

Speaker Biography



Carter G. Phillips

Carter G. Phillips is the Managing Partner of the Washington, D.C., office of Sidley Austin LLP. He was a law clerk to Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and served as Assistant to the Solicitor General for three years from 1981-84. Since joining Sidley, Mr. Phillips has argued 50 cases before the Supreme Court, for a career total of 59 arguments. Examples of some of his recent cases are: *Tellabs v. Makor Issues & Rights*, 127 S. Ct. 2499 (2007), as securities fraud case; *eBay Inc. v. MercExchange*, 126 S. Ct. 1837 (2006), labeled “the most important issue of patent law to be decided by the Supreme Court in decades.” Mr. Phillips is a member of the American Law Institute, the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. In September, 2007 he received the Lewis F. Powell Award for Business Advocacy from the National Chamber Litigation Center. Mr. Phillips is an adjunct professor of law at Northwestern University School of Law, teaching a clinic seminar on Supreme Court practice. His practice has been featured in articles in the *American Lawyer*, *Business Week*, *Legal Times*, *The National Law Journal*, *USA Today* and *Legal Business* (a publication in England). Mr. Phillips was selected by the *American Lawyer* as a member of the 45 Under 45 in 1995 and as one of the 100 Best Lawyers in America by the *National Law Journal*. The *NLJ* also named him runner-up for its 2006 “Lawyer of the Year,” saying that he has become “the ‘go-to’ attorney for corporations seeking Supreme Court relief, further elevating his stature within the small, but highly skilled, Supreme Court bar.”