

INTERNATIONAL LAW WEEKEND 2011

International Law and National Politics

Presented by the American Branch of the International Law Association and the International Law Students Association

Panel Updates

Friday, October 21

Pathways to Employment in International Law

3:00 pm – McNally Amphitheatre

Moderator:

- **William Patterson**, Executive Director, International Law Students Association

Panelists:

- **Anne Bodley**, Of Counsel, Sondhi Williams LLP
- **Richard E. Charlton III**, Counsel, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
- **Mark E. Wojcik**, Professor of Law, The John Marshall Law School; Chair, ABILA Teaching of International Law Committee; Member, ILSA Board of Directors
- **Suzanne Ulicny**, Deputy Director of Arbitration and ADR in North America, International Chamber of Commerce's International Court of Arbitration

Whither the Regulation of Private Military and Security Companies?

3:00 pm – Room 205

Private Military and Security Companies (PMSCs), today ever-present in conflict situations such as Iraq, Afghanistan, and more lately Somalia and Libya, have long been said to escape effective national or international legal regulation. A series of diplomatic initiatives have sought to clarify matters, promote effective regulation and ensure accountability. September 2008 saw the arrival of the Swiss-ICRC sponsored Montreux Document on Pertinent International Legal Obligations and Good Practices to Operations of PMSCs during armed conflict, and in November 2010, close to sixty PMSCs themselves volunteered to commit to an International Global Code of Conduct, aimed at bringing companies directly into the fold of human rights and international humanitarian law obligations. An independent governance and oversight mechanism is currently in the making. In the meantime, the Human Rights Council in Geneva has begun to consider the possibility of elaborating an international regulatory framework. The panel will trace these latest developments in PMSC regulation, discuss continuing challenges, and ponder the question in which direction regulation most likely will and should evolve.

Moderator:

- **Walter Füllemann**, Permanent Observer, International Committee of the Red Cross, Delegation to the United Nations

Panelists:

- **Anne-Marie Buzatu**, Coordinator, Privatisation of Security Programme, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces DCAF
- **Faiza Patel**, Co-Director of the Liberty and National Security Program, Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law and Member, United Nations Human Rights Council's Working Group on the Use of Mercenaries
- **Paul Seger**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations in New York

Saturday, October 22

Tribunal Procedure and Ethical Dilemmas for Guantanamo Bay Military Tribunal

12:30 pm - McNally Amphitheatre

Panelists:

- **James Cullen**, Former Chief Judge (IMA) of the U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals
- **John Harrington**, Law Office of John H. Harrington, New York
- **Pardiss Kebriaei**, Staff Attorney, Center for Constitutional Rights
- **Sig Libowitz**, Writer & Producer, The Response; Attorney, Venable, LLP
- **Peter Riegert**, Actor; Animal House, Local Hero, Crossing Delancey, The Sopranos

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Saturday, October 22 (continued)

The New International Investment Arbitration Lawyer: How Should Lawyers Prepare for the New Generation of Bilateral Investment and Trade Treaties?

12:30 pm - Room 203

Moderators:

- **Norman Gregory Young**, Professor, California State Polytechnic University; Co-Chair, ABILA Bilateral Investment Treaty and Development Committee

Panelists:

- **Fernando Cantuarias Salaverry**, Professor, Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas
- **Dr. Huiping Chen**, Professor of Law, Xiamen Law School; and Secretary-General, Xiamen Academy of International Law
- **Jeswald W. Salacuse**, Henry J. Braker Professor of Law, The Fletcher School, Tufts University
- **Dr. Karl Sauvant**, Executive Director of the Columbia Program on International Investment

“Material Support of Terrorism” and Exclusion from Refugee Status: U.S. Supreme Court v. European Court of Justice

12:30pm - Room 204

Moderator:

- **Tom Syring**, Legal Adviser, UNE / Norwegian Immigration Appeals Board

Panelists:

- **Baher Azmy**, Professor of Law, Seton Hall Law School
- **Geoffrey Corn**, Professor of Law, South Texas College of Law
- **Shayana Kadidal**, Senior Managing Attorney, Center for Constitutional Rights
- **Steven M. Schneebaum**, Shareholder, Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Current Challenges for the International Criminal Court

12:30 pm - Room 205

Panel Chair and Moderator:

- **Jennifer Trahan**, Assistant Clinical Professor, NYU Global Affairs Program; Chair, ABILA ICC Committee

Panelists:

- **William Pace**, Convenor, Coalition for an International Criminal Court
- **Judge Sang-Hyun Song**, President, International Criminal Court
- **John L. Washburn**, Convener of the American Non-Governmental Organizations Coalition for the International Criminal Court (AMICC)

Promoting Independence for Human Rights Lawyers Worldwide: The Role of American Lawyers and Law Firms

12:30pm - Room 311

Moderator:

- **Elisabeth Wickeri**, Executive Director, Leitner Center for International Law and Justice

Panelists:

- **Jerome A. Cohen**, Professor of Law, New York University School of Law; Adjunct Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations
- **Martin S. Flaherty**, Leitner Family Professor of International Human Rights Law, Fordham Law School
- **Sharon Hom**, Executive Director, Human Rights in China