

Samuel Dash Conference on Human Rights

"The Role of Accountability in Protecting Human Rights and National Security"



Samuel Dash

Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Georgetown University Law Center
Gewirz Student Center, 12th Floor
120 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

SCHEDULE:

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Opening Remarks

William M. Treanor, Dean, Georgetown University Law Center

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Panel 1: *Addressing the State Secrets Privilege*

Louis Fisher, Scholar in Residence, The Constitution Project

Daryl Joseffer, Partner, King & Spaulding LLP; former Principal Deputy U.S. Solicitor General

Eric Lichtblau, National Security Reporter, The New York Times

Heather Sawyer, Counsel, House Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

Moderator: Laura Donohue, Acting Director of the Center on National Security and the Law and Professor, Georgetown University Law Center

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Panel 2: *Pursuing Accountability for Human Rights Violations in the National Security*

Context: *Domestic, Regional and International Strategies*

Katherine Gallagher, Staff Attorney, Center for Constitutional Rights

James A. Goldston, Executive Director, Open Society Justice Initiative

Ben Wizner, Litigation Director, National Security Project, American Civil Liberties Union

Moderator: Melina Milazzo, Pennoyer Fellow, Human Rights First

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Luncheon Remarks

Robert F. Muse, Partner, Stein, Mitchell & Muse LLP

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Panel 3: *Accountability for Private Security Contractors*

Ilona Cohen, Majority Counsel, Senate Committee on Armed Services

Mark DeWitt, Deputy General Counsel and Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs, Triple Canopy

Richard Fontaine, Senior Fellow, Center for a New American Security

Jason Pielemeier, Special Advisor, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, U.S. Department of State

Moshe Schwartz, Specialist in Defense Acquisition Policy, Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division, Congressional Research Service

Moderator: Devon Chaffee, Advocacy Counsel, Human Rights First

NOTE:

This is the sixth annual Samuel Dash Conference on Human Rights. It is sponsored by the Georgetown Law [Human Rights Institute](#), Georgetown Law [Center on National Security and the Law](#) and [Human Rights First](#).

The annual Samuel Dash Conference on Human Rights was established by Samuel Dash's family and friends, Georgetown Law alumni and the law firm of Cozen O'Connor to honor Dash's contributions to international human rights and domestic civil rights.

Dash, who joined the Georgetown Law faculty in 1965, and was on the board of the International League of Human Rights, traversed the globe in pursuit of justice. He led a human rights mission to Northern Ireland to investigate the 1972 "Bloody Sunday" incident, and traveled to the Soviet Union and Chile. In 1985, he was the first American to visit Nelson Mandela in prison and became involved in mediation efforts that eventually led to Mandela's release.

Dash also served as chief counsel of the Senate Watergate Committee's investigation into the Nixon administration's involvement in the Democratic National Committee break-in, which ultimately led to President Nixon's resignation.

Dash died in 2004.

A Web cast will be available at <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/webcast/>.

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