

COMMENTARY SYMPOSIUM

MIRANDA AT FORTY

On October 6, 2006, four of the United States's foremost scholars came to the Michael E. Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of one of the United States Supreme Court's best known and most controversial opinions in the field of criminal procedure (or in any other field, for that matter): Miranda v. Arizona, 384 U.S. 436 (1966).

The speakers were: Professor Yale Kamisar, sometimes known as the "father of Miranda" and certainly the scholar most linked to the Court's ruling; Professor Ron Allen, probably today's most articulate critic of Miranda; Professor George C. Thomas III, whose philosophical and empirical work on Miranda is among the most interesting and thoughtful; and Professor and District Judge Gerard E. Lynch, whose scholarly work in the field of criminal law and procedure is now put to the test daily in a federal courtroom. What follows are written versions of their conference presentations.

We thank Professors Allen, Kamisar, Thomas, and Judge Lynch, for their willingness to participate in the conference and to produce the articles that follow. We also offer our thanks to two other persons in particular. This conference would not have happened at all but for the efforts of Professor Marc Spindelman. This conference was his brainchild. And it was Marc who selected the speakers and successfully solicited their participation. Marc has been a great friend of the OHIO STATE JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW throughout its history, and we thank him again for all of his efforts, including this Commentary Symposium.

We also express our thanks to Symposium Editor Kristin Blackwell (2007 Moritz Law graduate), without whose hard work we would not have had the smoothly-run, hiccup-free conference that took place. Thanks are also due to the many other student members of the OHIO STATE JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW whose legwork and kindnesses to everyone made our speakers' time in Columbus so pleasant.

