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**WHAT:** Experts discuss the latest of four death penalty cases this Supreme Court term arising out of Texas

**WHO:**

- **Richard C. Dieter**, Executive Director, Death Penalty Information Center
- **Anthony J. Franze**, Counsel to Amici Legal Historians in *Panetti v. Quarterman*; Associate, Arnold & Porter LLP
- Moderator, **Virginia E. Sloan**, President, The Constitution Project

**WHEN & WHERE:** Currently available in [ACS' multimedia archives](#).

At a time when many states are considering death penalty moratoriums or even abolishing capital punishment outright, Texas executes more inmates than any other state. This term, the Supreme Court is hearing four death penalty appeals arising out of the state of Texas--the last of which, *Panetti v. Quarterman*, is scheduled for oral argument on April 18th. Our panel discussed the legal issues behind *Panetti*, which considers whether the Eighth Amendment permits Texas to execute a mentally ill inmate who believes he is being executed for "preaching the gospel," and also asked whether Texas' relatively high number of executions represents a break with a developing trend among the several states.

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