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Walter Dellinger is Chair of the Appellate Practice at O'Melveny, heads the Harvard/O'Melveny Supreme Court and Appellate Practice Clinic, and is a Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard University. He is on leave from his professorship at Duke Law School. In the 2007-2008 term of the U.S. Supreme Court he argued *Morgan Stanley v. Public Utility District*, *Exxon v. Baker*, and *Heller v. District of Columbia*.

Dellinger served as Assistant Attorney General and head of the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) from 1993 to 1996. He was acting Solicitor General for the 1996-97 Term of the U.S. Supreme Court. During that time, Walter argued nine cases before the Court, the most by any Solicitor General in more than 20 years. His arguments included cases dealing with physician-assisted suicide, the line item veto, the cable television act, the Brady Act, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and the constitutionality of remedial services for parochial school children.

His most recent successful arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court include *Jackson v. Birmingham School District*, *Brown v. Legal Foundation of Washington*, *US Airways v. Barnett*, *Utah v. Evans*, *Hunt v. Cromartie*, and *Hunt v. Easley*. His Court of Appeals arguments include *Martha Stewart v. United States*, *Whiteside v. United States*, *Exxon v. Alabama*, *LCI v. Phillips*, and *Bank of America v. Miller*.

He has served as Special Counsel to the Board of Directors of the New York Stock Exchange in connection with the NYSE's transformation into a publicly held company and its acquisition of an electronic trading company.

After serving in early 1993 in the White House as an advisor to the President on constitutional issues, Walter was nominated by the President to be Assistant Attorney General. He was confirmed by the Senate in October 1993 and served for three years. As head of the OLC, Walter issued opinions on a wide variety of issues, including: the President's authority to deploy United States forces in Haiti and Bosnia; whether the trade agreements required treaty ratification; and a major review of separation of powers questions. He provided extensive legal advice on questions arising out of the shutdown of the federal government, on national debt ceiling issues, and on loan guarantees for Mexico.

Walter has published articles on constitutional issues for scholarly journals including the *Harvard Law Review*, the *Yale Law Journal*, and the *Duke Law Journal*, and has written for the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, the *New Republic*, and the *London Times*. He has been a visiting professor at the Catholic University of Belgium and has given lectures to university faculties in Florence, Siena, Nuremberg, Copenhagen, Leiden, Utrecht, Tilburg, Mexico, and Rio de Janeiro, and has delivered major lectures at Stanford, Yale, Harvard, Michigan, Berkeley, Penn, Duke, Chicago, and other US law schools. He has testified more than 25 times before committees of Congress.

Professional Activities

Law Clerk, Honorable Hugo L. Black, U.S. Supreme Court, 1968-1969

Admitted to Practice, the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Ninth and Tenth Circuits, the District of Columbia Circuit, the Federal Circuit; and various District Courts

Fellow, National Humanities Center, 1988-1989

Professor, Duke University, School of Law, Douglas B. Maggs Professor

professional focus

Appellate
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education

Yale University, J.D., 1966: Editor, *Yale Law Journal*

University of North Carolina, B.A., 1963: with honors; John J. Parker Medal for Leadership; Frank Porter Graham Award as Outstanding Senior

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