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**THE PRITZKER MILITARY LIBRARY PRESENTS:  
FRONT & CENTER WITH JOHN CALLAWAY  
'THE WAR OF LAW: THE BALANCE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, MILITARY LAW AND  
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW IN THE WAR ON TERROR'**

**CHICAGO, IL (April 23, 2007)**- The Pritzker Military Library hosts the next "FRONT & CENTER with John Callaway" program on Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 6:00 pm. for a panel discussion focusing on '*The War of Law: The Balance of International Law, Military Law, and Constitutional Law in the War on Terror*'. A member-only reception begins at 5:00 pm, live webcast and program begins at 6:00 followed by an interactive Q&A. "FRONT & CENTER with John Callaway" is Chicago's only monthly public affairs forum on military issues, moderated by veteran Chicago journalist John Callaway and panelists.

As American troops battle in Afghanistan and Iraq in the War on Terror, attorneys, judges and politicians engage in what might be called *The War of Law* as they consider, litigate and help determine the fate of those captured and detained, in and out of uniform. What constitutes torture, who has access to counsel or trial - and under what jurisdiction? International Law, Military Law, and Constitutional law all may apply; but sometimes don't - depending on who is talking. Balancing individual rights and fair treatment with the needs of security and obtaining information underlie the debate. What are the rights of the accused? Who can be prosecuted and under what rules? Join John Callaway and his guests as they explore the intricacies of war and the law.

#### Panel Guests

**Gary Isaac** has practiced law at Mayer, Brown & Platt (now Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw) in Chicago since 1986. Mr. Isaac has been involved in the Guantanamo litigation since the Fall of 2003, when he co-authored two "friend of the court" briefs in the *Rasul* case on behalf of retired military officers - one urging the Supreme Court to hear the detainees' case, and another urging the Court to hold that U.S. courts have jurisdiction to entertain detainees' petitions for habeas corpus. Since the Supreme Court's decision in June, 2004 in *Rasul*, Mr. Isaac has played an active part in the group of attorneys bringing habeas actions on behalf of the detainees. In April, 2006, the Center for Constitutional Rights honored Mr. Isaac with its 2006 President's Award. Mr. Isaac is co-author of *On Strike for Respect: The Clerical and Technical Workers' Strike at Yale University, 1984-85*. He received his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1985.

**Dr. Alberto R. Coll** is Associate Professor of Law and President of the International Human Rights Law Institute at DePaul University. Previously, Dr. Coll was chairman of the Strategic Research Department at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, where he also served as dean of the Center for Naval Warfare Studies. From 1990 to 1993, Coll was principal deputy assistant secretary of defense, with responsibilities in the areas of special operations forces and "low-intensity" conflict, including counterterrorism. He received the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service. Coll is the author of *The Wisdom of Statecraft* and numerous articles. In 2004, Coll received the Antonio Jose Irisarri Medal for his contribution to strengthening the rule of law and civilian control over the military in Guatemala. He graduated cum laude from Princeton University with a bachelor's degree in

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history, and later earned his JD and Ph.D. in government and foreign affairs from the University of Virginia.

**Stephen Presser** is the Raoul Berger Professor Legal History at Northwestern University where he has taught since 1977. Previously he was on the law faculty at Rutgers University and worked for the Washington, D.C. firm of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering. He is a leading American legal historian and expert on shareholder liability for corporate debts. He is frequently an invited witness before committees of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives on issues of constitutional law. He holds a joint appointment with the J. L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management and also teaches in Northwestern's history department. Recent publications include *The Guantanamo Question*, CHRONICLES: A MAGAZINE OF AMERICAN CULTURE, 2007; *Piercing the Corporate Veil*, 2007; and *Law and Jurisprudence in American History*, 2006. Presser earned his AB degree cum laude and his law degree magna cum laude from Harvard University.

**Moderator John Callaway** After a broadcast journalism career of nearly 50 years, John Callaway is now engaged in writing, freelance broadcasting, and speaking. The long-time host of Chicago Tonight on Chicago public television station WTTW Channel 11, Mr. Callaway is now host and senior editor for "Chicago Stories," a documentary and interview weekly program on WTTW and host of "Friday Night." He has been honored with more than one hundred awards, including the coveted Peabody Award and fifteen Emmys.

Admission is free, but space is limited. Advance reservations required. Call: 312.587.0234 For more information on the event: <http://www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org/events/calendar.jsp>

**About the Pritzker Military Library**

*The Pritzker Military Library, a major library and cultural venue for military history and the representations of the Citizen Soldier in a democratic society, is located on Fairbanks Court at Ohio, and can be reached via the CTA's Red Line (Grand stop). Public parking is conveniently located at the corner of Fairbanks Court and Ohio. The library and gallery are open to the public Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

*Pritzker Military Library was founded in 2003 by Colonel (IL) James N. Pritzker, IL ARNG (Ret.) with a mission to acquire and maintain a collection of materials and develop appropriate programs to create a better understanding of the role of the Citizen Soldier in society. The Library has amassed a collection of more than 20,000 books and an extensive collection of audiovisuals, prints and antique military posters, in addition to a growing collection of personal papers. Author events, interviews with Medal of Honor recipients, and panel discussions on military topics highlight the Library's weekly schedule of free program offerings. Archived web casts and pod casts of over 130 public programs are available on the library website and through the online catalogue. Re-broadcasts of Library programs appear on WYCC Channel 20. Check local listings for schedule. The Gallery opened in October 2005 and features military themed art, poster and print exhibits and multi-media presentations throughout the year.*

For more information, call 312-587-0234 or visit: [www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org](http://www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org).

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