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### **JUSTICE GINSBURG NEW CHAIR OF ASIL JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD**

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law (ASIL) announces that United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has agreed to chair the Society’s Judicial Advisory Board. Justice Ginsburg succeeds the Board’s founding Chair, retired Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, who helped create the Society’s Judicial Outreach Program as well as its governing body, the Judicial Advisory Board.

“We are extremely pleased that Justice Ginsburg will carry on the important effort Justice O’Connor began as founder of the Judicial Advisory Board,” said ASIL Executive Director Elizabeth Andersen. “Having a member of our nation’s top court presiding over this group enhances ASIL’s judicial outreach efforts. We are also delighted that Justice O’Connor has agreed to remain on the Board as Honorary Chair. With these two women at the helm, I see a bright future indeed for ASIL’s Judicial Advisory Board and the Judicial Outreach Program.”

Justice Ginsburg remarked, “I am honored to take up the reins from Justice O’Connor as Chair of the Advisory Board for ASIL’s Judicial Outreach Program. As the Society begins its second century, I am glad to assist, along with other Advisory Board members, in ASIL’s efforts to provide fora for the discussion and broader understanding

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of international law among members of the judicial branch.”

ASIL’s 18-member Judicial Advisory Board is made up of judges from each of the U.S. federal circuits as well as other leading judiciary experts. The Judicial Outreach Program which it oversees consists of international law programs at circuit conferences, workshops and educational opportunities developed in partnership with the Federal Judicial Center and other institutions, and information resources such as *International Law: A Handbook for Judges*. Issues addressed by the Program have included non-citizens' rights, international trade, enforcement of foreign judgments, and child custody.

The ASIL Judicial Outreach Program is partnering with the Federal Judicial Center to convene a two-day conference on international law and litigation in Washington, DC, this fall. The more than 30 US federal and state judges who are expected to attend will participate in interactive sessions on general and specific international law topics featuring leading scholars and practitioners from the United States and abroad. These experts will review the treatment of international law in the decisions of US and foreign courts. Presentations will also address the role of customary international law and the judicial enforcement of treaties, including discussions of treaty formation, self-execution doctrine, and reservations.

ASIL is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational membership organization. It was founded in 1906, chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1950, and has held Category II Consultative Status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations since 1993. ASIL’s mission is to foster the study of international law and to promote the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice. The Society’s 4,000 members (from nearly 100 countries) comprise attorneys, academics,

corporate counsel, judges, representatives of governments and nongovernmental organizations, international civil servants, students, and others interested in international law. Throughout 2006 ASIL celebrates its centennial with the theme “A Just World Under Law.” For more information, visit [www.asil.org](http://www.asil.org)

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