



# *Muller v. Oregon*

## *Centennial Conference*

The landmark 1908 U.S. Supreme Court decision and its impact on wage and hour regulations

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A National Consumers League Conference  
June 25, 2008

Georgetown University Law Center, McDonough Hall, Hart Auditorium  
600 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001

### Agenda

8:15 – 9:15 A.M.

**Registration.** Continental breakfast

9:15 - 9:30

**Welcome and introduction**

**Overview of *Muller v. Oregon* and Its Impact on Labor and Women's Rights**

9:30 - 11

***Muller v. Oregon*: Its Historical Context, Key Players, and Impact on Wage and Hour and Other Job Protections for Workers**

Moderator: **Robyn Muncy**, Associate Professor of History, University of Maryland, College Park, author of *Creating a Female Dominion in American Reform, 1890-1935*

Panelists:

**Kathryn Kish Sklar**, Distinguished Professor of History at the State University of New York, Binghamton, author of *Florence Kelley and the Nation's Work*

**Landon Storrs**, Assistant Professor of History, University of Houston, author of *Civilizing Capitalism: The National Consumers' League, Women's Activist, and Labor Standards in the New Deal Era*

**Philippa Strum**, Director, United States Studies, Woodrow Wilson Center, author of *Brandeis: Beyond Progressivism*

11 – 11:15

**Coffee break**

11:15 - 12:45 P.M.

**The Status of Worker Protections 100 Years After *Muller*, and *Muller's* Legacy for Women's Rights**

Moderator: **Michael J. Wilson**, International Vice President of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union

Panelists:

**Jocelyn Frye**, General Counsel, National Partnership for Women & Families  
**Marcia Greenberger**, Co-President, National Women's Law Center  
**Esther López**, Director, Civil Rights and Community Action Department, United Food and Commercial Workers Union  
**Cathy Ruckelshaus**, Litigation Director, National Employment Law Project

**12:45– 1:45**

**Lunch**

**Ann Brown**, former Chairman, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission  
**Speaker: Congresswoman Linda Sánchez**  
Congresswoman Linda Sánchez represents the 39th Congressional District of California and is serving her third term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Congresswoman Sánchez is the first Latina in history to serve on the Judiciary Committee. A co-founder of the Labor and Working Families Caucus, Congresswoman Sánchez also serves on the House Committee on Education and Labor. After law school, Representative Sánchez worked for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 441.

**1:45 - 3:30**

**Wage and Hour and Union Rights and Protections for Workers:  
Agenda for the Future**

Moderator: **Joslyn Williams**, AFL-CIO Metropolitan Washington Council

Panelists:

**Wilma Liebman**, Board member, National Labor Relations Board  
**Bill Lurye**, Associate General Counsel, AFL-CIO  
**Mary Beth Maxwell**, Executive Director, American Rights at Work  
**Judy Scott**, General Counsel, Service Employees International Union

**3:30 – 4:30**

**Where Do We Go From Here: Facilitated Open Session**

**Kim Bobo**, Founder and Director, Interfaith Worker Justice  
**Joslyn Williams**, AFL-CIO Metropolitan Washington Council

**4:30**

**Closing Comments: Wrap up and Adjourn**

*Please join us for a wine and cheese reception immediately following the conference, hosted by the American Federation of Teachers at its 555 New Jersey Avenue, N.W. address.*

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