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MEDIA ADVISORY

ASIL CO-HOSTS PRE-SCREENING OF *THE RECKONING*

WASHINGTON, DC –The American Society of International Law (ASIL), in conjunction with the National Press Club, the PBS show “Point-of-View” (POV), and Skylight Pictures, will present a special sneak preview of the director’s cut of *The Reckoning: The Battle for the International Criminal Court* on Monday, **July 13, 2009, 7pm**. The screening will take place at the National Press Club, **13th Floor, 529 14th St., NW, Washington, DC**, in the **Murrow room**. A cash bar will be available. Members of the press are invited to attend by registering at reservations@press.org or 202-662-7501.

The Reckoning (approximately 90 minutes) follows ICC Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo and his team for three years across four continents as he issues arrest warrants for Lord’s Resistance Army leaders in Uganda, puts Congolese warlords on trial, shakes up the Colombian justice system, and charges Sudan’s President Omar al-Bashir with genocide in Darfur, challenging the UN Security Council to arrest him. This screening comes as the Obama administration carries out a review of U.S. policy toward the ICC in the run-up to the first review conference on the court in 2010. Following the film, a panel will field audience questions about *The Reckoning*, the ICC, and U.S. policy toward the court. Panelists will be **Peter Kinoy**, co-founder of Skylight Pictures and Executive

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Editor of *The Reckoning*; **David Tolbert**, former Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and member of the ASIL independent Task Force on U.S. Policy Toward the ICC; **Cynthia Lopez**, Vice President of POV; ASIL member **Jeffrey Pryce**, member of the U.S. delegation to the Rome Conference in 1998 and Of Counsel at Steptoe & Johnson LLP; and ASIL member **John Bellinger**, former Legal Adviser to the U.S. Secretary of State (2005-2009) and now Partner at Arnold & Porter. The session following the film will be moderated by ASIL Executive Committee member **Anne Joyce**, member of the U.S. delegation to the Rome Conference in 1998 and an Attorney-Adviser with the U.S. State Department. For more information about the film, visit www.thereckoningfilm.com.

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 this screening of *The Reckoning*, 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.

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