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Human Trafficking and the Trial of Guantanamo Detainees

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TOPICS AND SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND DETAINEE CONCERNS
Human trafficking is a global problem and no country, developed or developing, is immune. Each year, millions of women and children along with a smaller percentage of men are abducted or recruited from 127 countries, transported through transit regions and end up in one of 137 countries for either sexual exploitation or forced labor. The first panel will discuss legal assistance for victims of trafficking who have been “rescued” or who have escaped from situations of exploitation to be placed and detained in public or private shelters as well as legal issues faced by these immigrant detainees.

Mary Meg McCarthy, Executive Director, Heartland Alliance’s National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC)
Alison Parker, Deputy Director, U.S. Program, Human Rights Watch
Elaine Pearson, Deputy Director, Asia Division, Human Rights Watch
Martina E. Vandenberg, Partner, Jenner & Block LLP

GUANTANAMO DETAINEES TRIED BEFORE MILITARY TRIBUNALS OR IN FEDERAL DISTRICT COURTS
Approximately 244 detainees remain in Guantanamo and an unknown number will ultimately be slated for prosecution, and others cleared for release or transfer. The second panel will cover the pros and cons of trial before a military tribunal or the U.S. District Court.

Gary Isaac, Mayer Brown LLP
Scott R. Lassar, Sidley Austin LLP
Joanne Mariner, Terrorism and Counterterrorism Program Director, Human Rights Watch

MODERATOR:
Hon. Michael B. Hyman, Circuit Court of Cook County; Past President of The Chicago Bar Association

A PROSECUTOR’S PERSPECTIVE
Scott Mendeloff, Howrey LLP
Scott Mendeloff combines an 11-year tenure as a former federal prosecutor with more than 15 years’ experience in private practice. Specializing in commercial trial practice and white collar criminal litigation, Mr. Mendeloff is recognized by Chambers USA in the area of commercial litigation and by Leading Lawyers in the areas of commercial and white collar litigation.

Mr. Mendeloff’s international client-base extends from publicly-traded corporations in the US and EU to individuals. Mr. Mendeloff’s trial victories in federal and state courts have included cases involving: RICO, breach of fiduciary duty, piercing/ preserving trusts and corporate veils, and all manner of fraud.

From 1986-97, Mr. Mendeloff served in the US Department of Justice, during which he tried more than 40 cases to federal juries and supervised hundreds of investigations. In 1996-97, Mr. Mendeloff served as one of the primary trial lawyers in the prosecution of Timothy McVeigh for the Oklahoma City bombing. Before that, Mr. Mendeloff supervised the Criminal and Special Prosecutions Divisions of the Chicago US Attorney’s Office and specialized in complex financial crime and public corruption prosecutions.

PROGRAM PLANNERS:
Arthur S. Gold, Chair, CBA Human Rights Committee
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Speaker Biographies:

Gary Isaac, Counsel, Mayer Brown LLP. Mr. Isaac is an experienced litigator and corporate advisor with extensive experience in mass tort, product liability, securities fraud and other complex litigation. Gary devotes significant time to pro bono matters involving human rights issues, and since 2003, he has played an active role in the landmark Guantanamo detainee litigation, both in the US Supreme Court and in the lower courts.

Scott R. Lassar, Sidley Austin LLP. Prior to joining Sidley & Austin, Mr. Lassar was the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago. As the district’s top federal law enforcement official, he managed a staff that handled civil litigation and criminal investigations and prosecutions involving white collar fraud, public corruption, narcotics trafficking and violent crime.

Joanne Mariner, Terrorism and Counterterrorism Program Director, Human Rights Watch. Ms. Mariner has worked on a wide variety of issues for the organization, documenting war crimes in Colombia, Kosovo and Darfur, political violence in Haiti, and the interface between terrorism and the laws of war, among others.

Elaine Pearson, Deputy Director, Asia Division, Human Rights Watch. Ms. Pearson supervises work across Asia, especially South East Asia, Nepal and North Korea. She has specialized in human trafficking and migration. She has lived and worked in Asia for six years including Bangkok, Hong Kong, and Kathmandu.

A. Martina E. Vandenberg, Partner, Jenner & Block LLP. Ms. Vandenberg works in the firm’s Litigation Department, and participates in Complex Commercial Litigation, Media and First Amendment, and Election Law and Redistricting Practices. She is also a member of the Firm’s Pro Bono Committee.

Not Pictured:
Mary Meg McCarthy, Executive Director, Heartland Alliance’s National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC). Ms. McCarthy leads one of the nation’s leading immigrant and human rights advocacy organizations. Ms. McCarthy has testified before Congressional Committees on human rights and immigration detention reform. In addition, she is a frequent speaker at national and international conferences on human rights and immigration law and has been quoted in leading news outlets such as The New York Times.

Alison Parker, Deputy Director, U.S. Program, Human Rights Watch. Ms. Parker has specialized expertise in immigration law and youth incarceration. She divides her time between research and advocacy on youth offenders sentenced to life without parole and on human rights abuses against non-citizens in the US.
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