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Press Release

DC Chief Judge Meets with Guantanamo Lawyers

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 18, 2008 -- U.S. District Court Chief Judge Royce C. Lamberth met today with lawyers from the Department of Justice and representatives of the Guantanamo detainees to discuss how the court should proceed in light of last week's Supreme Court decision in *Boumediene v. Bush*. In the off-the-record meeting, lawyers for both sides discussed a number of security and procedural issues that are common to many of the nearly 200 cases pending before the court. "We had a constructive meeting today and will have a follow up meeting next Wednesday. I plan to meet soon with the judges of this court to discuss the lawyers' suggestions for how we can move these cases most efficiently and expeditiously," said Chief Judge Lamberth.

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