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## **USHERS NEEDED FOR The American Society of International Law's 99th Annual Meeting**

Each spring, The American Society of International Law brings together—for panel discussions, seminars, workshops, and public policy addresses—an ever-widening circle of policy-makers, leading academics, government officials and diplomats, attorneys, corporate decision makers, jurists, and students. The Annual Meetings are major occasions for ASIL members, providing and promoting contact with other ASIL members from around the world.

The 99th Annual Meeting will be held at the Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, DC on March 30-April 2, 2005. A large gathering like this requires many people to make it a success. Each year the Society invites students to participate actively in the program by filling an important role—that of Panel Usher.

We invite students to take advantage of the opportunity to hear distinguished members of the Society and to serve as ushers for the Annual Meeting panels. This not only will provide memorable experiences for students interested in international law, but it also will provide a useful service to the Society, for which **there will be compensation**. For students who are able to serve as an usher for two panels, a fee of \$25 will be paid; \$50 will be paid for ushering at four panels, etc. **The 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Theme is “New World Order or a World in Disorder? Testing the Limits of International Law.”** Panel topics are diverse and include:

- Weapons of Mass Destruction, International Institutions, and World Order – a debate
- The World Trade Organization Appellate Body
- Executive Power in Wartime
- International Coalitions of the Willing
- The European Union's New Ambitions
- Threats, Challenges and Security
- Sovereignty: Essential, Variegated, or Irrelevant?
- Investment Treaties
- Responding to the Crisis in Darfur
- Torture, Violence, and the Global War on Terror

In applying to be an usher, students may indicate a preference for the panels on which they would like to serve, though assignments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Duties include putting out room signs and panelists name cards and checking head tables to be sure that all is in order before a panel begins, as well as checking for badges as participants enter a panel session. Usher Guidelines, along with an Annual Meeting Preliminary Program, will be sent upon request. Ushers will be able to attend, free of charge, the remaining panels of the Annual Meeting.

If you are interested in serving as an usher at the ASIL's Annual Meeting, **please contact Sandra Liebel at (202) 939-6010 or [sliebel@asil.org](mailto:sliebel@asil.org)**. We would like to have all panels assigned by mid-February 2005.