



Shelby Scholars Lecture Series

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ABOUT OUR GUEST

Tom Wickham, former Parliamentarian of the U.S. House of Representatives, currently helps oversee a team of D.C. and regional U.S. Chamber lobbyists and serves as the Chamber's policy lead on anti-crime efforts.

Wickham's career on Capitol Hill spanned over 25 years beginning under Speaker Newt Gingrich and concluding under Speaker Nancy Pelosi. During that time, Wickham led a Hill office that reviewed every measure that came before the House, giving him a command of a broad range of subject matters. He leveraged this policy knowledge to achieve legislative victories at the federal, state, and local level. As a nonpartisan House official, Wickham also provided essential guidance to leadership, committees, and members of Congress. During numerous high-profile legislative events, Wickham counseled speakers of the House, vice presidents, and countless members and senators on their constitutional and statutory responsibilities. Wickham's expertise and scholarship are recognized all over the world and he has recently testified before Congress on House emergency procedures implemented after the terrorist attacks on 9/11.

Wickham's scholarship on the Constitution and the rules of the House is recognized internationally and he has represented the U.S. in dozens of countries and parliaments, including multiple delegation trips to Europe and Africa. His editorial credits include the House Rules and Manual, House Practice, and the Precedents of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Wickham serves on the advisory board of the Center for Effective Lawmaking, a joint partnership between the University of Virginia's Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy and Vanderbilt University, and is a member of the University of Iowa Department of Political Science Alumni Advisory Board. He is active in his community as a volunteer citizenship teacher and coordinator of a local Adopt-a-Highway organization.

Wickham is a native of Epworth, Iowa, and a graduate of the University of Iowa and the University of Iowa College of Law. He enjoys hiking, especially up Old Rag Mountain in the Shenandoah National Park. He and his wife, Heather, have two adult children and reside in Burke, Virginia.

*Thursday, October 14, 2025
5 PM at Tuomey Hall*