

2002 Conference



Keynote Address by Senator Russell Feingold (D-WI) (from left to right is Mohammad Fadel (NAML President), Aasma Khan (NAML Secretary), Dean David Leebron (Dean, Columbia Law School))



NAML Outstanding Lawyer Award presentation (presented by Asifa Quraishi, left, to Chaumtoli Huq, right)

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HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS: OUR CONFERENCE THEME

Muslim lawyers in America are in a unique position: the defense and protection of the oppressed are central to both Islamic and American ideals of civil rights and human rights. Since its inception, Islamic law has guaranteed freedom of worship for other religious communities, mandated open and transparent standards of evidence in criminal trials, and, of course, vouchsafed the rights of women through the rights to own and inherit property as well as rights in marriage. It is our responsibility as both Muslims and as Americans to propagate these ideas and ensure that they are enforced equally, blindly, towards everyone.

The mission of the National Association of Muslim Lawyers (NAML) is to be the national representative of the Muslim legal profession – serving Muslims, the general public and our profession by promoting justice for all peoples. This conference promotes our mission by addressing the challenges and opportunities that present themselves to Muslim lawyers today. Senator Russell Feingold starts the conference with a keynote address. Though Senator Feingold is not a member of our faith tradition, the principles he articulates are thoroughly Islamic. It is our hope that NAML can follow the example he has set: recognizing that justice applies to more than just "us"--and when anyone suffers injustice we are all the poorer.

In our plenary sessions, NAML members will have opportunities to educate themselves on issues affecting Muslims and the community at large. Civil rights, constitutional rights, and human rights will be discussed in light of Islamic, American, and international legal precedent.

On Sunday we will--insha'Allah (God willing)--take this inspiration and education and discuss the future of NAML: how we can best serve Muslims, the general public, and our profession as Muslim lawyers. We hope that you will be a part of this discussion and look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Farah Brelvi
Mohammad Fadel
Aasma Khan

NAML Conference Co-Chairs 2002

October 11, 2002
New York, New York

Dear Colleagues,

It is my great privilege and honor to welcome you to the Third Conference of the National Association of Muslim Lawyers. Since we last met in Washington, D.C. in February 2001, much has changed. We became incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in the District of Columbia and began to execute a long-term plan for the steady growth of our organization. A critical assumption of that plan was that NAML would not take on tasks that were beyond the capabilities of our volunteers and supporters, and accordingly we were satisfied with investing our limited resources primarily in developing our membership base.

The events of September 11, 2001, however, have forced us to reconsider our organization's direction and focus. Ironically, the initial planning meeting for this weekend's conference was scheduled for the evening of September 11th in Manhattan. The agenda of this conference in large part is a reflection of the changes that dreadful day has wrought. As Muslim lawyers we have a critical role in helping our community and the nation navigate the shoals of an uncertain and perhaps treacherous voyage as the United States wages war on terrorism.

Part of the invidiousness of terrorism is its very anonymity, an anonymity which exploits the implicit trust among individuals living together in one society. As a result, human beings instinctively replace trust with fear and suspicion, especially toward those who seem different, unusual, or who, in a superficial sense, seem to resemble the perpetrators of the evil act. While this is a natural, or even an inevitable reaction to terror, it is the role of law to ensure that the rights of all remain sacrosanct.

American Muslim lawyers have a critical role to play in both fighting the terrorism waged under color of claims to Islamic legitimacy and the attempts to deprive persons of their constitutional and human rights in the name of fighting terrorism. But we can only fulfill this role if we maintain our integrity at two levels. First, we must preserve our integrity as Muslims by upholding truth and justice, even if it is against ourselves. Second, we must preserve our integrity as officers of the court by advancing the defense of the civil liberties of all Americans in this time of extreme stress and anxiety.

Accordingly, the conference planners have organized plenary sessions that will motivate us and prepare us for the long road that lies ahead. We begin with the Honorable Senator Russell Feingold, the only Senator to vote against the USA Patriot Act. Then we move to a plenary session devoted to the interaction of National Security Law with domestic civil rights, and the impact of the former on the civil rights of Muslims in the context of the war on terrorism. The day's next plenary

will be devoted to the relationship of contemporary international human rights law and Islamic law, whether in its traditional or resurgent form. While this topic is not central to the relationship of the war on terrorism to human and constitutional rights, the conference planners believe an absence of meaningful dialogue between these two traditions helps perpetuate the notion of a “war of civilizations” which, in part, is the breeding ground for both terrorism and the extra-legal means used to combat it. Finally, we end our plenary sessions with a sober look at a particular circumstance in which this dialogue is an absolute necessity, by focusing on backlash against Muslim-Americans post-9/11.

Saturday’s activities conclude with a banquet where we will confer an award to a special member of our community who has fought courageously for the rights of American Muslims.

Sunday, the conference resumes with a variety of breakout sessions. The substantive portion of the conference then concludes with a plenary session of defense lawyers for accused terrorists. This panel will be followed by a lunch and a forum to discuss your opinions about the past and future of NAML with its Board of Directors. Finally, we will conclude with a guided tour of the Islamic art section at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

My warmest welcome to you and best wishes for an enjoyable conference.

Sincerely,

Mohammad Fadel
President
National Association of Muslim Lawyers

A Special Thank You

The National Association of Muslim Lawyers would like to extend special thanks to the following institutions and organizations whose generous contributions to the planning of the conference were indispensable in ensuring its success:

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

We thank you for providing a forum for a serious and thoughtful legal discussion for which this illustrious institution is known, logistical support and many smaller contributions that cannot all be named.

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL

We thank you for hosting a beautiful reception and giving us the benefit of the support of your wonderful facilities.

NEW YORK AREA MUSLIM BAR ASSOCIATION

We thank you for opening your homes to your colleagues from across the country and volunteering to assist with many of the preparatory logistics.

NEW YORK AREA MUSLIM LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

We thank you -- Columbia Muslim Law Students Association, Fordham Muslim Law Students Association and New York Law School Muslim Law Students Association -- for the tireless hours that you spent planning, organizing and providing logistical solutions required to make a conference of this caliber possible. A special thank you to Noera Ayaz, the co-chair of the Columbia MLSA, without whose dedication this conference would not be taking place.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2002:

6:30- 6:40 PM MAGHRIB PRAYER

6:40- 8:30 PM OPENING RECEPTION – NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL

Professor Sadiq Reza, New York Law School, NAML Advisory Board

Dean Richard A. Matasar, New York Law School

Professor Zuhayr Moghrabi, New York Law School

Adel Akbik, NYLS Muslim Law Students' Association

Featuring live music from classical Arabic band Tarab

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2002:

8:00- 9:15 AM REGISTRATION – COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

Jerome Greene Hall Lobby and Drapkin Lounge

9:15- 9:30 AM WELCOMING REMARKS

Mohammad Fadel, NAML President; Conference Co-Chair

Dean David Leebron, Columbia Law School

Noera Ayaz, Co-Chair, Columbia Muslim Law Students Association

Jerome Greene Hall, Room 106

9:30- 10:15 AM PLENARY SESSION –

Keynote Speaker U.S. Senator Russell Feingold (D-WI)

Introduced by Aasma Khan, Conference Co-Chair

Jerome Greene Hall, Room 106

10:30- 12:00 PM PLENARY SESSION –

Muslims and National Security: Legal Rights and Wrongs After September 11th

Professor Nadine Strossen, President, American Civil Liberties Union; Professor of Law, New York Law School

Professor Muneer Ahmad, Washington College of Law, American University

Professor Sameer Ashar, University of Maryland Law School

Moderator: Professor Sadiq Reza, New York Law School

Jerome Greene Hall, Room 106

12:30- 1:30 PM NETWORKING LUNCH

Lenfest Café, 3rd Floor

1:30- 2:00 PM DHUHR PRAYER

Jerome Greene Hall, Case Lounge, 7th Floor

2:00- 4:00 PM PLENARY SESSION –

Islamic Law and International Human Rights Law: Confrontation or Convergence?

Professor Azizah al-Hibri, University of Richmond Law School

Professor Sherman Jackson, University of Michigan

Professor Ann Mayer, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

Mohammad Fadel, Ph.D., Islamic Law, University of Chicago; Associate, Sullivan & Cromwell

Moderator: Farah Brelvi, Conference Co-Chair; Member, Board of Directors, Amnesty International USA;
Associate, Cravath, Swaine & Moore

Jerome Greene Hall, Room 106

4:00- 4:30 PM ASR PRAYER

Jerome Greene Hall, Case Lounge, 7th Floor

4:30- 6:00 PM PLENARY SESSION –

American vs. American: Backlash against Muslim Americans

Ana Henderson, Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division

Omar Mohammedi, Civil Rights Attorney

Norman Siegel, Director, Freedom Legal Defense and Education Project

Amardeep Singh, Researcher, U.S. Program Human Rights Watch

Moderator: Naheed Qureshi, Former Trial Attorney, Department of Justice Initiative to Combat Post 9/11
Discriminatory Backlash

Jerome Greene Hall, Room 106

6:25- 6:40 PM MAGHRIB PRAYER

Jerome Greene Hall, Case Lounge, 7th Floor

7:00- 9:00 PM NAML AWARDS DINNER

Moderator, Asifa Quraishi, NAML Board; SJD Candidate, Harvard University

NAML 2002 Outstanding Lawyer Award: Defending Civil Liberties, Defending Civil Rights After 9/11

NAML Strategic Vision Presentation by Awais Sufi, NAML Board; Associate, Arnold & Porter

Columbia Teachers College, Dining Hall

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2002:

9:00- 10:30 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1) Islamic Finance Panel

Mohammad Fadel, Ph.D., Islamic Law, University of Chicago; Associate, Sullivan & Cromwell

Shibber Khan, Islamic Finance Executive, HSBC Bank

Umar Moghul, Associate, King & Spalding

Naveed Siddiqui, Director, National Business Development, Guidance Residential, LLC

Moderator: Rashid Alvi, Associate, Davis Polk & Wardwell

Jerome Greene Hall, Room 103

2) Career Planning: A Primer for Law Students

Chaumtoli Huq, New York Taxi Workers Alliance

Arshi Siddiqui, Lobbyist, Williams & Jensen

Khurram Wahid, Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem

Moderator: Aasma Khan, Lawyer and Human Rights Activist

Jerome Greene Hall, Room 101

Immediately followed by:

National Muslim Law Student Association (NMLSA) Informational Meeting

Presentations by NMLSA Board Members on upcoming NMLSA projects including mentorship program and law school recruitment drive; law student networking.

Jerome Greene Hall, Room 101

3) Toward an Islamic Alternative Dispute Resolution System

An Interactive Workshop with Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Chair, ISNA Symposium on Conflict Resolution

Jerome Greene Hall, Room 105

11:00- 1:00 PM PLENARY SESSION –

Protecting the Constitution by Defending the Pariahs

George Harris, Morrison & Foerster, Attorney for John Walker Lindh

Hassen Abdellah, Attorney for Mohamed el-Atriss

Sam Schmidt, Attorney for Defendants in Embassy Bombing Trials

Dr. Najeeb Bin Mohamad Ahmed Al- Nauimi, Attorney for Yaser Hamdi, Guantanamo Bay Families

Moderator: Abdeen Jabara, Board Member, Center for Constitutional Rights; Past President, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

Jerome Greene Hall, Room 106

1:00- 1:15 PM DHUHR PRAYER

Jerome Greene Hall, Case Lounge, 7th Floor

1:15- 3:00 PM WORKING LUNCH- MEET THE NAML BOARD AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

Jerome Greene Hall, Room 106

3:00- 3:30 PM COORDINATED TRAVEL TO THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

3:30- 5:30 PM GUIDED TOUR OF THE ISLAMIC ART COLLECTION, METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

SENATOR RUSSELL FEINGOLD (D-WI)

The National Association of Muslim Lawyers is honored to have Senator Russell Feingold join us as the keynote speaker for our third annual conference in New York City.

Senator Feingold was the only Senator to vote against the USA Patriot Act, the anti-terrorism bill that has been used by the Bush administration to conduct surveillance and detain individuals without judicial approval. As the Chair of the Constitution Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee in the Senate, Senator Feingold's focus was on those provisions that implicate constitutional freedoms. In discussing his vote against the Patriot Act, Senator Feingold recalled that on September 12th, 2001, a day after the attacks on the World Trade Center, he raised two warnings to his Senate colleagues. The first, he said, "was that we must continue to respect our Constitution and protect our civil liberties in the wake of the attacks." The second "was a warning against the mistreatment of Arab Americans, Muslim Americans, South Asians, or others in this country. Already, one day after the attacks, we were hearing news reports that misguided anger against people of these backgrounds had led to harassment, violence, and even death." In explaining his vote, the Senator said, "I suppose I was reacting instinctively to the unfolding events in the spirit of the Irish statesman John Philpot Curran, who said: 'The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance.'"

Since 1992 Senator Feingold championed the protection of civil rights and human rights. He is well-known for the McCain-Feingold Campaign Reform Act, a landmark electoral reform designed to reduce the role of money in politics. Senator Feingold introduced legislation to study the problem of racial profiling on our nation's roadways, and he has authored a bill to enact a moratorium on the death penalty so that a commission can examine, among other potential problems, the role of racial discrimination in the application of capital punishment. As a Member of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Feingold works to make human rights concerns a higher priority in U.S. foreign policy. He also serves on the Senate Budget Committee, the Senate Judiciary Committee, and the Senate's Special Committee on Aging.

Against the backdrop of his commitment to civil and human rights, we close with the words of the Senator himself:

"[W]e must redouble our vigilance. We must redouble our vigilance to ensure our security and to prevent further acts of terror. But we must also redouble our vigilance to preserve our values and the basic rights that make us who we are. The Founders who wrote our Constitution and Bill of Rights exercised that vigilance even though they had recently fought and won the Revolutionary War. They did not live in comfortable and easy times of hypothetical enemies. They wrote a Constitution of limited powers and an explicit Bill of Rights to protect liberty in times of war, as well as in times of peace.

There have been periods in our nation's history when civil liberties have taken a backseat to what appeared at the time to be the legitimate exigencies of war. Our national consciousness still bears the stain and the scars of those events: The Alien and Sedition Acts, the suspension of habeas corpus during the Civil War, the internment of Japanese-Americans, German-Americans, and Italian-Americans during World War II, the blacklisting of supposed communist sympathizers during the McCarthy era, and the surveillance and harassment of antiwar protesters, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., during the Vietnam War. We must not allow these pieces of our past to become prologue."

NAML 2002 OUTSTANDING LAWYER AWARD:

DEFENDING CIVIL LIBERTIES, DEFENDING CIVIL RIGHTS AFTER 9/11

In the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Muslim Americans, Arab Americans, South Asian Americans and other minorities have at times found themselves unwittingly caught up in the war against terrorism. Community activists, including Muslim lawyers, have been engaged at all levels in protecting our community's rights in response to these threats. We believe it is incumbent upon us to recognize those who have sacrificed so much to protect our communities.

This year, we honor Chaumtoli Huq for her hard work and dedication to uphold the law, to see that the law is enforced and to ensure that the rights of the weakest are protected. Many attorneys aspire to make a difference just like this. This year's honoree does even more, she exemplifies the sacrifice and the dedication it takes to be an officer of the court, a defender of the Constitution and civil rights, and a protector of the civil liberties we often take for granted.

The National Association of Muslim Lawyers is privileged to present this year's award to:

CHAUMTOLI HUQ
New York Taxi Workers Alliance

Chaumtoli Huq, an activist for workers' rights, has dedicated her legal career to the struggle for social and economic justice. She is currently the staff attorney for the New York Taxi Workers Alliance - a membership organization of yellow-cab drivers, a large percentage of whom are Muslim.

Since September 11, 2001, Ms. Huq's clients have faced discrimination based on religion and ethnicity and a drastic decrease in earnings due to the economic impact of the attacks, all while fearing for the safety of their loved ones back home due to escalating militarization in their home countries. Ms. Huq has worked on each of these fronts to advise NYTWA's over 3000 members on their rights, has successfully forced the Federal Emergency Management Agency to change its guidelines for disaster assistance for taxi-drivers, and in collaboration with the Coney Island Project, has visited and helped to access legal services for detainees. Her work at the NYTWA is supported by a Soros Fellowship.

Prior to joining NYTWA, Ms. Huq was a Skadden Fellow at the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, where she represented low-wage immigrant workers; her work included the successful settlement of a discrimination suit on behalf of a Muslim man discharged from employment because of his request to pray. Ms. Huq has also worked with Sakhi for South Asian women, administering a battered women's program and is an adjunct professor at Rutgers University.

Ms. Huq is a graduate of Columbia College and Northeastern Law School.

BIOGRAPHIES OF PANELISTS AND MODERATORS

Hassen Abdellah

Counsel to Mohamed el-Atriss

Bio unavailable at time of publication.

Professor Muneer Ahmad

Assistant Professor, Washington College of Law, American University

Muneer Ahmad is an assistant professor of law at the American University Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C., where he teaches in the International Human Rights Clinic.

Prior to joining the faculty at American University, he was a staff attorney at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center in Los Angeles, the largest civil rights organization in the country dedicated to serving the needs of low-income members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. His work in Los Angeles included impact litigation, community education, and community organizing on behalf of Latina/Latino and Asian immigrant garment workers exploited in Los Angeles sweatshops, as well as policy work regarding the impact of welfare reform on immigrant communities.

He has also worked with the South Asian Network, a non-profit social service agency committed to improving the health and welfare of low-income South Asians in the Los Angeles area. Throughout his work, he has focused on building alliances among people of color, the poor, and other marginalized communities. Prior to working in Los Angeles, he clerked for the Honorable William K. Sessions III in the United States District Court in Vermont. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1996, and from Harvard College in 1993.

Dr. Azizah al-Hibri

Professor, University of Richmond Law School

Dr. Azizah Y. al-Hibri is a professor at the T. C. Williams School of Law, University of Richmond. She is a former professor of Philosophy, founding editor of *Hypatia: a Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, and founder and executive director of KARAMAH: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights.

Dr. al-Hibri was a Fulbright Scholar and a Jesse Ball DuPont fellow at the National Humanities Center during the academic year 2000-2001. She has written extensively on issues of Islam and democracy, Muslim women's rights, and human rights in Islam. Most recently, she guest edited a special volume on Islam by the Journal of Law and Religion. Among her recent articles are: *Redefining Muslim Women's Roles in the Next Century*, in *Democracy and the Rule of Law*, Norman Dorsen and Prosser Gifford, eds. (Congressional Quarterly, 2001); *Muslim Women's Rights in the Global Village: Opportunities and Challenges*, in *The Journal of Law and Religion* (Fall, 2001); *Islamic Jurisprudence and Critical Race Feminism*, in *Global Critical Race Feminism* (New York University Press, 2000), and *An Introduction to Muslim Women's Rights*, in *Windows of Faith*, (Syracuse University Press, 2000). She is currently completing a book on the Islamic marriage contract in American courts.

Dr. al-Hibri has traveled extensively throughout the Muslim world in support of Muslim women's rights. She has visited twelve Muslim countries and discussed with their religious, political and feminist leaders, as well as their legal scholars, issues of importance to Muslim women. Dr. al-Hibri also acted as a consultant to the Supreme Council for Family Affairs in Qatar in the development of that country's personal status code.

Dr. Najeeb Bin Mohamad Ahmed Al-Nauimi

Counsel to Yaser Hamdi, Guantanamo Bay Families

Bio unavailable at time of publication.

Rashid Alvi

Associate, Davis Polk & Wardwell

Rashid Alvi is an associate in Davis Polk & Wardwell's Corporate Department and is assigned to the Mergers and Acquisitions Group. He graduated from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1992 with a major in Economics and Political Science, and in 1996 received an M.A. in Political Science from the University of Southern California. In 1999 he received his J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and a member of the Journal of International Law.

Professor Sameer M. Ashar

Professor, University of Maryland Law School

Sameer M. Ashar is Co-Director of the Civil Rights Clinic and Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland School of Law. His clinical and scholarly interests include workers' rights, immigrant detention and deportation, and law and organizing. Professor Ashar is a graduate of Swarthmore College (B.A. 1991) and Harvard Law School (J.D. 1996), where he was Lead Articles Editor of the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review.

Professor Ashar co-taught and served as a Fellow with the Immigrant Rights Clinic at the New York University School of Law. He was also a Skadden Fellow with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, an associate with Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York, and a law clerk to U.S. District Judge Deborah Batts of the Southern District of New York.

Professor Ashar is a member of the board of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Farah Brelvi

Conference Co-Chair; Member, Board of Directors, Amnesty International USA; Associate, Cravath, Swaine & Moore

Farah Brelvi is a litigator with Cravath, Swaine and Moore and has been associated with the firm since graduating from Columbia Law School in 1997.

For the past five years, she has represented African Americans and women in their Title VII lawsuit against the city and fire department of Birmingham, Alabama. Ms. Brelvi has been involved in international human rights work for over ten years and currently serves on the Board of Directors of Amnesty International USA as a member of the Board's Executive Committee.

She has previously worked for the Carter Center, the Arab Organization for Human Rights, and the United Nations, where she was a desk officer for the U.N. human rights mission to Haiti. She earned a B.A. from Yale University in 1991 in international relations with a focus on Middle Eastern politics and spent a year at the American University in Cairo studying Arabic.

She is a new mother and is currently on maternity leave from Cravath.

Mohammad Fadel

NAML President, Conference Co-Chair; Ph.D., Islamic Law, University of Chicago; Associate, Sullivan & Cromwell

Mohammad Fadel is a General Practice Associate in the New York office of the law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell. Prior to his work with Sullivan & Cromwell, he clerked for the Honorable Anthony A. Alaimo, United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of Georgia and the Honorable Paul V. Niemeyer, Judge for the United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Fadel earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in May 1999, where he was a member and Articles Development Editor of the Virginia Law Review, a John M. Olin Fellow in Law and Economics, and Order of the Coif.

Mr. Fadel earned his BA in Government and Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia with High Honors, and received a Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from the University of Chicago where he wrote his dissertation on legal process in medieval Islamic law. In addition to giving regular public lectures on Islamic law, he has published numerous papers in this area.

George Harris

Morrison & Foerster, Counsel to John Walker Lindh

George Harris is a 1982 graduate of Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the Yale Law Journal. After clerking for Judge Frank Coffin on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, he began practice at Altshuler & Berzon in San Francisco. In 1987, he joined the firm of Morrison & Foerster, where he became a partner in 1990. In 1992, while on leave from Morrison & Foerster, he served as Associate Counsel in the office of Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh for the prosecution of former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger. Mr. Harris joined the faculty at the University of Utah College of Law as an associate professor in 1996 and became a full professor in 2001. Currently on leave from the University of Utah, Mr. Harris has returned to practice at Morrison & Foerster. Mr. Harris' practice includes criminal defense and complex civil litigation, and his current clients include John Walker Lindh. Mr. Harris has published extensively, including in the areas of legal ethics, evidence, and criminal procedure.

Ana Henderson

Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division

Ana Henderson is a Trial Attorney at the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Housing and Civil Enforcement Section. She came to the Department through the Attorney General's Honors Program. Ana is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Dartmouth College, where she graduated summa cum laude and with honors in her major, Government. After law school she clerked for the Honorable Theodore McMillian, Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. During her tenure at the Department of Justice, Ana has been an active participant in the Civil Rights Division's National Origin Working Group, which seeks to increase enforcement of national origin civil rights cases through several efforts including community education.

Chaumtoli Huq

New York Taxi Workers Alliance

Ms. Chaumtoli Huq is an Open Society Institute Community Fellow/Staff Attorney with the NY Taxi Workers Alliance. Prior to joining NYTWA, she was a Skadden Fellow with the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund representing low-wage workers and a judicial clerk with the Office of Staff Attorneys, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Her areas of interest are labor and employment, civil rights and international human rights issues. She is a member of the Immigration Law Committee of the NYC Bar Association and a recipient of this year's NAML Outstanding Lawyer Award.

Abdeen M. Jabara

Board Member, Center for Constitutional Rights; Past President, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

Abdeen Jabara was born the youngest of seven children to immigrant parents in Mancelona, Michigan. After graduating from the University of Michigan in 1962, where he held a Regents Alumni Scholarship, he attended Wayne State University's Law School and earned his law degree in 1965. He is also a graduate of the Institute for World Affairs in Salisbury, Connecticut.

He opened a private practice the following year in Detroit, Michigan, and served as a cooperating attorney with the Detroit Metropolitan branch of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). In this capacity, he successfully challenged a property ownership requirement for candidates to public office in a Detroit suburb.

A renowned civil rights attorney, he founded the Law Student's Civil Rights Research Council during his days at Wayne State. He is a life member of the ACLU, a founder and past president of the Association of Arab-American University Graduates (AAUG), and served on the Board of Directors of the Emmanuel Community House in Detroit for eight years.

During the mid-1970's, Mr. Jabara was instrumental in exposing the Nixon administration's "Operation Boulder" program against Arabs and Arab-Americans which included deportations, surveillance and harassment campaigns. He was directly involved in the issue, himself the victim of a coordinated campaign of government surveillance. In 1985, he finally won a long legal battle which forced the FBI to destroy the records it had maintained concerning his exercise of activities protected by the First Amendment. He has written numerous articles and lectured extensively at universities around the U.S. on civil rights and foreign policy issues. He is the author of a monograph on Armistice Law and co-edited a book on Middle East politics.

Mr. Jabara has been an active member of the executive committee of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) since its founding in 1980. In July 1986, the board unanimously elected him president of the 18,000 member organization, the largest grass-roots Arab-American organization dedicated to defending the political rights and promoting the cultural heritage of the more than three million Americans of Arab descent. He closed his law office in Detroit after 20 years of practice and moved to the nation's capitol to assume his new position with ADC.

Mr. Jabara served as president of the ADC until 1990. In 1994 he moved to New York City to work as defense counsel in an eight-month federal criminal prosecution after which he was admitted to the New York State Bar. He now lives and practices law in New York City. He is married to Holly Maguigan who teaches at New York University School of Law.

Professor Sherman Jackson

Associate Professor of Islamic Studies, University of Michigan

Sherman A. Jackson is associate professor of Islamic Studies, Department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of Michigan. His areas of specialization are Islamic law and theology. He earned his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania between 1982 and 1990. Professor Jackson has broad teaching experience, having taught at Wayne State University, Indiana University, University of Texas at Austin, American University in Cairo, Egypt, and Middlebury College. He has also received numerous fellowships and awards and has served as interim president of the Shari'ah Scholars Association of North America and as a member of the Board of Trustees for the North American Islamic Trust. Jackson is the author of *Islamic Law and the State: The Constitutional Jurisprudence of Shihab al-Din al-Qarafi*, as well as numerous articles on Islam. He speaks classical Arabic, Egyptian, Levantine, Saudi Arabian and Sudanese dialects, and has a reading knowledge of French, German, and Persian.

Aasma Khan

Conference Co-chair, Lawyer and Human Rights Activist

Aasma Khan is the Spokesperson for Muslims AGAINST Terrorism. Ms. Khan completed her Bachelors in Political Science at the University of Chicago, where she graduated with High Honors. Ms. Khan worked for one year at one of the top ten advertising agencies in the country, Leo Burnett, and then left to study law at Chicago-Kent College of Law, where she also graduated with honors. While in law school, Ms. Khan won international recognition speaking out on human rights issues in the Philip C. Jessup international moot court competition. She went on to complete her final year of law school at Columbia Law School to further focus on her human rights curriculum. Based on her work at Columbia Law School, Aasma earned a Certificate in International Law with honors. Ms. Khan also served as federal law clerk at the United States Court of International Trade. She never lost her interest in human rights, and while practicing law at Chadbourne & Parke, one of the top 50 law firms in the country, Ms. Khan earned Chadbourne's pro-bono award two years in a row. The Lawyers Committee for Human Rights also profiled her pro bono efforts in defending asylum applicants from Sierra Leone. Ms. Khan now continues her humanitarian endeavors through Muslims Against Terrorism.

Shibber Khan

Islamic Finance Executive, HSBC Bank

Bio unavailable at time of publication.

Professor Ann Mayer

Associate Professor, University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business

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Omar Mohammedi has a diverse legal background and received three law degrees from Algeria, Cambridge Law School, England, and Fordham Law School, New York. Mr. Mohammedi has comprehensive exposure to the Common, Civil and Islamic Law Systems and extensive experience in the field of International Business and Trade Law. In addition, Mr. Mohammedi has dedicated his practice to defending the civil rights of minorities and in particular members of the Muslim community. He has been involved in high profile cases, namely the Amadou Diallo case in which he represents the parents of Amadou Diallo in their civil action against the City of New York. Before starting his own firm, Mr. Mohammedi worked in large New York law firms including Sherman & Sterling and Anderson Kill & Olick.

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Ms. Quraishi has served on the Board of Karamah: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights and the Muslim Women's League and is a founding member of MuslimJD, NAML's predecessor organization. A new mother, Ms. Quraishi continues to be active in various American Muslim community activities that have been part of her life for many years.

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Professor Sadiq Reza, a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School, teaches courses in criminal law and procedure, including a course on comparative criminal procedure that examines how other countries and legal systems investigate and prosecute criminal charges.

At Harvard, he served as Articles Editor of the *Harvard International Law Journal*, as president of the Middle Eastern Law Students Association, as a member of the Prison Legal Assistance Project, and as a teaching fellow for undergraduate courses on Islam and the modern Middle East, for which he was awarded a University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching in 1991. He also represented criminal defendants as a member of Harvard's Criminal Justice Institute Clinic. He then served as law clerk to the Honorable Stanley A. Weigel, United States District Court, Northern District of California, 1991-92.

In 1993, Professor Reza was an attorney with the American Muslim Council and the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. He then tried criminal cases and argued appeals as a staff attorney at the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, 1993-97, and was an associate at Arnold & Porter, 1997-99. Professor Reza joined New York Law School in 1999.

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Sam A. Schmidt is an attorney in New York City, and practices criminal defense law in the state and federal courts, including, since 1986, CJA panel assigned work in the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. After working for the Legal Aid Society as a senior staff attorney, he has been in private practice for 16 years. He has represented individuals and corporations in a wide range of matters, including "white collar," "organized crime," drugs, sex offenses, and homicide cases. He is an active member of the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Mr. Schmidt was lead counsel at the trial of *United States v. Usama bin Laden*, which involved the August 1998 bombings of the United States embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, representing Wadhi El-Hage. He continues to represent Mr. El-Hage on appeal, and also has consulted other attorneys representing other defendants in terrorist cases involving acts of alleged terrorism. He has also shared his trial skills by teaching in numerous practice trial courses.

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Norman Siegel

Director, Freedom Legal Defense and Education Project

Norman Siegel has worked with people all across New York, and indeed, across our country, to safeguard people's rights. Mr. Siegel joined the New York Civil Liberties Union as its Field Director in 1973, and spearheaded campaigns for the New York State Equal Rights Amendment and to impeach President Richard M. Nixon. He was counsel in the historic *Holtzman v. Schlesinger* case that challenged the constitutionality of the U.S. bombing of Cambodia as a part of the war against Vietnam. In 1978, Mr. Siegel became Project Director for MFY Legal Services, Inc., an organization which provides assistance to those with lower income in Manhattan's Lower East side, Chinatown, Little Italy, East Harlem and West Side.

Mr. Siegel was Executive Director of the New York Civil Liberties Union from July 1985 through February 2001. His tenure encompassed some of the most controversial and critical civil liberties/civil rights issues in recent New York City history. The NYCLU went to court an unprecedented 27 different times in an effort to protect First Amendment freedom from the excesses and insensitivity of the Giuliani Administration. Of the 27 encounters with the Giuliani Administration, the NYCLU prevailed, in full or in part, in 23 of the cases. Mr. Siegel was also instrumental in creating New York City's All-Civilian Complaint Review Board, and has helped families stand up and demand accountability in the face of police misconduct. He is also the Treasurer of both the Jackie Robinson Foundation and the Amadou Diallo Foundation. Norman and his wife, Saralee Evans, are proud grandparents and live in New York City.

Amardeep Singh

Researcher, U.S. Program Human Rights Watch

Amardeep Singh is a Researcher in the U.S. Program of Human Rights Watch. He is the author of HRW's upcoming report on 9/11-related hate crimes.

Mr. Singh received his Juris Doctor from Case Western Reserve University, School of Law, in 1997, and his Bachelor of Arts in English from Rutgers College. He is presently on leave of absence from American University, where he is a Masters of Law candidate in International Human Rights. In the immediate aftermath of 9/11, he co-founded the Sikh Coalition, a Sikh civil rights organization, where he remains a member of its Board of Trustees. Since September 11, he has discussed hate crime and profiling issues

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Professor Nadine Strossen

President, American Civil Liberties Union; Professor of Law, New York Law School

Nadine Strossen, Professor of Law at New York Law School, has written, lectured and practiced extensively in the areas of constitutional law, civil liberties and international human rights. Since 1991, she has served as President of the American Civil Liberties Union, the first woman to head the nation's largest and oldest civil liberties organization. (Because the ACLU Presidency is a non-paid, volunteer post, Strossen continues in her faculty position as well.) The National Law Journal has twice named Strossen one of "The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America." In 1996, Working Woman Magazine listed her among the "350 Women Who Changed the World 1976-1996." In 1997, Upside Magazine included Strossen in the "Elite 100: 100 Executives Leading The Digital Revolution." In 1998, Vanity Fair Magazine included Strossen in "America's 200 Most Influential Women." In 1999, Ladies Home Journal included Strossen in "America's 100 Most Important Women."

Since becoming ACLU President, Strossen has made more than 200 public presentations per year before diverse audiences, including on approximately 500 campuses and in many foreign countries. She comments frequently on legal issues in the national media, having appeared on virtually every national news program. She was a regular guest on ABC's "Politically Incorrect" with Bill Maher, and on the PB has been a monthly columnist for two Web-zines and a weekly commentator on the Talk America Radio Network. In October 2001, Strossen made her professional theater debut as the guest star in Eve Ensler's award-winning play, "The Vagina Monologues," during a week-long run at the National Theatre in Washington, D.C.

Strossen's writings have been published in many scholarly and general interest publications (approximately 250 published works). Her book, *Defending Pornography: Free Speech, Sex, and the Fight for Women's Rights* (Scribner 1995), was named by the New York Times a "notable book" of 1995 and was republished in October 2000 by NYU Press, with a new Introduction by the author. Her co-authored book, *Speaking of Race, Speaking of Sex: Hate Speech, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties* (N.Y.U. Press 1995), was named an "outstanding book" by the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights in North America.

In 1986, Strossen became one of the first three women to receive the U.S. Jaycees' "Ten Outstanding Young Americans" Award; she was also the first American woman to win the Jaycees International's "The Outstanding Young Persons Of the World" Award. Strossen has received Honorary Doctor of Law Degrees from the University of Rhode Island, the University of Vermont, San Joaquin College of Law, Rocky Mountain College, and the Massachusetts School of Law. Other awards include: the "Women of Distinction" award from the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, The Media Institute's Freedom of Speech Award, and the Free Speech Coalition's "Freedom Isn't Free Award."

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Strossen graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Harvard College (1972) and magna cum laude from Harvard Law School (1975), where she was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. Before becoming a law professor, she practiced law for nine years in Minneapolis (her hometown) and New York City.

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Mr. Sufi is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law, where he graduated with honors and served as an Associate Editor of the Texas Law Review. He received bachelor's degrees with honors from the University of Chicago in both Political Science and Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. Mr. Sufi is a member of the bars of the State of New York, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Najeeba Syeed-Miller

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Najeeba Syeed-Miller is currently the Executive Director of the Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center (APADRC). APADRC has provided mediation and conciliation services for the diverse Los Angeles Asian community for 12 years and was instrumental in developing inter-ethnic mediation models after the 1992 civil unrest. APADRC co-founded and implements the Foshay Peer Mediation Program which was recently awarded the John Anson Ford Award for excellence in human relations. Ms. Syeed-Miller has attended over 400 hours of conflict resolution training. Her trainers include: H. Jamal Muhammad of Pennsylvania State University, Jay Siegel of Harvard University School of Government and Bill Warters of Wayne State University. She attended a one-month training held at The Hague, by the International Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution and the University of Erasmus. Ms. Miller has also trained United Nations relief workers who will be serving in post-war reconstruction in Afghanistan in the area of conflict resolution.

Ms. Syeed-Miller has mediated a large number of cases, including youth oriented disputes, inter-racial disputes and community based conflicts. She has trained hundreds of people in mediation skills. Her trainees range from prosecutors to community leaders. While in law school she was the Coordinator of Student Mediation Services and awarded the Oexmann Fellowship for her work in community conflict resolution. During college, she served as the Coordinator for the Peace and Conflict Studies Department and awarded the Hazel Steinfeldt Scholarship for excellence in community conflict resolution work. Ms. Syeed-Miller is dedicated to the use of mediation as a grass-roots tool. In addition, she has made presentations at universities such as Harvard Divinity School, Georgetown Law School, and other institutions on the area of conflict resolution and minority communities

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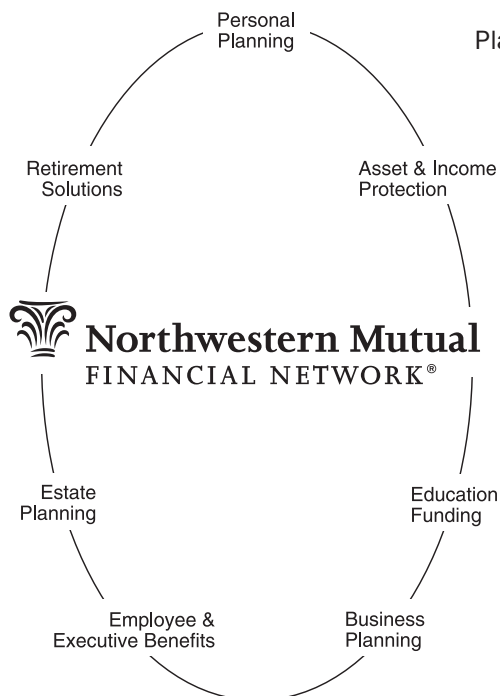
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