The Maryland Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and
The Bar Association of Baltimore City’s Federal Practice Committee present

Habeas Corpus: From England to Empire

A Discussion with Professor and Author Paul Halliday
Joined by The Honorable Frederic N. Smalkin

Thursday, April 21st at 5:00 p.m. in the Baltimore Law Library
Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. Courthouse, 100 North Calvert Street, 6th Floor

On April 21st, the Maryland Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and the B.A.B.C. Federal Practice Committee will welcome the University of Virginia’s Professor Paul Halliday to the Baltimore Bar Library at 5:00 p.m. to discuss his study of the writ of habeas corpus. Former U.S. District Court Chief Judge Frederic N. Smalkin, who has recently taught British and American legal history at the University of Baltimore, will offer opening remarks and join in the evening’s discussion.

In an unprecedented study, Professor Halliday examined thousands of original writs spanning nearly five-hundred years of British legal history. Justice Kennedy cited Halliday’s history of habeas corpus in the majority ruling in Boumediene v. Bush (2008), which upheld the right of Guantánamo detainees to seek the writ in federal court. Habeas Corpus: From England to Empire has garnered rave reviews from jurists and critics on both sides of the Atlantic and is fast becoming the definitive history of the writ:

“This book is superb. In a tour de force of archival research, Halliday singlehandedly reshapes our view of the historical scope and characteristics of habeas corpus. . . . There is little doubt that this will become the standard account of the Great Writ.”—James Oldham, Georgetown University Law Center

“[A] monumental work. . . . For anyone deeply interested in these issues it provides an invigorating blast against received ideas and intellectual complacency. Above all, it challenges us to think again about the foundation stones of personal liberty.”—The Economist

Refreshments will be served.
Admission is free of charge, but seating is limited.
To reserve your place, please contact info@baltimorebar.org.