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ASIL TO CO-SPONSOR REVIEW OF TWO SUPREME COURT

INTERNATIONAL LAW DECISIONS

WASHINGTON, DC –The American Society of International Law (ASIL) will co-sponsor the event *Boumediene and Medellin: The Supreme Court's 2008 International Law Opinions* with the DC Bar International Law Section on Tuesday, July 1, from noon to 2:00 p.m., at the offices of Arnold & Porter, 555 12th Street, NW, Washington, DC. Members of the press are invited to attend by registering with ASIL Director of Communications and Member Relations, Sheila Ward, at sward@asil.org.

The U.S. Supreme Court's 2008 decisions in *Medellin v. Texas* and the consolidated cases *Boumediene v. Bush* will have an extraordinarily significant impact on the rights of criminal defendants in the U.S. and detainees at the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay. At this program, counsel for several of the parties, including the U.S., together with expert international law scholars and practitioners, will discuss and debate the merits and potential ramifications of the rulings in these two key cases. The distinguished panel will provide insights on the consequences of the Court's rulings for

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immediately affected parties, as well as predictions of the rulings' longer term impact on, among other things, future U.S. treaty and diplomatic relations, the status of international tribunal decisions as U.S. law, and the interpretation and application of the Military Commissions Act of 2006 by the lower courts.

Panelists will include **Donald Donovan** (Counsel of Record for José Medellín before the Supreme Court; Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton; and ASIL member); **Vijay Padmanabhan** (Attorney Advisor, Office of the Legal Advisor/Political Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, and expert on the laws of war and U.S. detention policy); **David D. Cole** (Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center); **Jeffrey Pryce** (ASIL member; Counsel and Vice-Chair, International Arbitration Practice, Steptoe & Johnson; and widely cited expert regarding the impact of the *Medellin* decision on that practice area.) **Nancy Perkins** (ASIL Officer; Counsel, Arnold & Porter; and Chair, DC Bar Public International and Criminal Law Committee) will moderate.

The event will begin with lunch at noon, followed by the panel discussion and then a brief question and answer session. ASIL hosts such programs on an occasional basis as an informational service to bring experts on current international law topics together with those who have an interest in them.

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.

ASIL events, such as *Boumediene and Medellin: The Supreme Court's 2008 International Law Opinions*, 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. For more information, visit www.asil.org.