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Center for Terrorism Law

Monthly Activity Report

January 2009

1. The Center for Terrorism Law continues to prepare for the fourth annual ***Terrorism Seminar 2009: Preparing Law Enforcement for Threats to National Security***. This seminar will be held at St. Mary's University School of Law from 9-12 March 2009. See www.stmarytx.edu/ctl for details.
2. The Center for Terrorism Law continues to coordinate with the American Embassy Kuwait regarding the development of a university level (for academic credit) course at the American University Kuwait on legal and policy matters related to terrorism. The tentative date for the Kuwait based event is early 2009. Dr. Rawda Awwad, a professor at the American University of Kuwait, visited the Center for Terrorism Law on 12-13 December 2008 and met with Center for Terrorism Law research fellows and the Director to develop materials on the legal issues for the course.
3. The Center for Terrorism Law is coordinating a national symposium to be held 30 April – 1 May 2009 in Houston, Texas, to provide information on how to develop appropriate security methods and procedures to mitigate a business' potential legal liability in the event of acts of terrorism or crime. The symposium is entitled: ***Terrorism, Crime & Business: Understanding the Fundamental Legal and Security Liability Issues for American Business***. See www.stmarytx.edu/ctl for additional details. The three keynote speakers are United States Congressman Mike McCaul, 10th District, Texas; Executive Director, Port of Houston; and distinguished attorney Martin D. Beirne. The topics covered include:
 - An overview of the aims and objectives of the global terror threat posed by al-Qaeda-styled terror groups, sub-state terror groups, and “lone wolf” terrorists.
 - An analysis of the specific threats to American business sectors that are deemed part of the nation's “critical infrastructure,” i.e. energy, petro-chemical, electric utilities, communication, transportation, health, etc.

- An understanding of the varied legal issues associated with terrorism and criminal negligence claims against businesses that have suffered a terror attack or serious criminal act in cyberspace or the physical world.
- A comprehensive review of how to develop appropriate security methods and procedures to mitigate business' potential legal liability.

4. The law review article entitled: *The Protect America Act of 2007: A Framework for Improving Intelligence Collection in the War on Terror*, by Professor Addicott and Congressman Michael McCaul (10th District, Texas) is forthcoming in the Fall 2008 edition of the University of Texas School of Law, The Texas Review of Law and Politics.

5. The law review article entitled: *The Political Question Doctrine and Civil Liability for Contracting Companies on the "Battlefield,"* by Professor Addicott is forthcoming in Volume 28 of The Review of Litigation, University of Texas School of Law.

6. The 5th edition of the Center for Terrorism Law's primary text entitled, **Terrorism Law: Materials, Cases, Comments (2009)**, has been published by Lawyers and Judges Publishing Company and is available for purchase at Lawyers & Judges Publishing Company (800) 209-7109; sales@lawyersandjudges.com.

7. The Center for Terrorism Law continues to coordinate cyber training initiatives with the Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security (CIAS) at the University of Texas San Antonio.

8. Third Year law student, Justin Yarborough has been selected as the new senior research fellow at the Center for Terrorism Law.

9. Professor Addicott conducted the following media events and public speeches for the month of January:

Media:

1. 30 January 2009, **KTSA AM 550**, San Antonio, TX radio interview (topic: *Obama's Approach to Iranian Regime*).
2. 27 January 2009, **KTSA AM 550**, San Antonio, TX radio interview (topic: *Defending Israeli Soldiers Against War-crime Allegations for Gaza Campaign*).

3. 23 January 2009, **La Opinión**, Los Angeles, CA newspaper article (topic: *Aplauden Cierre de Guantanamo – They Applaud the Closing of Guantanamo*). The article can be read in its entirety at: <http://www.impre.com/laopinion/noticias/2009/1/23/aplauden-cierre-de-guantanamo-105060-1.html>.
4. 23 January 2009, **KTSA AM 550**, San Antonio, TX radio interview (topic: *President Obama’s GITMO Policy*).
5. 23 January 2009, **KOA AM 850**, Denver, CO radio interview (topic: *Impact of President Obama’s New Policy on GITMO and Military Commissions*).
6. 23 January 2009, **KURV AM 710**, McAllen, TX radio interview (topic: *President Obama’s Changes in GITMO and War Crimes Prosecution*).
7. 22 January 2009, **The Washington Times**, newspaper article (topic: *Obama to Close Terror War Black Sites*). The article can be read in its entirety at: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2009/jan/22/obama-to-close-terror-war-black-sites/?page=2>.
8. 22 January 2009, **Chattanooga Times Free Press**, newspaper article (topic: *Hamilton County: Plan to Close GITMO Draws Mixed Reviews*). The article can be read in its entirety at: <http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2009/jan/22/hamilton-county-plan-close-gitmo-draws-mixed-revie/?local>.
9. 22 January 2009, **KOGO AM 600**, San Diego, CA radio interview (topic: *Closing GITMO – Practical and Policy Concerns*).
10. 22 January 2009, **WHJJ AM 920**, Providence, RI radio interview (topic: *Pros and Cons of President Obama’s Move to Close GITMO*).
11. 22 January 2009, **WGST AM 640**, Atlanta, GA radio interview (topic: *Practical Reasons that GITMO Should Remain Open*).
12. 22 January 2009, **KXL AM 750**, Portland, OR radio interview (topic: *Consequences of Abolishing Military Commissions for Al-Qa’eda War Criminals*).
13. 22 January 2009, **WOAI AM 1200**, San Antonio, TX radio interview (topic: *President Obama’s War on Terror Policy Regarding GITMO*).
14. 22 January 2009, **WGST AM 640**, Atlanta, GA radio interview (topic: *President Obama’s Executive Order Regarding GITMO and Military Commissions*).
15. 22 January 2009, **WHAS AM 84**, Louisville, KY radio interview (topic: *Implications of Closing GITMO and Suspending Military Commissions for the War on Terror*).

16. 22 January 2009, **WINK FM 96.9**, Fort Myers, FL radio interview (topic: *Legal and Policy Problems in the face of Obama's Desire to Close GITMO and Halt Military Commissions*).
17. 22 January 2009, **WHLO AM 640**, Akron, OH radio interview (topic: *Discussion of the Practical and Legal Hurdles Associated with Closing GITMO and Suspending Military Commissions for War Criminals*).
18. 21 January 2009, **KTSA AM 550**, San Antonio, TX radio interview (topic: *President Obama's Approach to the War on Terror and the Surge in Afghanistan*).
19. 21 January 2009, **KLIF AM 570**, Dallas, TX radio interview (topic: *Pros and Cons of Closing GITMO*).
20. 19 January 2009, **San Antonio, Express-News**, San Antonio, TX newspaper article (topic: *Closing GITMO Would be a Mistake*).
<http://www.mysanantonio.com/opinion/commentary/37799749.html>.
21. 18 January 2009, **KSAT 12 -ABC**, San Antonio, TX TV interview (topic: *Challenges Facing the Obama Administration in the War on Terror*).
22. 15 January 2009, **WGST AM 640**, Atlanta, GA radio interview (topic: *Obama's Shift in Strategy on War on Terror and GITMO*).
23. 14 January 2009, **KTRH AM 740**, Houston, TX radio interview (topic: *President Bush's Legacy in the War on Terror*).
24. 14 January 2009, **WKBN AM 570**, Youngstown, Ohio radio interview (topic: *Propaganda Victory for Militant Islam when GITMO Closes*).
25. 14 January 2009, **KOGO AM 600**, San Diego, CA radio interview (topic: *Pros and Cons of Closing GITMO*).
26. 14 January 2009, **WSYR AM 570**, Syracuse, NY radio interview (topic: *Obama's Lack of Perspective and Experience in Dealing with Al-Qa'eda Terror*).
27. 14 January 2009, **WHAS AM 84**, Louisville, KY radio interview (topic: *Negative Impact of Closing GITMO Detention Facility*).
28. 14 January 2009, **WTAM AM 1100**, Cleveland, OH radio interview (topic: *Wisdom of Closing GITMO and the Impact on the War on Terror*).
29. 14 January 2009, **WILM AM 1450**, Wilmington, DE radio interview (topic: *Obama's Approach to Detainee Operations and the War on Terror*).
30. 14 January 2009, **KFAB AM 1110**, Omaha, NE radio interview (topic: *Implications of Closing Detention Facility of GITMO*).
31. 13 January 2009, **KTRH AM 740**, Houston, TX radio interview (topic: *Legal and Policy Challenges Posed by GITMO*).

32. 11 January 2009, **Chattanooga Times Free Press**, newspaper article (topic: *Chattanooga: A Terror Defense*). The article can be read in its entirety at:
<http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2009/jan/11/chattanooga-terrorist-defense/>.
33. 11 January 2009, **Chattanooga Times Free Press**, newspaper article (topic: *Addicott: Keep GTIMO Open*). The article can be read in its entirety at:
<http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2009/jan/11/chattanooga-terrorist-defense/?local>.
34. 9 January 2009, **WOAI AM 1200**, San Antonio, TX radio interview (topic: *Terrorism Threats as Portrayed in the Media*).
35. 7 January 2009, **KLIF AM 570**, Dallas, TX radio interview (topic: *Israeli Response to Hamas Aggression in Gaza*).
36. 5 January 2009, **The Guetzloe Report, WAMT AM 1190**, Orlando, FL radio interview (topic: *Israeli Military Response to Hamas Terror Attacks*).

Speeches:

1. 26 January 2009, Addicott spoke on *The Political Question Doctrine and Civil Liability for Contracting Companies on the Battlefield* at St. Mary's University School of Law Faculty Enrichment Program, **San Antonio, TX**.
2. 21 January 2009, Addicott spoke on *Policy and Legal Challenges Facing the Obama Administration in the War on Terror* at the Founder's Lion's Club of San Antonio, **San Antonio, TX**.
3. 13 January 2009, Addicott spoke on *Obama Administration's Approach to the War on Terror* at the Alamo Pachyderm Club, **San Antonio, TX**.

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