

*Chief Justice Roberts and the prospects of a “Roberts Court”.*

When John Glover Roberts took his seat on the US Supreme Court in September, 2005, he became the 17th Chief Justice of the United States. It is customary to designate different periods in the Court's history by the name of the Chief Justice, hence the Roberts Court succeeds the Rehnquist Court. However, relatively few Chief Justices stamp their leadership so effectively on the Court that we can substantively speak of, say, the Warren Court or the Marshall Court, to take two outstanding examples. In this talk, Professor McKeever will analyse the conditions under which a Chief Justice can achieve a position of substantive leadership of the Court. He will then appraise the new Chief Justice, the Court he has inherited and the first Supreme Court Term under his leadership, and assess the likelihood of Roberts taking his place in the pantheon of great Chief Justices.