

RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA) Invites you to its meeting July 19, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT

Nelson Tebbe

"The Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution and the 'Travel Ban' "



What is the best way to think about the constitutionality of President Trump's executive order on entry — his troubled "travel ban"? That question is now before the Supreme Court of the United States. While lower courts have struck down the ban under the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, they have used a theory that is unlikely to prevail among the Justices. Nelson Tebbe helped to organize a brief on behalf of constitutional law scholars from across the country. It suggests that there is a better way to think about the travel ban — one that is more likely to prevail in the

high court. He will describe the background law and he will answer questions about the alternative legal theory he has offered on behalf of these scholars.

Professor Tebbe teaches courses on the First Amendment and general constitutional law at Cornell Law School. His scholarship focuses on religious liberty, both in the U.S. and abroad. He holds a B.A. degree from Brown University, a J.D. from Yale Law School and a Ph.D. with distinction from the University of Chicago Divinity School. Before entering teaching, he clerked for Hon. John M. Walker of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, worked for the American Civil Liberties Union and was an associate at Davis Polk and Wardwell. He was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. He is the author of a recent book, *Religious Freedom in an Egalitarian Age*, published by Harvard University Press.

Next Week: July 26, Peter Sherr, "Educating the Children of Greenwich – What's Next?"

The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a free program every Wednesday that is open to the public, both men and women; no reservations are required. Our social break starts at 10:40AM followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00AM. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Avenue in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact info@greenwichrma.org