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ASIL CO-SPONSORS EVENT ON *BOUMEDIENE v. BUSH*

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law (ASIL) will co-sponsor the luncheon discussion *Boumediene v. Bush: Rights of Detainees in the View of the Supreme Court* on Wednesday, **December 12, 2007, 12:30-2:00 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 will be the DC Bar International Law Section and the International Dispute Resolution Committee.

Boumediene v. Bush, a set of consolidated cases argued before the US Supreme Court today, raises the question of whether detainees at the US Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay may challenge their detention through habeas corpus petitions. At the event next week, counsel for the parties and their *amici* will debate the issues raised in the case and comment on the questions asked by the Justices at the oral argument.

The panel will feature **Paul Wolfson**, Partner, Wilmer Hale (Counsel for petitioners), **Bradford Berenson**, Partner, Sidley Austin (Associate Counsel to President Bush from 2001 to 2003, advising on the war on terrorism, the use of military

commissions, and detainee and anti-terrorism legislation); **Neal Katyal**, Professor, Georgetown University Law Center (Lead Counsel for detainees in *Hamdan*); and **Jonathan Cohn**, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice (who will speak for the Office of the Solicitor General of the US.) ASIL officer **Nancy Perkins**, Counsel, Arnold & Porter LLP, and Chair, DC Bar Public International and Criminal Law Committee will moderate the event.

Panelists will discuss the effect of the Military Commissions Act of 2006, which purports to strip the federal courts of jurisdiction to hear habeas petitions from the detainees, and whether the detainees are entitled to a hearing on the merits.

Members of the press are invited to attend this event free of charge by calling the DC Bar Sections office in advance at 1-202-737-4700, extension 265, or by signing in at the registration desk on the day of.

For a selection of ASIL resources related to the Military Commissions Act of 2006, visit www.asil.org/resources/mca.html.

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Supreme Court, generally deal with one of the Society's seven thematic focal 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. For more information, visit www.asil.org.