

# **Controversy and Developments in the Law of Armed Conflict:** Customary vs Treaty Law; Law of the Sea Manual; Manual on International Law Applicable to Air and Missile Warfare

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*The Catholic University of America Columbus Law School*  
*and The American Membership of the International Society for Military Law*  
*and the Law of War*  
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This program will examine three important efforts relating to International Humanitarian Law: the San Remo Manual on International Law Applicable to Armed Conflicts at Sea, the more recent Commentary and Manual on International Law Applicable to Air and Missile Warfare (prepared by the Harvard Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research), and the ICRC's multi-volume study on Customary International Humanitarian Law. To what extent do the manuals reflect state practice, and what role do such manuals play in the formulation and application of customary international humanitarian law?

Panels of international law experts and practitioners will discuss these important issues in a format designed to encourage lively debate, and to draw conclusions based both on scholarly treatises and the actual practice of states.

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **9:00 a.m. COFFEE AND REGISTRATION**

### **9:45 a.m. WELCOME REMARKS**

**James Burger**, for the American Membership of the Society

**Maj. Gen Charles J. Dunlap**, USAF (retired), former Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Air Force

### **10:00 a.m. PANEL ONE: CUSTOMARY VS. TREATY LAW IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOAC**

*Moderator: James Burger*, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Defense

**Arne Willy Dahl**, president of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War, Judge Advocate General, Norwegian Armed Forces

**Jamie Allan Williamson**, legal adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross Regional Delegation for the United States and Canada

**Professor Ken Anderson**, Washington College of Law, American University {accepted but not confirmed}

**Hays Parks**, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Defense

**Ashley Deeks**, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State

**Richard Jackson**, Office of the Army Judge Advocate General

### **12:00 p.m. LUNCHEON AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Hon. Harold Hongju Koh**, Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State

### **1:00 p.m. PANEL TWO: SAN REMO NAVAL WARFARE MANUAL**

*Moderator, Professor Michael Noone*, Catholic University School of Law

**John Norton Moore**, Walter L. Brown Professor of Law at the University of Virginia School of Law; Director, Center for National Security Law and Center for Oceans Law and Policy

**Capt. J. Ashley Roach**, JAGC U.S. Navy (Retired), and Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (retired)

**Joe Baggett**, Capt. U.S. Navy (retired) JAGC, Acting Chief, Navy Code 10 (Operations Law) Division, U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Office

**Capt. Stephanie Smart**, U.S. Navy JAGC, Office of the Legal Adviser to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

### **3:00 p.m. PANEL THREE: HPCR MANUAL ON INTERNATIONAL LAW APPLICABLE TO AIR AND MISSILE WARFARE**

*Moderator: Professor Eugene R. Fidell*, Senior Research Scholar in Law and Florence Rogatz Lecturer in Law, Yale Law School

**Claude Bruderlein**, Director, Harvard Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research

**Bruno Demeyere**, Advisor on International Humanitarian Law, Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research, Harvard University

**Ed Monahan**, Special Assistant to the Judge Advocate General and Deputy Director, Air Force Operations and International Law Directorate

**Maj. RM Stoney**, Directorate of International and Operational Law, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Canadian Forces

**Squadron Commander Joanne Swainston**, Royal Air Force Exchange Officer with the Air Force Operations and International Law Directorate, U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General's Office

### **CLOSING REMARKS AND DISCUSSION**

### **5:00 p.m. RECEPTION**

**Registration:** The program will take place at the Columbus School of Law at The Catholic University of America, 3600 John McCormack Road, N.E., Washington, D.C. The law school is located one block from the Brookland-CUA stop on Metro's Red Line. The fee of \$40 per person will cover morning coffee, lunch and an afternoon reception. ***Advance registration is required.*** To register, please send a check (payable to The Catholic University of America) to Professor Michael F. Noone, Jr., Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064. Please include full name, title, affiliation, daytime phone number and e-mail address. To request directions or parking information, please call 202-319-6126 or e-mail [noone@law.edu](mailto:noone@law.edu).