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Summary of International Law Series

Series: Does The U.S. Violate International Law? Session Three: November 9, 2010

Options For Strengthening Accountability And Justice

Featured speakers:

Pam Spees, Center for Constitutional Rights;
Ann Wright. Retired U.S. Colonel, Former State Dept Official;
Debra Sweet (World Can't Wait);
Kathy Kelly (Voices for Creative Non-Violence);
Charlotte Dennett, Esq. Former Candidate for Attorney General of Vermont.

The session focused on the personal stories of activists in support of the supremacy of international law, working through the courts, the judicial confirmation process, civil disobedience, mass organization, and books:

- the courts - Pam Spees
- the judicial confirmation process - Ann Wright;
- the election process for state attorneys general – Charlotte Dennett
- civil disobedience - Ann Wright and Kathy Kelly
- mass organization - Debra Sweet
- books - Charlotte Dennett (author: The People v. Bush).

Major themes included:

- disappointment in American judicial opinions;
- outrages of the George W. Bush Administration; omissions and
- outrages of the Obama Administration;
- opportunities afforded by the election or confirmation of federal
- and state judges and attorneys general;
- opportunities afforded by People's Tribunals;
- opportunities afforded by Wiki-Leaks;
- need for ratification of the International Criminal Court;
- importance of presence of "closeted" friends of the Rule of Law throughout the judicial system.



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These laws, treaties and legal doctrines were mentioned:

- Alien Tort Statute;
- Rome Statute;
- International Criminal Court;
- Universal Jurisdiction.

These upcoming opportunities for action were noted:

- opening of the George W. Bush Presidential Library at Southern Methodist University (truth-brary vs. lie-brary); Action Versus Torture in Washington DC (January 11-22, 2011)

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CD Audio Recording of this session is available.

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