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Join The Advocates for a Reading and Signing of John Bessler's *Cruel and Unusual*

Minneapolis / St. Paul, MN (June 26, 2012)- The Advocates for Human Rights and Faegre Baker Daniels will host a reading and signing of John Bessler's new book, *Cruel and Unusual: The American Death Penalty and the Founders' Eighth Amendment*. The event will take place on Wednesday, June 27th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the offices of Faegre Baker Daniels.

John Bessler's book, *Cruel and Unusual*, examines America's Eighth Amendment and challenges conventional wisdom on the Founding Fathers' ostensible support of the death penalty. The book explores America's evolving approach toward capital punishment. Bessler asserts that the death penalty should be declared unconstitutional. *Cruel and Unusual* is the winner of the Silver Medal in the United States History category in the *Independent Publisher Book Awards*.

John Bessler is an Associate Professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law. He previously taught at the University of Minnesota Law School and The George Washington University Law School. He also clerked for the U.S. Magistrate Judge John M. Mason and practiced law at Kelly & Berens, P.A. Bessler has written five books, including four books on the subject of capital punishment.

The offices of Faegre Baker Daniels are located at 2200 Wells Fargo Center, 90 S. Seventh Street in Minneapolis.

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