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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **ASIL SPONSORS WEB EVENT ON US-EU REGULATORY HARMONIZATION**

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law (ASIL) will host an hour-long, web-based event on **Thursday, February 22, 2007, at 11:00 am**, Eastern Time. The webinar is entitled *Transatlantic Regulatory Harmonization: The Way to Increased Trade, Investment, and Cooperation between the US and the EU?* The program will explore German Chancellor and EU President Angela Merkel's initiative to boost transatlantic trade through the harmonization of US and EU regulatory requirements. The presentation will give an overview of Chancellor Merkel's proposal and examine the prospects for achievement of its goals. ASIL member **Lewis Leibowitz**, a partner at the law firm Hogan and Hartson who specializes in international trade law, will present the program. Members of the press are invited to participate by registering on-line at [www.asil.org/webinar070222](http://www.asil.org/webinar070222).

ASIL webinars are telephone- and web-based events that bring experts on current international law topics together with those who have an interest in them. The interactive format is a seminar conducted via telephone conference call and PowerPoint presentation on the web. **Participants need only telephone and internet access** to be a part of the

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webinar and to ask questions of the presenters. ASIL conducts webinars on an occasional basis as a free educational service. **Prior registration is required**, and the number of participants is limited. Upon registration, participants receive a confirmation email with complete instructions for the telephone and web portions of the event.

Presenter **Lewis Leibowitz** practices in the areas of international trade law, customs law, and international commercial transactions. He represents clients before all federal courts and agencies dealing with international trade matters. As a member of Hogan and Hartson's legislative as well as international trade group, Mr. Leibowitz is active in legislative matters affecting international trade law and policy and works extensively in matters affecting US foreign trade zones (FTZs). Mr. Leibowitz has also served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Maryland Law School.

ASIL events generally deal with one of the Society's seven thematic program 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. 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. For more information, visit [www.asil.org](http://www.asil.org).

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