Roger Newman will discuss freedom and technology against the commands of the Constitution.

“If the first casualty of war is truth, civil liberties are second. Panic leads the way, with such examples as the internment of American citizens of Japanese descent during World War II and McCarthyism purges during the Cold War. The reaction to 9-11 has threatened civil liberties in a potentially much more dangerous way. The government is keeping records of everything we do digitally, even on admittedly rare occasion listening to our phone calls. A National Surveillance State has been created. Even just walking on the street is often recorded. The dangers are obvious.”

**ROGER NEWMAN’S** biography of Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black won the Scribes Book Award and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. The New York Times called it “a giant book on a giant man.” PBS used it as the basis for one of the programs in its series on the history of the Supreme Court on which Roger Newman also appeared several times. He is the editor of two large works, the Yale Biographical Dictionary of American Law, and a four-volume encyclopedia, The Constitution and Its Amendments. The late Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., called Roger Newman “a scholar of first rank,” and he has written more than 150 articles and reviews, and lectured extensively across the country.

He has appeared on C-Span, PBS, National Public Radio and even Entertainment Tonight, which used another of his books, Banned Films, as the basis of a week-long series on movie censorship. He has taught at Hofstra Law School, NYU and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, and is currently working on a book on the Supreme Court over the past forty years.