SCARING BUSINESS AWAY?
"To have the legislature sit as judge and jury on the merits of a transaction would make Maryland an extraordinarily unattractive place for any business to be."
— Professor Richard Booth in The Baltimore Sun on legislation giving Maryland's General Assembly the right to reverse a merger between Constellation Energy and Florida Power and Light.

A COURT DIVIDED
"Whenever you have an opinion with various individual rulings, it speaks to how divided a court is about that particular issue, so the death penalty in Maryland is an issue which has divided our highest court."
— Professor Douglas Colbert in The Daily Record, after four Court of Appeals judges who voted to overturn an inmate's death sentence disagreed on their reasons for the ruling.

AT ATTENTION
"Military recruiters weren't asking for the same rights. They were asking for special treatment."
— Professor Mark Graber in the Washington Post on a Supreme Court ruling affirming a law that halts federal financing to universities that do not give military recruiters equal access to students that other employers receive.

RIGHTS ON THE LINE
"If suspects assert their rights to an attorney and are repeatedly ignored, it suggests not only a lack of training, but a lack of commitment to the Fifth Amendment."
— Professor Michael Pinard, director of the University of Maryland Environmental Law Clinic, in The Baltimore Sun on the Maryland Department of the Environment's decision to shut down all the state's ozone monitors in the city.

AIRING OUT THE ISSUE
"They are cheating. Ozone monitors are the foundation of the whole system. Without them, we never know where we are, and we can never tell if we are making progress on air pollution. Ozone exacerbates asthma, and asthma is epidemic in the city, especially among children."
— Professor Rena Steinzor, director of the University of Maryland Environmental Law Clinic, in The Baltimore Sun on the Maryland Department of the Environment's decision to shut down all the state's ozone monitors in the city.

DON'T PRE-JUDGE
"You just can't prepare as thoroughly for the individual judges, so you're going in not as comfortable as you might be. My response is, 'tough.' That makes you think more carefully what your real arguments are."
— Professor William Reynolds in The Daily Record on the Fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' practice of not informing lawyers which judges will hear their cases until the morning of argument.
WHERE THERE'S SMOKE
"Fires caused by cigarettes are the leading cause of fire deaths in the country, having killed an average of about 780 Americans a year between 1999 and 2001. Although tobacco manufacturers hold dozens of patents for what are known as 'fire-safe' or 'reduced ignition propensity' cigarettes, which are designed to extinguish when not smoked, the tobacco companies have never voluntarily introduced the safer cigarettes into the market on a wide scale."
— Professor Kathleen Hoke Dachille, director of The Legal Resource Center for Tobacco Regulation, Litigation and Advocacy, in The Baltimore Sun.

JUDGING GENES
"In some circumstances, they are similar to judges ordering a mental or physical exam, but genetic tests do raise other kinds of concerns that some other kinds of medical exams do not. For example, they might reveal information that is significant to family members of the tested person, information that they would not have wanted to know. Learning that someone has a predisposition to develop an untreatable, incurable disease might have devastating psychological effects."
— Associate Dean Diane Hoffmann on National Public Radio, discussing her paper "When Should Judges Admit or Compel Genetic Tests?" which was published in the journal Science.

CAUSE FOR CONCERN
"It tells me the wagons are circling around the Bush administration. Its policy with regard to detainees has become not only a scandal outside the United States, but it’s caused increasing concerns within the country."
— Professor Michael Greenberger, director of the Center for Health and Homeland Security, on ABC News’ "World News Tonight" about the Supreme Court’s decision to hear a case that questions the use of military tribunals to try terror suspects.

JUST LIKE THE REST OF US
"A judge should be like any other citizen who gets a citation. He should go to court and explain it to the judge."
— Professor Robert Condlin, in the Washington Post after a Maryland State Police trooper deviated from official procedure by voiding a speeding ticket he had written for a Prince George’s County judge.

ON THE AIR
"It can do nothing but good for the public perception and realization of how difficult some of these issues are and what is being talked about. Frankly, there is not going to be an 'American Idol'-type of response to this."
— Senior Judicial Fellow John F. Fader II, in The Baltimore Sun on the Maryland Court of Appeals’ decision to consider airing live broadcasts of its oral arguments.