Samuel Dash Conference on Human Rights
"The Role of Accountability in Protecting Human Rights and National Security"

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
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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