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ACS Symposium: National Security & Human Rights: Progress, Problems and Possibilities

Featuring Remarks by David Kris, Assistant Attorney General for National Security

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WHAT: As the 5th anniversary of the Military Commissions Act approaches, and a few months after the 60th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions, the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (ACS) will host a half-day symposium on national security and human rights issues. The symposium will include two panel discussions with a diverse array of experts and a keynote address by Assistant Attorney General David Kris.

WHO:

Morning Panel: "Justice for Detainees: A Work in Progress?" (10 - 11:30 am)

- Moderator, Deborah Pearlstein, Visiting Faculty Fellow, University of Pennsylvania Law School;
- Jameel Jaffer, Director, ACLU National Security Program;
- Richard D. Klingler, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP;
- **Joanne Mariner**, Director, Terrorism and Counterterrorism Program, Human Rights Watch; and
- Hope Metcalf, Lecturer and Project Director, National Litigation Project of the Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic, Yale Law School.

Lunchtime Keynote Address: (Lunch provided at 11:30 am, remarks beginning at noon.)

• **David S. Kris**, Assistant Attorney General for National Security, U.S. Department of Justice.

Afternoon Panel: "The State Secrets Privilege: A Case for Reform?" (1 - 2:30 pm)

• Moderator, David Cole, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center;

- Amanda Frost, Associate Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law;
- **David Rivkin**, Partner, Baker and Hostetler LLP;
- Vincent Warren, Executive Director, Center for Constitutional Rights; and

• Ben Wizner, Staff Attorney, ACLU National Security Program.

WHEN: Thursday, October 15

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

WHERE: The National Press Club, Holeman Lounge,

529 14th Street, NW, 13th Floor

Washington, DC 20005

RSVP: The event is free for registered media. Please RSVP to <u>press@ACSLaw.org</u>.

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