

Public Policy Roundtable
The Alien Tort Statute and U.S. Enforcement of Foreign Judgments

Thursday, April 29th—Friday, April 30th, 2010

Northwestern University School of Law
750 N. Lake Shore Drive
Searle Center Conference Room (Suite 542), Chicago, IL

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12:00 **Welcome and Introduction**

1:00 to 2:15 **Session One**

[*The Five Levels of CSR Compliance: The Resiliency of Corporate Liability under the Alien Tort Statute and the Case for a Counterattack Strategy in Compliance Theory*](#)

David Scheffer, Mayer Brown/Robert A. Helman Professor of Law;
Director, Center for International Human Rights, Northwestern University School of Law
Caroline Kaeb, Adjunct Professor, Northwestern University School of Law

2:30 to 3:45 **Session Two**

The Political Economy of Customary International Law and the Alien Tort Claims Statute

John O. McGinnis, Stanford Clinton Sr. Professor of Law, Northwestern University School of Law
Ilya Somin, Associate Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law

4:15 to 5:30 **Session Three**

[*Desperately Seeking Political Cover: The Partisan Logic of Alien Tort Statute Litigation*](#)

Jide Nzelibe, Professor of Law, Northwestern University School of Law

6:00 **Reception and Dinner** (Devon Seafood Grill, 39 E. Chicago Avenue)

Friday, April 30th

8:30 to 9:45 **Session Four**

[*Three Obstacles to the Promotion of Corporate Social Responsibility by Means of the Alien Tort Claims Act: The Sosa Court's Incoherent Conception of the Law of Nations, the "Purposive" Action Requirement for Aiding and Abetting, and the State Action Requirement for Primary Liability*](#)

Michael Barsa, Senior Lecturer, Northwestern University School of Law, and
David Dana, Professor of Law, Northwestern University School of Law

10:15 to 11:30 **Session Five**

The ATS and TVPA in Comparative Perspective

Anthea Roberts, Lecturer in Law, London School of Economics, Law Department

11:30 to 12:15 **Session Six**

The Constitutional Underpinnings of Sosa's Caution: Article I Limits on ATS Litigation

Eugene Kontorovich, Associate Professor of Law, Northwestern University School of Law

Confirmed Participants:

1. **Roger Alford**, Pepperdine University School of Law
2. **Kenneth Anderson**, American University School of Law
3. **Bridget Arimond**, Northwestern University School of Law
4. **Michael Barsa**, Northwestern University School of Law
5. **David Dana**, Northwestern University School of Law
6. **Jonathan Drimmer**, Steptoe & Johnson (4/29 only)
7. **Cheryl L. Evans**, U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform
8. **Caroline Kaeb**, Northwestern University School of Law
9. **Linda Kelly**, Northwestern Attorneys General Education Program

10. **Eugene Kontorovich**, Northwestern University School of Law
11. **Geoffrey J. Lysaught**, Northwestern University School of Law
12. **John O. McGinnis**, Northwestern University School of Law
13. **Elise Nelson**, Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth
14. **Andrea E. Neuman**, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP
15. **Jide Nzeilbe**, Northwestern University School of Law
16. **Allan Pixton**, Northwestern University School of Law
17. **Anthea Roberts**, London School of Economics
18. **David Scheffer**, Northwestern University School of Law
19. **Ilya Somin**, George Mason University School of Law
20. **David Stewart**, Georgetown University Law Center
21. **Samuel Tenenbaum**, Northwestern University School of Law
22. **Mary Terzino**, Counsel to The Dow Chemical Company

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