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Center for Terrorism Law

Monthly Activity Report

February 2009

1. The Center for Terrorism Law continues to prepare for the fifth annual ***Terrorism Seminar 2009: Preparing Law Enforcement for Threats to National Security***. This extensive seminar developed for law enforcement and military personnel will be held at St. Mary's University School of Law from 9-12 March 2009. See www.stmarytx.edu/ctl for details. Current enrollment is 172.
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 conducting 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; Wade M. Battles, Interim 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) was published in February 2009 at 13 Texas Review of Law & Politics 42 (2009).

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 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.

7. The Center for Terrorism Law is working on an Amicus Curiae brief to the Supreme Court of the United States regarding issues associated with the torture of American military personnel in the 1991 Gulf War.

8. The Center for Terrorism Law is working on an affidavit in a civil action regarding the 2000 torture of two Israeli soldiers by Palestinian police.

9. The Center for Terrorism Law hosted and briefed two members of the French judiciary (see below in speeches at #1).

10. The Center for Terrorism Law finished drafting materials for a forthcoming book by Aspatore Publishing Company. The topic of the book deals with the legal and policy issues associated with the War on Terror.

11. Professor Addicott conducted the following media events and public speeches for the month of February:

Media:

1. 24 February 2009, **The Guetzloe Report, WAMT AM 1190**, Orlando, FL radio interview (topics: *(1) D.C. Cir. Kiyemba v. Obama (Overturning District Court Ruling Ordering 17 Uighurs into the U.S.); (2) Release of GITMO Terror detainee Binyam Mohamed to Britain; (3) Obama Administration Adopts Bush Administration Policy Denying Habeas to Detainees held at U.S. Military Base in Bagram, Afghanistan*).
2. 20 February 2009, **WTAG AM 580**, Worcester, MA radio interview (topic: *US Attorney General's Fact Finding Visit to GITMO*).
3. 19 February 2009, **KOGO AM 600**, San Diego, CA radio interview (topic: *Lack of Vision on Dealing with Detainee's at GITMO*).
4. 19 February 2009, **WGST AM 640**, Atlanta, GA radio interview (topic: *GITMO Problems Still Unresolved by Obama Administration with DC Appeal Court Ruling on Admission of China's 17 Uighurs*).
5. 19 February 2009, **WDUN AM 550**, Gainesville, GA radio interview (topic: *Legal Implications of DC Appeal Court Ruling on 17 Uighurs at GITMO*).
6. 19 February 2009, **WIMA AM 1150**, Lima, OH radio interview (topic: *The Obama Administrations Continuing Lack of Direction on GITMO*).
7. 19 February 2009, **KTRH AM 740**, Houston, TX radio interview (topic: *DC Appeal Court Ruling Barring Admission of 17 Uighurs from GITMO Into the US*).
8. 6 February 2009, **MSNBC**, national TV interview by Cassandra Brewer (topic: *The Future of Military Commissions*). Clip can be viewed at www.stmarytx.edu/ctl.
9. 6 February 2009, **MSNBC**, national TV interview by Alex Witt (topic: *Dismissal of Military Commission Charges for Abd al-Nashiri*).
10. 6 February 2009, **KTRH AM 740**, Houston, TX radio interview (topic: *Former Vice President Dick Cheney's Predictions on Weapon of Mass Destruction Attacks on the U.S.*).
11. 1 February 2009, **KSAT 12 -ABC**, San Antonio, TX TV interview (topic: *President Obama's Approach to the War on Terror*).

Speeches:

1. 26 February 2009, Addicott spoke on The U.S. Approach to Legal Issues in the War on Terror to a French Judicial delegation hosted by the San Antonio Council for International Visitors, San Antonio, TX.
2. 22 February 2009, Addicott spoke on Obama Administration's Approach to Interrogation and Law Enforcement Developments in the War on Terror at the FBI National Academy, Quantico, VA.
3. 19 February 2009, Addicott spoke on Religion and the War on Terror at the Ethics and the War on Terror Conference, New England School of Law, **Boston, MA.**
4. 17 February 2009, Addicott spoke on *Terrorism Legal Issues for Law Enforcement* to San Antonio Police Cadets at the Center for Terrorism Law, **San Antonio, TX.**
5. 17 February 2009, Addicott spoke on *Terrorism Law and the Obama Administration* at the Mission Trail Rotary Club, **San Antonio, TX.**

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