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Pakistan in a Post-Benazir World: Political Developments and the Role of the International Legal Community

Shahid Buttar, Counsel to Muslim Advocates' Program to Combat Racial and Religious Profiling, and Co-Chair, Pakistan Justice Coalition
(Additional speaker to be announced.)

In recent years, Pakistan has endured the suspension of constitutional law, the disbanding of the Supreme Court, and the arrest and detention of countless judges and lawyers. Lawyers across the country have united in public protests. An uneasy return to the rule of law was shattered by the December 2007 assassination of Benazir Bhutto. Panelists will discuss the current state of the country's legal institutions, and the role of the international community in supporting movements for change.

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Paying More for the American Dream: Race, Wealth, and the Foreclosure Crisis of 2008

Margalynne Armstrong, Associate Professor of Law, Santa Clara University
Kevin Stein, California Redevelopment Corporation

Record numbers of home foreclosures are disproportionately affecting minority communities. But the roots of racially discriminatory lending practices reach back decades. Panelists will discuss the past and present of predatory lending, access to affordable mortgages, and the enduring wealth gap between black and white families in the U.S.

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Guantanamo is Here: Narrative, Rights, and Resistance

Muneer Ahmad, Associate Professor of Law, American University, Washington College of Law
In conversation with **Leti Volpp**, Professor of Law, UC Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall)

Omar Khadr is a Canadian citizen who at the age of 15 was captured by U.S. forces in Afghanistan and sent to the Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base, where he was subject to what many describe as torture. In conversation with Professor Volpp, Professor Ahmad will discuss representing Mr. Khadr and will reflect upon the role of lawyering—and its limitations—in countering the narrative of terrorism within Guantanamo's legal regime.

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Same-Sex Marriage in California: From City Hall to the Supreme Court

Therese M. Stewart, Chief Deputy City Attorney, Office of the San Francisco City Attorney
(Additional speaker to be announced.)

A decision in California's landmark same-sex marriage litigation is expected by early June 2008. The City of San Francisco, advocacy organizations, and same-sex couples challenged the statutory definition of marriage in California, which defines marriage as being between a man and a woman. Panelists will discuss the cases and their practical implications.

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Disability Rights on the International Level: Human Rights in the 21st Century

Silvia Yee, Staff Attorney, Disability Rights and Education Defense Fund
Sylvia Caras, Ph.D., Former Board President, Protection & Advocacy, Inc.
Michele Magar, Executive Director, RatifyNow

The U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the first human rights treaty of the 21st century, became legally enforceable upon its parties on May 3, 2008. While the U.S. has a rich history of disability rights legislation and advocacy, the international disability rights movement imagines an even further evolution of ideals and norms. The panelists have participated in the Convention's drafting and negotiation from its conception and will provide an insiders' discussion.

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In/Eligible to Work: The New Face of Employment Verification

Jenny Chang, Staff Attorney, ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project
Maria Echaveste, Co-founder and partner, Nueva Vista Group, and Lecturer, UC Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall)
Scott Kronland, Attorney, Altshuler Berzon LLP

A new wave of verification processes has hit the American workforce, threatening the economic stability of immigrant and non-immigrant workers. Panelists will discuss the federal electronic tool of E-Verify, the proposed Department of Homeland Security rule regarding "no-match" letters, and the state laws and local ordinances imposing different requirements and sanctions, as well as related litigation.

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Supreme Court Review: Analysis and Discussion of the 2007-2008 Term Decisions

Pamela S. Karlan, Kenneth and Harle Montgomery Professor of Public Interest Law, Stanford Law School

Drawing on her experiences as a former Supreme Court clerk, Constitutional Law professor, and founding Director of Stanford's Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, Professor Pamela Karlan returns to provide her insights and analysis regarding the 2007-2008 Supreme Court term. This year's docket reviews matters of public importance, including the habeas rights of American detainees abroad, campaign finance law, voter identification requirements, and the legality of lethal injection.

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