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**ASIL EVENT ON UPCOMING CHARLES TAYLOR CASE**  
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WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law’s (ASIL) recent event, *Understanding the Upcoming Charles Taylor Case: An International Law Briefing*, is now available for online viewing at

<http://www.asil.org/events/calendarmore.cfm?confid=510&URLmonth=5&URLyear=2007&CatID=0&TheType=>. To view only the PowerPoint slides from the program, visit <http://www.asil.org/webinars/asil20070530.pdf>.

The presentation, conducted in anticipation of the June 4, 2007, opening of former Liberian President Charles Taylor’s trial by the Special Court for Sierra Leone, provides followers of the Taylor case with an understanding of its international legal context and an idea of what to expect in the days ahead. ASIL member **Michael A. Newton**, Acting Associate Clinical Professor at Vanderbilt University Law School, leads the program. Newton has been an Associate Professor at the US Military Academy as well as a special advisor to the US Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues and a US representative to the UN Planning Mission for the Sierra Leone Special Court. In his presentation, Newton gives background on the Sierra Leone Special Court and analysis of the legal issues likely

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to arise in the Taylor case.

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