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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC ADDRESS

Speaker	<b>Gregory J Thwaite Esq., Attorney-at-Law</b>
Topic	<b><i>Might the USA collapse without a reprieve or pardon for Donald Trump?</i></b>
Date & Time	<b><u>Friday 16 September 2022 at 6 pm.</u></b>
Location	<b>Lecture Theatre, Old Government House</b> University Of Auckland Princes Street, Auckland
Covid Restrictions	<b>Masks and social distancing are PREFERRED but OPTIONAL.</b>
Synopsis	<p>Investigation of the events of 6 January 2021 continues. In the legislative Branch, the House hearings proceed. In the executive Branch, the Attorney-General is assessing possible crimes. The judicial Branch is convicting many ‘trespassers’ on minor charges, with mild sentences; but so far, few ‘agitators’.</p> <p>As widely publicised, Donald Trump (a past President, and possibly a future one) was involved in such events. The mid-term Elections should indicate his current support among numerous citizens. Following a tradition as old as the nation, some such citizens resist broad powers in the federal Government. In the current society they are suspicious of liberals and élites, face steady drops in living standards, are sensitive to immigration, welcome the new Supreme Court jurisprudence on abortion, and are fervent about their ‘right to bear arms’.</p> <p>If the federal Government prosecutes Donald Trump, the <i>domestic Tranquility</i> of the nation may be jeopardised, as between citizens, and as between States.</p> <p>Would a trial of Donald Trump imperil the geopolitical unity of the United States? To minimise any peril, should he receive a federal reprieve or pardon?</p>
Biographical Details	<p>Gregory J Thwaite is by profession a litigation lawyer. He has studied law at the University of Auckland and the Harvard Law School. A member of the Bar of the US Supreme Court, in California he has practised in State and federal courts, and in the re-united Germany as a bilingual generalist lawyer.</p> <p>A graduate in Classics from the University of Auckland, his historical focus includes the collapse of democracy in Athens in the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC, and the rise of autocracy in Rome in the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD.</p>

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