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Press Release:

DC Chief Judge Meets with Judges to Discuss District Court Procedures for Guantanamo Cases

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 2, 2008 --

U.S. District Court Chief Judge Royce C. Lamberth announced today that a resolution was adopted at an Executive Session of all the judges of the Court, designating Senior Judge Thomas F. Hogan to coordinate and manage proceedings in all Guantanamo Bay cases so that these cases can be addressed as expeditiously as possible under the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Boumediene v. Bush*. A copy of the Resolution adopted by the Court is attached hereto. A copy of the sample transfer order judges are expected to enter is also attached.

Judge Hogan will be responsible for coordination and management of all the Guantanamo Bay cases. To the extent possible, he will rule on procedural issues that are common to these cases. He will also identify substantive issues that are common to all, or some, of these cases, and he – or one of the transferring judges – will address common substantive issues.

Judge Hogan will conduct his first hearing at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, in Courtroom 20 of the Courthouse. Judge Hogan is expected to decide the schedule and sequencing of the cases after hearing from all interested parties.

It has been determined that one initial issue to be decided will be a motion to enjoin a Military Commission at Guantanamo from going forward. Judge James Robertson has been assigned that issue, and it will be decided initially in the case of *Hamdan v. Bush*, Civil Action No. 04-1519.

Chief Judge Lamberth stated that "The judges of this Court are committed to deciding these cases as expeditiously as possible. The judges are convinced that the coordination and case management role assigned to Judge Hogan will greatly assist in moving all of these cases to a prompt resolution."

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