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ASIL MEMBER JACK GOLDSMITH TO SPEAK ABOUT NEW BOOK

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law (ASIL), in cooperation with the DC Bar International Law Section/International Dispute Resolution Committee, will cosponsor a luncheon program on national security law and international law in the post 9/11 era, led by ASIL member **Jack Goldsmith** of Harvard Law School. ***“The Terror Presidency” - International Law in the Hands of the Executive Branch: Jack Goldsmith*** will take place Tuesday, **October 30, 2007, 12:30-2:00 pm** (ET), at the offices of ASIL Law Firm Sponsor Arnold and Porter, **555 12th Street, NW, Washington, DC** (Metro Center). Members of the press are invited to attend the meeting free of charge by signing in at the registration desk or calling the DC Bar Sections office in advance at 1-202-737-4700, extension 265.

Professor Goldsmith, author of the new book *The Terror Presidency*, served as Legal Adviser to the General Counsel of the Defense Department from 2002 to 2003, when he was appointed to head the Office of Legal Counsel at the Department of Justice. In June 2004, following clashes with the White House over legal issues related to the war on terrorism, he resigned. At this program, Goldsmith will discuss the challenges that a

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national security lawyer faces in interpreting and applying international law in the post-9/11 era. Other speakers at this event include **Jeffrey Smith** of Arnold & Porter LLP and **Stuart Taylor** of *National Journal*, who will comment on some of the key issues addressed by Goldsmith in his remarks and in his book. ASIL officer **Nancy Perkins** of Arnold & Porter LLP will moderate.

ASIL events, such as “*The Terror Presidency*” - *International Law in the Hands of the Executive Branch*, generally deal with one of the Society’s seven thematic focal areas: Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, International Institutions, International Law and Development, International Security, Science and Technology, Trade and Investment, and Transnational Litigation and Arbitration.

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