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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2007

9:15 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

at the

Holiday Inn on the Hill

415 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001

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In conjunction with the Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute and the National Lawyers Guild International Committee**

6.5 hours of California CLE Credit. The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild is a State Bar of California approved CLE provider. Application for approval of the afternoon program is pending with the Virginia Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board. Refer to other state CLE rules for availability of credits.

	Schedule of MCLI CLE: Wednesday, October 31, 2007
9:15 am	Introduction of Presenters and Participants by John Brittain
9:30 am	How Activists Are 'Winning' by Making Reports under 'New' U.N. Laws, and Reporters Are Reporting by Ajamu Baraka, Hon. Claudia Morcom, Andrea Ritchie and Lance Tapley
10:45 am	<i>Discussion</i>
11:00 am	How Citizens Are 'Winning' by Putting U.N. Treaties into Statutes and Ordinances by Ann Fagan Ginger
11:15 am	<i>Discussion</i>
11:30 pm	<i>Adjourn for lunch</i>
12:45 pm	Introduction to Afternoon Program by John Brittain
1:00 pm	How Lawyers Are Winning by Using 'New' U.N. Human Rights Laws in U.S. Courts by Marjorie Cohn, Curtis Cooper, and Joey Mogul
2:00 pm	<i>Discussion</i>
2:15 pm	Groups receive case description
3:00 pm	Groups present treaty issue to audience
3:15 pm	<i>Break</i>
3:30 pm	The Office of Inspector General: Reappraising Its Role in a Post 9/11 World by Bruce Zagaris
4:00 pm	Filing a Complaint for Failure of a U.S. Government Agency to File a Required Report under a U.N. Treaty by Ann Fagan Ginger
4:15 pm	<i>Discussion</i>
4:30 pm	Groups receive case description: Discuss how to find relevant OIG
5:00 pm	Groups present conclusions to all
5:15 pm	<i>Adjourn</i>

THE FACULTY



After practicing civil rights law in Mississippi and San Francisco, **John Brittain** taught for two decades at the University of Connecticut, during which time he served as president of the National Lawyers Guild (1991-1993). From 1999-2002, Brittain held the post of dean at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in Houston. Since 2005, he has been the chief counsel and deputy director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in Washington, DC.

Ajamu Baraka is executive director of the US Human Rights Network, based in Atlanta. He has played a leading role in galvanizing support within the United States for holding our government accountable before the United Nations through the "shadow reporting" process, in which public interest organizations and activists organize around the UN human rights reporting treaties ratified by the US.

The Honorable Claudia Morcom (ret.) led the National Lawyers Guild Committee to Assist Southern Lawyers in Mississippi in the 1960s before serving as a Wayne County Circuit Court Judge in Michigan. On behalf of the Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute and the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, she has made several presentations to the UN Human Rights Committee, the UN Committee Against Torture, and the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Andrea Ritchie's research and organizing focus on police brutality and misconduct as experienced by women and LGBT people of color. She has written and spoken extensively on the issue of violence against women and LGBT people of color by law enforcement agents, and testified before the United Nations Committee Against Torture, United Nations Human Rights Committee and the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture in 2006. She graduated from the Howard University School of Law in 2002 and is currently a partner in a collaborative which supports integration of participatory research into community-based organizing.

Lance Tapley lives in Maine and writes for numerous publications, including the Portland Phoenix. Earlier this year, he received the Maine State Bar Association's Excellence in Legal Journalism award for an ongoing series published in the Phoenix about torture in Maine's prisons.

Ann Fagan Ginger's career began in 1947. She is currently executive director of Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute in Berkeley, CA., which she helped found in 1965. She worked as executive director of the National Lawyers Guild in the McCarthy era, and won a challenge to the Ohio

UnAmerican Activities Commission in the U.S. Supreme Court in 1959. She has taught at several law schools and colleges and published numerous books and articles, with emphasis in recent years on UN human rights treaties.

Marjorie Cohn teaches at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego and is president of the National Lawyers Guild. She frequently appears in the media as a legal expert on international, constitutional, and criminal law. Cohn's latest book is "Cowboy Republic: Six Ways the Bush Gang has Defied the Law" (PoliPointPress, 2007).

Curtis Cooper is co-chair of the National Lawyers Guild's International Committee. He graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2001 and lives in Baltimore, where he practices in the fields of Social Security disability, employment law, prisoners' rights, immigration, and copyright.

Joey Mogul is an adjunct professor for the Civil Rights clinic at DePaul University and a partner at the People's Law Office in Chicago. She specializes in civil rights cases involving police misconduct, criminal cases brought against individuals engaged in street demonstrations and other forms of First Amendment expression, and capital defense cases. She has been actively engaged in the litigation and community organizing around the Chicago Police torture cases, recently presenting these cases to the United Nations Committee Against Torture and the Human Rights Committee in Geneva, Switzerland in 2006.

Bruce Zagaris is a partner at Berliner, Corcoran & Rowe, LLP in Washington, DC, where his practice focuses on international criminal law and international tax law. He has taught at several law schools in the United States, and published numerous articles and books.

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