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The Obama Administration and International Law and Policy: State Department Legal Adviser Harold Koh Speaks

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010
12:30pm to 2:00pm (lunch provided)

WHERE: ARNOLD & PORTER
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Where is the Obama administration headed in the area of foreign relations and what is its stand on key international law issues? ASIL member **Harold Koh**, who as Legal Adviser to the Department of State is the U.S. government's most senior attorney on matters of international law, will share his perspective on those questions at this program. Koh manages an office of more than 170 lawyers advising the Secretary of State, the White House, and other U.S. government departments and agencies on the wide scope of domestic and international law matters affecting U.S. foreign relations. He will discuss the challenges facing the Obama administration in a variety of areas and the progress the administration has made through strategic and practical steps at home and abroad. He also will provide insights into how the administration envisages its role in fostering improved U.S. foreign relations in the years ahead, including through support for the rule of law.

John Bellinger, who served as the State Department Legal Adviser from 2005 to 2009 under Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, will offer comments from the perspective of a previous Legal Adviser. Bellinger, who is an incoming ASIL Counsellor, is now a partner in the international and national security practices at Arnold & Porter and an Adjunct Senior Fellow in International and

National Security Law at the Council on Foreign Relations.

ASIL Treasurer **Nancy L. Perkins**, counsel at Arnold & Porter, will moderate.

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