countries, most of the major social and political issues are resolved by the Court and not the legislative body. Therefore, the Court plays a significant role in the actions of this country.

I am glad to see you here today to hear about some of the activities in the last term of the Supreme Court. The term was particularly significant. The Chair of this program, Judge Lazer, as most of you know, is a former Supreme Court Justice and member of the Appellate Division for many years. He has chaired this program since its inception nine years ago. We do

publish the proceedings of this program in our Law Review, and thanks to modern technology, the events here today are being broadcast on the Internet.

I would like to welcome you all here today, and it is my great privilege to present to you the Chair of the program, Judge Lazer.