

Annual Joint Meeting

James E. Doyle American Inn of Court &
Thomas E. Fairchild American Inn of Court

Red Circle Inn & Bistro Restaurant
N44W33013 Watertown Plank Rd.
Nashotah, WI 53058

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

ANNOTATED AGENDA

"A Historian's Adventures in the Law"

5:30-6:00 Cocktails
6:00-6:10 Introduction by Hon. John Markson, Dane County Circuit Court, James E. Doyle Chapter President
6:10-7:00 Professor Stanley Kutler: Reflections on release of the Watergate tapes and Watergate 40 years later Mr. Kutler, Professor Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of History, is a prolific author, living legend, and widely acclaimed historian (biographic sketch attached). He will speak on his experiences during the legal battle addressed in his book <u>Abuse of Power: The New Nixon Tapes</u> , particularly his successful law suit against the National Archives and Nixon to force the release of the long-suppressed tapes. Many books have been written about Nixon, and about Watergate, but perhaps none sheds so revealing a light on the late president as <u>Abuse of Power</u> . In the years following Watergate, as Nixon fought to rebuild his reputation from the ruins of his shattered presidency, he fought fiercely to suppress publication of most of the secret tapes that led to his downfall. During his lifetime, only about 60 hours of the almost 4,000 that exist were ever made public, and even after his death his estate continued to obstruct further releases. Then, in 1996, Kutler, along with the advocacy group Public Citizen, won a landmark decision to release the tapes.
7:00-7:15 Closing Comments and Toast: Attorney John Skilton (CV attached)
7:15-9:00 Dinner Service