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ASIL COSPONSORS DISCUSSION OF NORTH AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law (ASIL), in cooperation with American University's (AU) Center for North American Studies and Washington College of Law, the American Society of Comparative Law, and L'Association Québécois de Droit Comparé, will cosponsor the conference *A North American Legal System: Is It Possible? Desirable?* on Friday, February 16, 2007, 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., in the Mooers-Morella Ceremonial Courtroom (Room 603), Washington College of Law, 4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Distinguished legal scholars and practitioners from Canada, Mexico, and the US will address the issue of whether a uniform legal system for all three countries of North America is conceivable, desirable, or possible. Their discussion will take place in comparative terms, examining the example of Europe and the tensions caused by federalism, but will also focus on applied legal areas such as trade, the environment, and family law.

Among the discussants will be Gordon Giffin, former US Ambassador to Canada; Susan Karamanian, ASIL Executive Council member and George Washington University

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School of Law professor; Claudio Grossman, Dean of AU's Washington College of Law, and Robert Pastor, Director of AU's Center for North American Studies. For a complete list of conference panels and speakers visit <http://asil.org/event0216/>.

Admission to the conference, for which lawyers can earn six Continuing Legal Education accreditation hours, is open to members of the press and public. To register, contact the AU law school Office of Special Events and Continuing Legal Education at 202.274.4075 or secle@wcl.american.edu.

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