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## ROMEO, JULIET & THE Case OF

### FRIAR LAURENCE

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 5**

1:00-2:30PM PST

FREIGHT AND  
SALVAGE THEATER

2020 ADDISON STREET  
BERKELEY, CA

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Seeking to marry without the knowledge of their parents, two young people are advised by a trusted mentor to follow a course of action involving controlled substances, feigned death, covert travel, and forced entry into a family crypt. Is the plan this mentor devises simply derailed by accident and chance, or has he concocted a recipe for disaster that renders him culpable for their demise?

The tale is *Romeo and Juliet*, and the defendant is Friar Laurence. You are the jury at this interactive trial, featuring Dean Erwin Chemerinsky (Berkeley Law), Professor Bernadette Meyler (Stanford Law), and the Honorable Andrew Guilford, Ret. The story will be brought to life by actors from UC Irvine's New Swan Shakespeare Festival. Your hosts are Eli Simon (UCI Drama) and Julia Lupton (UCI English).

**You will be asked to vote on two separate charges:**

**Is Friar Laurence guilty or not guilty  
of involuntary manslaughter?**

**Is Friar Laurence guilty or not guilty  
of child endangerment?**

The UC Shakespeare Trial is a joint project of the New Swan Shakespeare Center at UC Irvine, Berkeley Law, Stanford Law, and UCI Law. Previous trials include *Hamlet*, *The Merchant of Venice*, and *Julius Caesar*.

### FEATURING

Dean Erwin Chemerinsky  
*Berkeley Law*

Professor Bernadette Meyler  
*Stanford Law*

*and actors from  
New Swan Shakespeare  
Festival, UC Irvine*

## Berkeley Law

## Stanford Law School

**UCI** New Swan  
Shakespeare Center

# THE LEGAL TEAM



**ERWIN CHEMERINSKY** is Dean and Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law at Berkeley Law. He became the 13th Dean of Berkeley Law in 2017. Prior to assuming this position, he was the founding Dean and Distinguished Professor of Law, and Raymond Pryke Professor of First Amendment Law, at the University of California, Irvine School of Law. He has also taught at Duke University, USC, and DePaul College of Law. He is the author of fourteen books, including leading casebooks and treatises about constitutional law, criminal procedure, and federal jurisdiction. His most recent books are *Presumed Guilty: How the Supreme Court Empowered the Police and Subverted Civil Rights* (Norton 2021), and *The Religion Clauses: The Case for Separating Church and State* (with Howard Gillman) (Oxford University Press 2020).



**BERNADETTE MEYLER** is Carl and Sheila Spaeth Professor of Law at Stanford University. She holds a PhD in English from UC Irvine. She is a scholar of British and American constitutional law and of law and the humanities. She is also a 2020 Guggenheim Fellow in Constitutional Studies. Her research and teaching bring together the sometimes surprisingly divided fields of legal history and law and literature. They also examine the long history of constitutionalism, reaching back into the English common law ancestry of the U.S. Constitution. She is the author of *Theaters of Pardoning*, which looks at mechanisms of pardoning in seventeenth-century drama and politics.



**HON. ANDREW GUILFORD, RET.** is a former United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the Central District of California. During his judicial tenure, Judge Guilford sat by designation on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and is one of only two Central District Judges to have been invited to sit at the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He served as one of the few Patent Pilot Program judges in the Central District. As a federal judge, Guilford heard over a hundred trials. He is a founder of the UCI School of Law.

# THE ACTORS



**ANDREW BORBA (FRIAR LAURENCE)** is in his seventh season as Artistic Director of Chautauqua Theater Company, where he previously served eight seasons as CTC’s Associate Artistic Director. An actor and director, Andrew has worked at theaters around the country. Recently Andrew directed *Julius Caesar* at PlayMaker’s Repertory in North Carolina and is appearing as CEO/bad guy Phillip Corwin in the Bosch: Legacy TV series on Amazon. Andrew is a graduate of Brown University and New York University. He lives in Los Angeles, and is Head of M.F.A. Acting at UC Irvine.



**CRYSTAL KIM (JULIET):** Born and raised in Philadelphia, Crystal Kim is a Korean-American actor now based in LA. She received her degree in Theater Arts and Performance Studies from Brown University and an MFA in Acting from UC Irvine. She also studied classical acting at LAMDA in London. She is a lover of both theater and film and is devoted to Asian-American representation in all media.



**KIERAN BARRY (ROMEO):** Born in Atlanta and raised in Providence, Kieran studied Performance Studies and Computer Science at Brown University before moving to California to receive his MFA in Acting from UC Irvine. He now lives in LA where he pursues a career in the arts by night and programs by day alongside the sweetest cat in the world, Tessa.

# INSTRUCTIONS TO THE JURY

Court of Verona, Hon. Andrew J. Guilford, presiding

People V. Friar Laurence

Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, Prosecution  
Prof. Bernadette Meyler, Defense

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