

Interview Wrap-Up

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With 2024 coming to a close, we've decided to assemble this list of quotes from the interviews that we have published over the past year. We encourage our readers to take a look at each of these fascinating discussions with America's top legal thinkers!

“[Justice Scalia] famously remarked that he was a fainthearted originalist and was skeptical of taking some positivist ideas to their ultimate expression. That hesitancy is a reminder for us all to not get caught up in dogmatic thinking, this idea that theories somehow displace the law. Theories are merely a lens into the law. Ours is the search for the law itself.”

-Judge Paul Matey, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, “Natural Law for Modern Lawyers”

“Moot court develops an understanding of the legal system and certain areas of legal interpretation—often constitutional law—at a level that's really unmatched in any other kind of high school or undergraduate activity.”

-Matthew Meyers, Former President of the Yale Undergraduate Moot Court Program and Co-Founder of the National Association of Moot Court, “Moot Court 101”

“The idea here is we are trying to figure out the right way for unelected judges to interpret a legal text, whatever that text may be—whether it's a constitutional provision, or a statute, or something else. The right way to do that is figure out what the words meant at the time they were adopted. More than that, it's what they meant to a reasonable, ordinary person who would have read those words.”

-Judge Lee Rudofsky, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, “Textualism and the Separation of Powers”