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'Full-throated, unapologetic liberal': Impeachment witness will sit on Facebook oversight board

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One of the witnesses chosen by Democrats to make a case for the impeachment of President Trump will sit on a new Facebook board that will make binding decisions about what content is allowed on the social media platform.

<u>Pamela Karlan</u>, a Stanford University professor, is the co-director of Stanford's Supreme Court Litigation Clinic. She became a household name in 2019 during her testimony in front of the House Judiciary Committee, where she testified in favor of Trump's impeachment.

Facebook's oversight board, unveiled Wednesday, <u>will</u> "review a select number of highly emblematic cases and determine if decisions were made in accordance with Facebook's stated values and policies."

The board also includes Helle Thorning-Schmidt, the former prime minister of Denmark, and John Samples, the vice president of the Cato Institute.

Karlan made headlines during her testimony for talking about Trump's 13-year-old son, Barron.

"Contrary to what President Trump has said, Article 2 does not give him the power to do anything he wants, and I'll just give you one example that shows you the difference between him and a king, which is, the Constitution says there can be no titles of nobility, so while the president can name his son Barron, he can't make him a baron," she said.

First lady Melania Trump responded forcefully to her son's involvement in his father's impeachment hearings, <u>writing</u>, "A minor child deserves privacy and should be kept out of politics. Pamela Karlan, you should be ashamed of your very angry and obviously biased public pandering, and using a child to do it."

Karlan apologized for involving Barron, saying, "I want to apologize for what I said earlier about the president's son. It was wrong of me to do that. I wish the president would apologize, obviously, for the things that he has done that's wrong but I do regret having said that."