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**US PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT, STATE DEPT LEGAL ADVISOR, AND  
MEDELLIN COUNSEL AMONG ASIL ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKERS**

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law (ASIL) will host several prominent international law professionals at its 102<sup>nd</sup> **Annual Meeting, April 9-12, 2008**, at the Fairmont Hotel, Washington, DC. Among them will be a senior member of US President George W. Bush’s staff, the top legal advisor to US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, and the lawyer who represented Jose Medellin in the recently decided US Supreme Court case *Medellin v. Texas*. The theme of this year’s conference is “The Politics of International Law,” and foreign policy advisors from the three U.S. presidential campaigns will also be among the featured speakers. Credentialed press may attend the meeting by registering at [www.asil.org/pressreg.html](http://www.asil.org/pressreg.html).

On Thursday, April 10, 1:00pm – 2:15pm, panelists **John Bellinger**, U.S. State Department Legal Advisor; **Hans Corell**, former Legal Counsel to the United Nations; and **Paul Williams**, Co-Director of the Public International Law and Policy Group will discuss “**International Law, Politics, and the Future of Kosovo.**” The panel will be moderated by Justice **Richard Goldstone**, former Chair of the International Independent Inquiry Commission on Kosovo.

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At the ASIL Annual Dinner on Friday, April 11, 8:00 p.m., attendees will hear “**Reflections on the Medellin Decision**” by **Donald Donovan**, the Counsel of Record to Jose Medellin.

On Saturday, April 12, 12:30-2:00 p.m., U.S. Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs **Daniel Price** will address the Closing Luncheon on “**International Trade and Investment Policy – Managing the Political and Legal Challenges.**”

Other keynote speakers at the Meeting will be U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations **Zalmay Khalilzad** (April 11, 4:30 p.m.), Jordanian Ambassador to the U.S. Prince **Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein** (April 9, 4:30 p.m.), Panamanian Chief Justice **Graciela Dixon** (April 10, 12:30 p.m.), and this year’s winner of the Society’s highest honor, the Hudson Medal, Professor **John Jackson** of Georgetown University Law Center (April 11, 12:30 p.m.)

On Thursday, April 10, at 4:30 p.m. the **Presidential Foreign Policy Advisers’ Panel** (co-sponsored by Georgetown University Law Center) will feature **Greg Craig** (the Obama campaign), **Lee Feinstein** (the Clinton campaign), and **Ruth Wedgwood** and **R. James Woolsey** (the McCain campaign).

Panels such as **The Politics of Sudan** (April 10 at 10:45 a.m.) and the Tibet-related discussion **State Sovereignty & Regional Autonomy: The Asian Experience** (April 10, 10:45 a.m.) will address hot topics in international law.

In all, the four-day meeting will include more than 30 sessions following six tracks of international law topics ranging from the Law of War, International Criminal Law, and Human Rights to Finance, Trade, and Investment. Woven throughout the

discussions will be the nexus of politics and international law. Complete program details, along with other ASIL Annual Meeting information, are available at [www.asil.org/events/am08](http://www.asil.org/events/am08). Credentialed press may attend the meeting by registering at [www.asil.org/pressreg.html](http://www.asil.org/pressreg.html).

With more than a century of tradition and experience behind it, ASIL's Annual Meeting has become the most important gathering of international law professionals in the world. Approximately 1,000 leading legal scholars, practitioners, and officials come together for this event from some 50 countries to debate and discuss the latest issues and developments in the field.

ASIL is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational membership organization. It was founded in 1906, chartered by the US 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 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. To learn more about the Society, visit [www.asil.org](http://www.asil.org).