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INTRODUCTION

Honorable George C. Pratt:

Welcome to the program. We have a significant amount of material to cover in the next two days.

Doing this program is challenging, however, I have enjoyed every one of them. I am sure that every one of the faculty members has also enjoyed them.

Each year I find it is helpful to the faculty to get some idea of the balance between plaintiff oriented people and defendant oriented people. This is an area of law that seems to polarize people. How many of you are working primarily on plaintiff's side? How many primarily on defendant's side? That has changed in years, it used to be almost all plaintiffs. How many of you consider yourselves as either neutrals or switch hitters? Good, you do not need to hear from me any further, my job is basically to act as moderator and time keeper. I will try to do both of those jobs with marginal competence. We will start off with Professor Martin Schwartz bringing us up to date on what the United States Supreme Court did last year.

