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AGENDA

- 1) Welcome remarks** (3 minutes)
- 2) Opening remarks and speaker introductions** (5 minutes)
- 3) Panelist remarks** (50 minutes)
- 4) Moderator follow-up questions** (10 minutes)
- 5) Q&A with the audience** (20 minutes)
- 6) Closing remarks** (2 minutes)

This panel discusses how the retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy and the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh will shape the Supreme Court in the next term. The Court may consider questions related to the 2020 Census, abortion rights, sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination at school and in the workplace, voting rights, and more.

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