

Colombian Paramilitaries in the United States: A Victim's Quest for Truth and Accountability

Date: October 28, 2009

Time: 5:30-7:00pm

**Location: Goldberg Room,
UC Berkeley Law, Boalt Hall**

Main Guest Speaker: Bela Henriquez

Panel Speakers:

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In 2001, paramilitary commander Hernan Giraldo forcefully disappeared and murdered Julio Henriquez, an environmentalist, for interfering with his drug trafficking empire. Though convicted of this crime in Colombia, Giraldo's 2008 extradition to the U.S. for drug trafficking blocked redress for the victims of one of this hemisphere's most violent criminals. Along with 14 other extradited Colombian paramilitaries in U.S. custody, Giraldo may never be held accountable for human rights abuses.

The International Human Rights Law Clinic and Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati are using the Crime Victims Rights Act to intervene on behalf of Bela Henriquez, the slain environmentalist's daughter, in the U.S. drug prosecution against her father's murderer.

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