

The University of Georgia School of Law

"Why Equality Matters"

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The fall quarter Sibley Lecturer is one of the nation's leading authors in the area of constitutional law. His field of inquiry is not limited to Supreme Court-watching in the American judicial system. Instead, he ventures out into such issues as land reform measures in Latin America, tax exemption status of charitable foundations, affirmative action, and freedom of intimate association.

Kenneth Karst has written four books and 45 law review articles during his teaching career. In addition, he is called upon as a reviewer of major writings in the constitutional law field and his reviews have appeared in 33 journals and other periodicals.

He is the associate editor of <u>Encyclopedia of the American Constitution</u> which will be published in 1987 by The Free Press/Macmillan Company.

Professor Karst has been a member of the UCLA faculty since 1965. He taught at Ohio State University seven years and was in private law practice for a short time after law school graduation. He earned the LL.B. degree in 1953 from Harvard Law School where he was editor and officer of the <u>Harvard Law Review</u>.

Professor Karst was a senior associate member of St. Antony's College, University of Oxford, England in 1972-73 and he held a Ford Foundation law faculty fellowship in Latin America in 1962-63.

In describing his lecture topic, Professor Karst indicated that he intends to respond to the argument that equality can be abandoned as a principle of law, and that scholars should concentrate on the particulars of substantive claims. He proposes to outline the various functions that have been served by the notion of equality in this country's constitutional history.

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