

# A DAY WITH OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

How to Make a Life in the Law

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*"Every calling is great when greatly pursued . . ."*

*"The life of the law has not been logic, it has been experience. The felt necessities of the time . . ."*

How do we harmonize the *think like a lawyer* idealism of law school with the reality of *work like a lawyer* practice? Or, as Holmes put it, "How can the study of a dry and technical system, the greedy watch for clients and practice of shopkeepers' arts, the mannerless conflicts over often sordid interests, make out a life?"

Holmes spent a long and illustrious career answering that question. His wisdom lives today through the thoughtful stewardship of Bill Barton. Barton gives voice and presence to the great dissenter; informing and advising us on the place of the law and role of the lawyer in our American experiment. He is at once practical, inspirational and philosophical.

Bring your questions, Justice Holmes welcomes them and will help you work through your most difficult practice problems.



60 to 90  
minutes



**Bill Barton** heads the Barton Law Firm in Newport, Oregon. He tries landmark cases and he gets results. Barton is the first to successfully file, serve, and state a legal cause of action against the Vatican for sexual abuse of a minor. He successfully sued Ma Anand Sheela when the Rashneeshes took over the Eastern Oregon town of Antelope in 1985. Barton was the first to recover over \$1,000,000 from the Boy Scouts of America for their failure to act against a sexually abusive scoutmaster. In all, The Barton Firm has over 40 verdicts and settlements of seven figures or more.

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