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MEDIA ADVISORY

ASIL CO-SPONSORS EVENT ON COMMERCIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION

WITH CHINESE PARTIES

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law (ASIL) will co-sponsor a China focused luncheon event on international commercial arbitration. The event, *Resolving Commercial Disputes with Chinese Parties: Trends in International Arbitration and WTO Disputes Resolution*, will take place Tuesday, **December 4, 2007, 12:00-4:00 pm** (ET), at the offices of ASIL Law Firm Sponsor Arnold & Porter LLP, **555 12th Street, NW, Washington, DC** (Metro Center). Co-sponsors with ASIL are the DC Bar International Law Section, International Dispute Resolution Committee, International Trade Committee, and Investment & Finance Committee. Members of the press are invited to attend by signing in at the registration desk or calling the DC Bar Sections office in advance at 1-202-737-4700, extension 265.

The focus of this event will be the dramatic growth in commercial arbitration involving Chinese parties, as well as a review of the various alternative forums available to resolve disputes inside or outside China. Opening the program at **noon** will be keynote

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speaker **Mr. Yu Jianlong** (Secretary-General of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission).

Following his address, two panels will offer critical views on the latest trends in resolving commercial, investment, and trade disputes with Chinese government parties and private enterprises through international arbitration and WTO mechanisms. The panels will examine the latest cases involving Chinese parties filed before the WTO and discuss general trends in Sino-U.S. commercial dispute resolution. The Arbitration Panel (**1:15-2:30pm**) will feature **Mu Zili**, Deputy Secretary-General, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) and China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC) Mediation Center; **Fei Ning**, Managing Partner, Haiwen & Partners, Shanghai; **Patrick Norton**, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Washington, D.C.; and a representative of the **ICC Court of Arbitration** (invited). The WTO Panel (**2:45-4:00pm**) will feature **Claire E. Reade**, Chief Counsel for China Trade Enforcement, USTR; **Matthew Yeo**, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Washington, D.C.; and **Lucille Barale**, Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center.

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