

May Statutory Annotations be Copyrighted? - Faculty Bios

- **Max Etchemendy**, Vinson & Elkins - metchemendy@velaw.com

Max's principal area of practice is appellate litigation. Prior to joining V&E, he served as a judicial clerk to Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the Supreme Court of the United States and to Chief Judge Merrick B. Garland of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Stanford Law School, J.D., 2012 (*Stanford Law Review*, Senior Editor; *Stanford Technology Law Review*, Editor); Stanford University, Ph.D., Philosophy, 2016; Stanford University, B.S. Symbolic Systems (with distinction); B.A. Philosophy (with honors and distinction), 2006; Admitted to practice: District of Columbia; Maryland; Supreme Court of the United States; United States Courts of Appeals for the Eighth and District of Columbia Circuits

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Josh's principal area of practice is appellate litigation. Before joining the firm, Josh served in the Appellate Section of the U.S. Department of Justice's Criminal Division, where he participated in briefing cases before the United States Supreme Court and argued five cases before the U.S. Courts of Appeals. Josh has served as a law clerk at all three levels of the federal court system. He clerked for Judge Nancy Gertner (District of Massachusetts, 2009–2010), Judge David S. Tatel (D.C. Circuit, 2010–2011), and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (U.S. Supreme Court, 2012–2013). Yale Law School, J.D., 2009 (Senior Editor, *The Yale Law Journal*); Yale University, B.A., Ethics, Politics, & Economics summa cum laude, 2006 (Phi Beta Kappa); Admitted to practice: District of Columbia; Texas; Virginia

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Andrew Pincus focuses his appellate practice on briefing and arguing cases in the Supreme Court of the United States and in federal and state appellate courts; developing legal strategy for trial courts; and presenting policy and legal arguments to Congress, state legislatures, and regulatory agencies.

Andy has argued 29 cases in the Supreme Court, including two cases in the October 2018 Term as well as his recent victories in *Impression Products, Inc. v. Lexmark International, Inc.* (2017); *Kindred Nursing Home Centers Limited Partnership v. Clark* (2017); and *Spokeo, Inc. v. Robins* (2016). *Law360* [ranked](#) Andy's victory in *AT&T Mobility v. Concepcion*, 131 S. Ct. 1740 (2011), as the most important Supreme Court class action decision of the last 15 years. Andy was [named](#) a 2016 "Appellate MVP" by *Law360*; was [recognized](#) in 2015 as a Litigation Trailblazer by *The National Law Journal*; and was [profiled](#) as a member of *Law360*'s 2014 Appellate A-List.

A former Assistant to the Solicitor General in the United States Department of Justice (1984-1988), Andy co-founded and serves as co-director of the [Yale Law](#)

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Othni J. Lathram is the director of the Alabama Legislative Services Agency, the successor entity to the Alabama Law Institute, Legislative Fiscal Office, and Legislative Reference Service. Prior to joining the Alabama Law Institute in 2008, he practiced in Birmingham with a focus on complex litigation. Othni received his B.S. in Economics from Auburn University and his J.D. from the University of Alabama. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute, is a Commissioner with the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and serves on the Alabama Supreme Court's Standing Committee on the Rules of Civil Procedure. He has previously served on the executive committee of the Legal Services Staff Section of the National Conference of State Legislatures and The Alabama Supreme Court's Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions Committee. He is the co-author of Alabama Civil Procedure: a LexisNexis Practice Guide. Othni is a member of the bar in Alabama and Texas and has been admitted to practice before federal district and circuit courts around the country.

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Evan has worked for the Minnesota Office of the Revisor of Statutes, a nonpartisan joint office of the Minnesota Legislature, for seven years. The office compiles Minnesota Statutes and is the official publisher of Minnesota Statutes, Laws, and Rules. They also provide confidential legislative and administrative drafting services, legal advice, and other services to members of the Minnesota Legislature and state agency staff during all stages of the legislative process.

He is tasked with all work of the office relating to tax law drafting, except for property taxes. He is also currently the lead reporter for the biennial Revisor Court Opinions Report, which covers statutory changes recommended or discussed, and statutory deficiencies noted, in any opinion of the Minnesota Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals of Minnesota. Evan earned a J.D., cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law and a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse.