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Ewell E. Murphy, Jr., partner in the Houston law firm of Baker, Botts, Shepherd, and Coates, will discuss “Form and Substance in the Law” as the sixth speaker in the Baker College Forum Series on March 16 at 6:45 in the Baker Commons.

In the course of his talk, Mr. Murphy will discuss how form creates substance, conceals substance, and constitutes substance. As sample cases Mr. Murphy has chosen decisions from the controversial fields of desegregation and redistricting.

From integration he will treat the “Plessy v. Ferguson” case of 1896, which established the “separate but equal” doctrine, as well as the now famous “Brown v. Board of Education” case of 1954 which destroyed this doctrine.

That case established the rule that “separate educational facilities are inherently unequal.”

From the field of redistricting, Murphy will consider the “Colegrove v. Green” decision of 1946 which stated that the Supreme Court had no authority over the districting of state legislatures.

Murphy will then deal with the “Baker v. Carr” case of 1961 which, in reversing the 1946 decision, declared that representatives to state legislatures must be chosen solely on the basis of population. Copies of these cases, along with an outline of Mr. Murphy’s talk, will be available in each of the college commons.