

**STATEMENT OF EUGENE B. MEYER**  
**PRESIDENT, THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY**

The following is a statement by Federalist Society President Eugene B. Meyer responding to inquiries about the July 25, 2005 Washington Post story, “Roberts Listed in Federalist Society ’97-98 Directory”:

“The Federalist Society has a longstanding practice of not disclosing our dues-paying membership rolls out of respect for the privacy of our members. Membership is open to anyone who wishes to join, the Society’s programs are open to the public, and our website lists over 500 individuals who serve as volunteer leaders of the organization. We also issue annually a list of our donors, which is contained in our annual report.

The Federalist Society is an organization of about 35,000 founded in 1982 on the principles that ‘the State exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be.’

The Society’s principal purpose is to sponsor fair, serious and open debate about these principles, and the organization has a rich tradition of hosting speakers on all sides of the political spectrum. The Federalist Society has had the privilege of bringing together some of the nation’s most distinguished public officials, judges, lawyers, and scholars to participate in its programming, and many of the nation’s most prominent attorneys have been involved in the organization.”