THE PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION ACT AT 75
PRAISE IT OR BURY IT?

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Welcome Remarks:
Dean Matthew Diller 2:30-2:35
Dean and Paul Fuller Professor of Law
Fordham University School of Law

Opening Address:
Professor John D. Feerick 2:35-2:45
Dean Emeritus and
Sidney C. Norris Professor of Law
Fordham University School of Law

Keynote Address:
The Honorable Jeh C. Johnson 2:45-3:00
Partner, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP
Former Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security

Panel One Discussion: Legislative Succession to the Presidency

The Relationship Between the 1947 Act and the 25th Amendment

Professor John Rogan (Panel Moderator) 3:00-3:10
Visiting Clinical Professor of Law
Fordham University School of Law
History of the Legislative Succession Provisions in the 1947 Act

Professor Joel K. Goldstein  
Vincent C. Immel Professor of Law Emeritus  
St. Louis University School of Law

Problems with the Legislative Succession Provisions

Dr. Norman J. Ornstein  
Emeritus Scholar  
American Enterprise Institute  
Advisor, Continuity of Government Commission

Defense of the Legislative Succession Provisions

Professor Seth Barrett Tillman  
Associate Professor  
Maynooth University Department of Law, Ireland

Question and Answer Session with the Audience

Panel Two Discussion: Lesser Known Legal Issues, Litigation, and Reform Efforts

The 20th Amendment, the 1947 Act, and Pre-Inaugural Problems

Professor Brian C. Kalt (Panel Moderator)  
Professor of Law & Harold Norris Faculty Scholar  
Michigan State University College of Law

The Bumping Provisions: Policy and Constitutional Considerations

Americo R. Cinquegrana  
Former Deputy Counsel for Intelligence Policy to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

The Incumbency “Requirement”: Policy and Constitutional Considerations

Professor James Ronan  
Adjunct Professor of Political Science  
Villanova University
The 1947 Act and the Judiciary: Would the Courts Decide Matters on the Merits?

Greg Jacob
Partner, O’Melveny
Former Counsel to Vice President Mike Pence
Continuity of Government Commission

Proposals to Reform the 1947 Act and how Reform could be Effectuated

Dr. John C. Fortier
Senior Fellow
American Enterprise Institute
Executive Director, Continuity of Government Commission

Question and Answer Session with the Audience

Panel Three Discussion: Real World Scenarios: Illness, Catastrophe, and Governmental Response

How Close has the U.S. Come to Having Lawmakers Succeed to the Presidency?

Roy E. Brownell II (Panel Moderator)
Attorney
Continuity of Government Commission

Carl Albert, Bipartisanship, and Presidential Succession: Lessons from Watergate

Dr. Joseph J. Fins
E. William Davis, Jr. M.D. Professor of Medical Ethics
Weill Cornell Medical College

Presidential and Vice Presidential Illness and the 1947 Act

Dr. Rose McDermott
David and Marianna Fisher University Professor of International Relations
Brown University

Continuity of Government Efforts

Garrett M. Graff
Author, *Raven Rock: The Story of the U.S. Government’s Secret Plan to Save Itself—While the Rest of Us Die*
Nuclear Weapons and the 1947 Act

Dr. Rebecca C. Lubot 5:30-5:40
Director, Porzio Governmental Affairs
Author of the Ph.D. Dissertation, *The Passage of the Twenty-Fifth Amendment: Nuclear Anxiety and Presidential Continuity*

A White House Counsel’s Perspective on Presidential Health and the Line of Succession

Ambassador (Ret.) Arthur B. (A.B.) Culvahouse Jr. 5:40-5:50
Former White House Counsel to President Ronald Reagan
Co-Chair, Continuity of Government Commission

Question and Answer Session with Audience 5:50-6:00

Concluding Observations

Dr. John C. Fortier 6:00-6:15
Senior Fellow
American Enterprise Institute
Executive Director, Continuity of Government Commission

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