Edward Terry Sanford: History, Ethics, Legacy
October 19, 2018
1:00 PM – 4:15 PM
3 hours CLE credit, including 1 DUAL
$50.00/attorneys seeking CLE credit
$10.00 no CLE credit, materials provided

In this program, lawyers will learn about the forgotten history and legacy of the only US Supreme Court Justice born and raised in Knoxville, Tennessee. After graduating from the University of Tennessee and serving in the UT Law Department, Sanford served as federal prosecutor in the only trial ever conducted before the U.S. Supreme Court. He later served as US District Judge for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Tennessee before being elevated to the Supreme Court.

Sanford is the father of the incorporation doctrine by which the protections of the Bill of Rights have been made applicable to the States. He also represents a model of judging that is currently contested in both lower and the highest court. Furthermore, he engaged ethical issues in a way that challenges contemporary notions of professionalism.

Presenters include Stephanie Slater, David Wolitz, William Mercer, and Judy Cornett.

Stephanie L. Slater is the Author of the only book-length biography of Edward Terry Sanford, U.S. Supreme Court Justice (served 1923-1930), published by the University of Tennessee Press (2018). She is a graduate of UT College of Law where she was a member of the Tennessee Law Review. After graduation she served as law clerk for the Honorable Houston Goddard, Tennessee Court of Appeals; Gary Wade, Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, and Tennessee Supreme Court; Thomas W. Phillips, US District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee; Sharon G. Lee, Tennessee Court of Appeals; Charles D. Susano, Jr., Tennessee Court of Appeals; and is now with John W. McClarty, Tennessee Court of Appeals. Slater's work has been published in the Tennessee Law Review and the Supreme Court Review. Slater will examine the history, application, and current implications of the Incorporation Doctrine, whereby the US Supreme Court has used the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment to make the protections of the Bill of Rights applicable to the States.

David Wolitz, whose teaching at UT College of Law involves criminal law, criminal procedure, and jurisprudence will discuss Sanford's place in American jurisprudential history.

William Mercer holds a joint appointment in the UT History Department and the UT College of Law where he teaches American Legal History. Mercer will discuss the historical background within which the incorporation doctrine became possible.

Professor Judy Cornett writes and teaches in the area of Legal Ethics, and is the co-author of a legal ethics textbook, and writes a column for the KBA Magazine, Dicta. Cornett will discuss the ethical dilemmas Sanford faced and how those dilemmas have been transformed over time into contemporary issues.

Schedule:
1:00-2:00 PM Sanford and Freedom of Speech 1 hour general credit
2:00-3:00 PM Sanford’s Place in Constitutional History 1 hour general credit
3:00-3:15 PM Break
3:15-4:15 PM Ethical Dilemmas Past, Present, & Future 1 hour DUAL credit

To register, send Micki Fox an e-mail: MFox2@utk.edu