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Center for Terrorism Law

Monthly Activity Report

April 2009

1. The Center for Terrorism Law conducted a national symposium from 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 was 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 were 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 included:

- 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.

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. Professor Addicott attended oral arguments before the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of *Iraq v. Simon, et al.* The case regards issues associated with the torture of American military personnel in the 1991 Gulf War. The Center previously submitted an Amicus brief to the Court in support of respondents. Center for Terrorism Law research fellows who worked on the brief were Miguel Dilley (team leader), Keith McMahon, Kris Rivenburgh, and Byron Miller.
4. 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.
5. Visiting Professor of Law, University of Texas School of Law, Robert M. Chesney delivered the Center for Terrorism Law's 2009 Distinguished Speaker address on 23 April 2009 at St. Mary's University School of Law. Professor Chesney spoke on the use of federal courts to prosecute Islamic terrorists from GITMO.
6. The Center for Terrorism Law has launched a new and improved website: www.stmarytx.edu/ctl.
7. Professor Addicott conducted the following media events and public speeches for the month of April:

Media:

1. 30 April 2009, **KTRH AM 740**, Houston, TX radio interview (topic: *Discussion of the Center for Terrorism Law's Houston Symposium on Terrorism, Crime & Business*).
2. 30 April 2009, **Texas Lawyer**, Austin, TX online article (topic: *Houston Port Shutdown? Losses of \$400 Million Per Day*). The article can be read in its entirety at:
http://texaslawyer.typepad.com/texas_lawyer_blog/2009/04/houston-port-shutdown-losses-of-400-million-per-day.html.
3. 30 April 2009, **Texas Lawyer**, Austin, TX online article (topic: *Houston in Top Five Most Likely Terrorist-target Metro Areas, Speaker Says*). The article can be read in its entirety at:
http://texaslawyer.typepad.com/texas_lawyer_blog/2009/04/houston-in-top-five-most-likely-terroristtarget-metro-areas-speaker-says-.html.

4. 26 April 2009, **KENS 5 Newsmaker -CBS**, San Antonio, TX TV interview (topic: *Obama Administration's Position on Alleged CIA Torture; Somali Piracy; and Center for Terrorism Law's Symposium on Terrorism, Crime & Business*).
5. 23 April 2009, **KTRH AM 740**, Houston, TX radio interview (topic: *Prosecution of Somali Pirate in Federal Court*).
6. 22 April 2009, **Gazeta Wyborcza**, Warsaw, Poland newspaper article (topic: *The Connection Between Somali Pirates and Militant Islam*).
7. 17 April 2009, **The Guetzloe Report, WAMT AM 1190**, Orlando, FL radio interview (topic: *Obama's Release of the CIA Secret Interrogation Program and Decision not to Prosecute*).
8. 16 April 2009, **KTRH AM 740**, Houston, TX radio interview (topic: *Why the Obama Administration Should Not have Released the CIA Secret Interrogation Program Reports*).
9. 16 April 2009, **WOAI AM 1200**, San Antonio, TX radio interview (topic: *Concerns Over the DHS Report that Warns of Possible Violence by Unnamed "Right-Wing" Extremists*).
10. 13 April 2009, **KTRH AM 740**, Houston, TX radio interview (topic: *Proper Use of Force on Killing Three Somalia Pirates by U.S. Military*).
11. 11 April 2009, **KTRH AM 740**, Houston, TX radio interview (topic: *The Growing Threat of Cyberterrorism on Financial Institutions*).
12. 10 April 2009, **KVI AM 570**, Seattle, WA radio interview (topic: *Discussing American Historical Responses to Piracy and the Need to Use Armed Force Against Somalia Pirates*).
13. 10 April 2009, **WERC AM 740**, Birmingham, AL radio interview (topic: *Stressing the Need for a Military Response to the Somalia Pirate Hostage Crisis*).
14. 10 April 2009, **KNEW AM 910**, San Francisco, CA radio interview (topic: *The Lack of Support by the International Community to Confront Somalia-based Piracy*).
15. 10 April 2009, **KNST AM 790**, Tucson, AZ radio interview (topic: *The Deterrence Signal to U.S. Enemies Would be Understood if Obama Uses Force Against Somalia Pirates*).
16. 10 April 2009, **WDUN AM 550**, Gainesville, GA radio interview (topic: *Somalia Pirate Attacks on a U.S.-Flagged Vessel Demands a Military Response*).
17. 10 April 2009, **KFBK AM 1530**, Sacramento, CA radio interview (topic: *The U.S. Policy on Piracy Requires a Robust Response with Force*).

18. 10 April 2009, **WNRP AM 600**, Pensacola, FL radio interview (topic: *Justice and Security Demands an Overwhelming Show of U.S. Force Against Somalia Pirates*).
19. 10 April 2009, **KOGO AM 600**, San Diego, CA radio interview (topic: *The World is Watching the U.S. and the Manner in Which Force is Applied to the Somalia Pirates*).
20. 10 April 2009, **WLNI FM 105.9**, Lynchburg, VA radio interview (topic: *Options for Release of U.S. Hostage Held by Somalia Pirates*).
21. 10 April 2009, **WOAI AM 1200**, San Antonio, TX radio interview (topic: *Obama Must Respond with Decisive Use of Force Against Somali Pirates*).
22. 10 April 2009, **KTRH AM 740**, Houston, TX radio interview (topic: *The Lack of Action from the United Nations and NATO Regarding Somalia Pirates Based out of the Port City of Ely*).
23. 10 April 2009, **WTKS AM 1290**, Savannah, GA radio interview (topic: *Use of Force in Somalia Pirate Crisis is the Preferred U.S. Response*).
24. 10 April 2009, **WREC AM 600**, Memphis, TN radio interview (topic: *Insurance Companies Pay Hostage Demands and Enable Somalia-based Pirates to Flourish*).
25. 10 April 2009, **WSYR AM 570**, Syracuse, NY radio interview (topic: *The Obama Administration's Response to Somalia Pirates Demands Strong Military Signal*).
26. 10 April 2009, **WILM AM 1450**, Wilmington, DE radio interview (topic: *U.S. Strategy to Deal with Pirates – Kill Them*).
27. 10 April 2009, **WOC AM 1420**, Davenport, IA radio interview (topic: *United Nations Inability to Deal with Piracy*).
28. 10 April 2009, **KFAQ AM 1170**, Tulsa, OK radio interview (topic: *Pirate Hostage Showdown in the Gulf of Aden*).
29. 10 April 2009, **KTRH AM 740**, Houston, TX radio interview (topic: *Militant Islamic Groups and the Use of U.S. Internet Service Providers to Spread the Virus of Jihad*).
30. 9 April 2009, **KTSA AM 550**, San Antonio, TX radio interview (topic: *U.S. Response to Somalia-based Pirate Attack on U.S. Flagged Ship*).
31. 6 April 2009, **The Guetzloe Report, WAMT AM 1190**, Orlando, FL radio interview (topic: *Recent Federal Court Decisions Facing the Obama Administration*).
32. 6 April 2009, **KTRH AM 740**, Houston, TX radio interview (topic: *Use of the Internet to Spread Radical Islam*).

33. 3 April 2009, **KTRH AM 740**, Houston, TX radio interview (topic: *Responsibility for Safeguarding Children from the Virus of Militant Islam*).
34. 3 April 2009, **The Guetzloe Report, WAMT AM 1190**, Orlando, FL radio interview (topic: *Discussion of the Center for Terrorism Law Amicus Brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in Iraq vs. Simon*).
35. 1 April 2009, **The Houston Lawyer**, Houston Bar Association magazine (topic: *Terrorism, Crime and Business Symposium*, vol. 46, no. 5, pg. 7).
36. 1 April 2009, **World View**, San Antonio Council for International Visitors newsletter article, pg. 7 (topic: *Counterterrorism and the U.S. Criminal Justice System - France*).

Speeches:

1. 30 April 2009, Addicott spoke on *Understanding the Conceptual Foundations of Terrorism and Mitigating Legal Liability for Terrorism and Crime* at the Center for Terrorism Law’s symposium entitled: “Terrorism, Crime and Business, Understanding the Fundamental Legal & Security Liability Issues for American Business,” Houston, TX.
2. 22 April 2009, Addicott spoke on *Terrorism Legal Issues for Law Enforcement* to San Antonio Police Cadets at St. Mary’s University School of Law, **San Antonio, TX**.
3. 21 April 2009, Addicott spoke on *Mission and Role of the Center for Terrorism Law* at Fiesta Crow 2009 Business Development Opportunity Conference, **San Antonio, TX**.
4. 9 April 2009, Addicott spoke on *Legal Aspects of Immigration* at the School of Business, St. Mary’s University, **San Antonio, TX**.
5. 2 April 2009, Addicott spoke on *Obama Administration’s Approach to the “War on Terror”* at the North Star Mall Walkers Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

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