President’s intelligence adviser featured speaker at the University of Houston Law Review’s annual Frankel Lecture

Sept. 20, 2011 -- University of Houston Law Center alumnus Dr. Philip Zelikow, former head of the 9/11 commission and recent appointee to the President’s Intelligence Advisory Board, will be the Houston Law Review’s featured speaker at its 16th annual Frankel Lecture Nov. 4. His topic, “Codes of Conduct for a Twilight War,” will explore the question of how America should wage the next, and possibly longer, phase of the war on terrorism.

“The war we have been fighting for the last 10 years and even longer around the world has been one fought largely in the shadows against ever-evolving groups of violent extremists,” Zelikow said. “The time is right to reflect what has happened during the war on terrorism and where we go from here.”

A member of the Law Center’s class of ’79, Zelikow has had a long and distinguished career in private practice, public service and academia. He was executive director of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (also known as the “9/11 Commission”) from 2003 to 2004. He also was a member of the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board from 2001 to 2003 and was recently appointed to President Obama’s Intelligence Advisory Board. As a member of the Intelligence Advisory Board, Zelikow will advise the president on the effectiveness of the nation’s intelligence agencies and their preparedness for the future.

Zelikow is an associate dean for the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the White Burkett Miller Professor of History at the University of Virginia. A former trial and appellate attorney in Houston, he holds a B.A. from the University of Redlands, a J.D. from the University of Houston, and a Ph.D. and M.A. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

Commentators at the event will be David Cole and Mark Danner. Cole is a professor at Georgetown University Law Center where he teaches constitutional law, national security, and criminal justice. He is also a volunteer staff attorney for the Center for Constitutional Rights, where he has argued cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Danner is a professor at the University of California at Berkeley and Bard College. A former staff writer at the New Yorker, he has written about foreign affairs and American politics for more than two decades, covering Latin America, Haiti, the Balkans and the Middle East among other stories. He also speaks and lectures widely on foreign policy and America’s role in the world.

In addition, the moderator for the event will be Professor Jordan Paust, Mike and Teresa Baker Law Center Professor of International Law, University of Houston Law Center.
To register online to attend the lecture, please visit HoustonLawReview.org. Attorneys licensed in Texas will receive two hours of participatory MCLE credit for attending the lecture.

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