

ALBUQUERQUE ACADEMY

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Albuquerque Academy to Host Legal Experts Vicki L. Been and Richard L. Revesz

Lecture Series Includes Community Lecture March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Albuquerque Academy and Student Activities

Students at Albuquerque Academy and Amy Biehl High School – as well as the wider community – will have the opportunity to put their questions about the constitution to Vicki Been and Richard Revesz in March, when the pair will speak about the U.S. Constitution and the obligations of being an American citizen, always-relevant topics, but even more so as we consider how these responsibilities impact our lives today as they are being played out in the federal courts.

On Thursday, March 5, Been and Revesz will visit U.S. history classes and speak to all students in grades 10-12 at the Academy during the school day and then host **a lecture open to the public at 6:30 p.m. at the Academy's Simms Center for the Performing Arts**. Visit www.aa.edu/community/community-academy/lecture-series/ to reserve tickets to this free event. The lecture series also includes a visit to another local school; in 2020, the partner school is Amy Biehl High School.

Vicki Been, Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development for New York City, specializes in the intersection of land use, urban policy, and housing. In her three years as Commissioner of Housing Preservation and Development for the City of New York, she developed a strategy for addressing needs for affordable housing. She has served as the director of the Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy and has been on the faculty at New York University School of Law since 1990. Born in a small town in neighboring Colorado, she is a graduate of Colorado State University and NYU School of Law.

Richard Revesz, a professor at NYU School of Law, is one of the nation's leading voices in environmental and regulatory law and policy. Twice he has received the American Bar Association's award for the best article or book on administrative law and regulatory practice. He is a co-founder of the Institute for Policy Integrity at NYU and is director of the American Law Institute. A native of Buenos Aires, Revesz has degrees from Princeton University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Yale Law School.

Both Been and Revesz have clerked in the U.S. Supreme Court – Been with Justice Harry Blackmun and Revesz with Justice Thurgood Marshall.

The lecture series, established by Albuquerque lawyer Roberta Cooper Ramo, first female president of the American Bar Association and the American Law Institute, is funded by a gift in honor of Cooper Ramo from the ECMC Group, a family of companies that provide financial tools and services, nonprofit career education, and job placement services to help students succeed and achieve their academic and professional goals.

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About Albuquerque Academy

At Albuquerque Academy, labels and boundaries don't apply. Like our teachers, Academy students are world-class artists and athletes, scholars and explorers. The Academy is one of the top schools in the country, and we set each student on their own life-long path of learning and doing. Through challenging coursework, deep connections with faculty and friends, and meaningful experiential education, our students grow to understand the greater world and how they can go out and serve it with wisdom, conviction, and compassion.

About Amy Biehl High School

Amy Biehl High School was founded in the spirit of Amy Biehl, a young person dedicated to social justice. Using a thematic approach across subject areas, students apply and demonstrate skills and knowledge to analyze and address community needs. Through service, students are challenged to play meaningful roles in their communities while developing leadership skills. The school assists a diverse student body to acquire intellectual, social, and ethical habits to prepare for post-secondary education and life.