



THE CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AT AKRON

CALL FOR PAPERS – *LOCKETT v. OHIO AT 40*

The Center for Constitutional Law at the University of Akron School of Law invites scholars, practitioners, and advocates to submit papers commemorating the United States Supreme Court decision in *Lockett v. Ohio*, 438 U.S. 586 (1978). Argued by the brilliant Prof. Anthony Amsterdam, the decision laid the framework for narrowing application of the death penalty. *Lockett* not only overturned Ohio's 1974 era death penalty law, it heralded the significance and breadth of mitigating factors that must be considered by jurors and judges making the life or death decision in the penalty phase of capital cases, and tapped in to issues of disproportionate sentencing (those decided and yet to be).

Papers reflecting on the decision and its progeny are invited for a written symposium in the Akron Law Review's online journal [ConLawNOW](#), to be submitted by August 20, 2018. All submissions are welcome. Papers may be in the form of essays of 10-15 pages, or more traditional law review format. To participate, please send a brief abstract of the proposed paper to Prof. Emerita Marge Koosed at mkoosed@uakron.edu and Prof. Tracy Thomas, Seiberling Chair of Constitutional Law, at thomast@uakron.edu.

The University of Akron School of Law will host a program commemorating the *Lockett* decision, with Sandra Lockett Young in attendance, in October 2018. It is hoped that writers will be available to participate in this program by video conferencing.