

Cologne v. Westfarms Associates: A Thirty-Year Retrospective

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

University of Connecticut School of Law, William R. Davis Court Room Refreshments: 5:30 p.m. Panel Discussion: 6:00 p.m.

"SHEA, J. The principal question presented by this appeal is whether a court of this state may direct that the rights of free speech and petition in our state constitution may be exercised upon private property consisting of a large regional shopping center, contrary to the wishes of its owners. We conclude that it may not and vacate the judgment which contained such a decree." *Cologne v. Westfarms Associates*, 192 Conn. 48, 50 (1984).

Moderator: Gregory T. D'Auria, Solicitor General

State of Connecticut

Panelists: Hon. Joette Katz, Commissioner of Children and Families

Former Justice, Connecticut Supreme Court Martin B. Margulies, Professor Emeritus of Law

Quinnipiac University School of Law **Donald W. Rogers**, Ph.D., Historian Central Connecticut State University

Keegan Drenosky, Associate

Day Pitney LLP

Join the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society as it recognizes one of the most significant cases in state history. This event will trace the litigation from its beginnings, when NOW sought to use the Westfarms Mall to aid its petition drive in support of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment, to the KKK episode that brought a complicating dynamic to the question of free speech at the mall to the Supreme Court arguments and decision.

There is no charge for this event; all are welcome.