

# FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION: A VIEW FROM THE BENCH

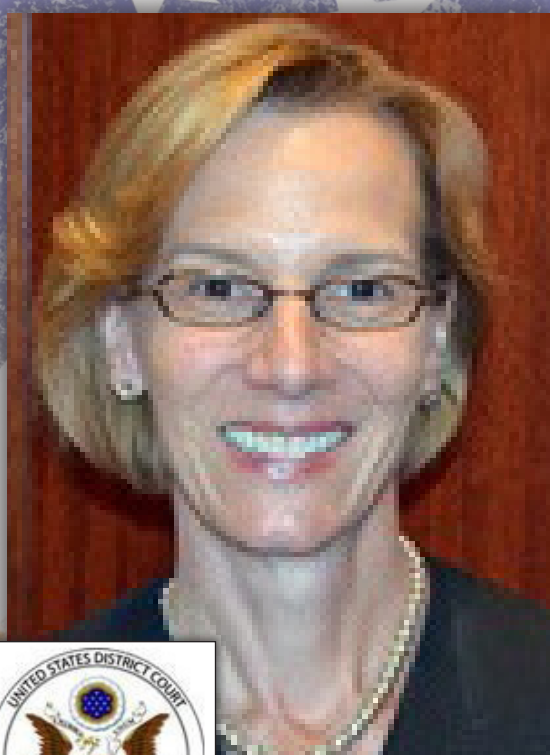
Freedom of speech is a cornerstone of our American democracy and is currently threatened by actions on both sides of the political aisle.

## HONORABLE KATHERINE B. FORREST

Hon. Katherine B. Forrest is a United States district judge in the Southern District of New York. She was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the Senate in 2011. She has presided over a number of high-profile cases, including: *Hedges v. Obama*, a lawsuit that challenged indefinite military detention under the National Defense Authorization Act; *In Re 650 Fifth Avenue and Related Properties*, the largest civil forfeiture action in U.S. history involving the turnover of Iranian assets to victims of terrorism; the criminal trial of Ross Ulbricht, who created and ran the Silk Road website; and the criminal trial of Abu Hamza al-Masri, who was found guilty of 11 terrorism charges. Judge Forrest serves as chairman of the Southern District's Committee on Grievances, and is also an adjunct professor of law at New York University School of Law.

Prior to joining the bench, Judge Forrest was in private practice for over 20 years and was a partner at the law firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP in New York.

Judge Forrest received her JD in 1990 from the New York University School of Law and her BA, with honors, from Wesleyan University in 1986.



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