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Quick Facts

- Rock Hill attorney Stephen Cox will examine the limits that national security impose on the right to speak freely and also the government's right to limit offensive speech.
- Cox will speak from 11 a.m. to noon in Dina's Place in the DiGiorgio Campus Center. The event is free and open to the public.



Stephen Cox

ROCK HILL, S.C. – **Constitution Day speaker Stephen Cox** will talk about the limits of free speech during a Sept. 19 lecture at Winthrop University.

The Rock Hill attorney will speak from 11 a.m. to noon in Dina's Place in the **DiGiorgio Campus Center**. The event is free and open to the public.

Cox will examine the limits that national security impose on the right to speak freely and also the government's right to limit offensive speech. **West Forum Co-Director Katarina Moyon** said Cox also will explain the fine line between what is and isn't considered free speech.

Cox graduated from Harvard College, summa cum laude, and Harvard Law School, cum laude. In his work at the law firm of **Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson**, he helps businesses in complex litigation and arbitration matters, and has represented clients in bench and jury trials and in appeals to state and federal appellate courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

Named as one of the **Best Lawyers in America®** for 2014, Cox received recognition in the the areas of banking and finance law, commercial litigation, construction law, employment law – management, labor law – management, and real estate law. He also is the president of the Board of Directors of **Pilgrims' Inn**, a homeless assistance agency in Rock Hill.

In 2004, **Senator Robert Byrd**, D-WVa., sponsored legislation that designated Sept. 17 - the anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution in 1787 - as **Constitution Day**.

All educational institutions that receive federal funding are expected to observe **Constitution Day** in some way. Beginning in 2009, the **John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy** assumed responsibility for Winthrop's commemoration of Constitution Day.

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