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VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
1980 JOINT STUDENT FORUM

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On October 28 & 29, 1980, the Villanova University School of Law presented its first Student Forum on contemporary issues in constitutional law, jointly sponsored by the Thomas More Society and the *Villanova Law Review*. Our distinguished visiting scholar for the program was Raoul Berger, currently Emeritus Fellow in American Legal History at the Harvard Law School.

Professor Berger first lectured on, and participated in a student/faculty colloquium concerning, Executive Privilege. This colloquium formed the basis for a discussion of the constitutional and historical issues surrounding executive privilege, but with a measure of detachment from the tumultuous Watergate era and in light of current political events. On the following evening, Professor Berger delivered the Forum's keynote address on "The Role of the Supreme Court in a Democratic Society."

What follows is the substance of the formal portions of Professor Berger's lecture and keynote address which have been supplemented with citations for research and reference purposes and modified where necessary to accommodate the written form.

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