

**A Muslim Legal Challenge:  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Muslim Lawyers' Guild Conference for  
North American Muslim Lawyers  
Saturday-Sunday, February 17-18, 2001  
Presidents' Day Weekend**

**PROGRAM**

**Saturday, February 17, 2001**

**9:00 - 10:00 AM Reception and On-Site Registration**

**10:00 - 10:15 AM Welcome Remarks**

*Mohammad Fadel, Clerk, Fourth Circuit United States' Court of Appeals, J.D., U.Va., Ph.D., U. Chicago, Conference Co-Chair*

**10:30 - 12:00 PM Breakout Sessions**

**The Front Line: Issues of Importance to the American Muslim Community**

**1) The Muslim Family: Effective Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Strategies**

*The Honorable Judge Zakiya Mahasa, Family Court, Maryland*

*Mohammad Fadel, Clerk, Fourth Circuit, Ph.D. U. of Chicago*

*Najeeba Syeed, Director ISNA ADR/Mediation Project*

*Alma Jadalla, Professional Mediator*

*Steve Vieux, Attorney, Federal Trade Commission (D.C. Muslim Mediation Project)*

**2) The Muslim Non-Profit: An Ongoing Concern**

*Irshad Abdal-Haq, Economic Development Administration, Office of Chief Counsel, U.S. Dept. of Commerce*

*LaDale George, Of Counsel, Foley & Lardner; President, Muslim Bar Association of Chicago*

*[Marilyn Wyatt, Global Governance Consultant, National Center for NonProfit Boards]*

*[Nizam Arain, Counsel Rainbow Coalition, Operation PUSH]*

**3) Issues in Immigration Law**

*Naima Said, Naima Said & Associates, P.C., Columbia, MD*

*Ismail Laher, Immigration Law Offices of Ismail Laher, Specialists in Business Immigration Issues*

*Representative, Office of the Special Counsel for Immigration Related Employment Discrimination, United States Department of Commerce*

**12:15-1:15 Lunch;**

**1:15- 1:30 PM Dhuhr Prayer**

**2:00-3:00 PLEN. SESSION –Special Keynote Speaker: Professor David Cole**

*David Cole is a Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center and Pro Bono Counsel for the Center for Constitutional Rights. He has argued numerous cases before the Supreme Court and other courts of federal jurisdiction. He served as special counsel and advisor in ADC v. Reno and is currently involved in numerous cases involving the use of secret evidence in deportation proceedings, including that of Mazen al-Najjar.*

**3:00-3:20 Asr Prayer**

**3:30 -- 5:00 Breakout Sessions**

## **1) Muslim Civil Rights: Challenges in Representation**

*Houeida Saad, Recipient, D.C. Pro Bono Award of the Year, former counsel to secret evidence detainee Hany Kiardeen,*

*Kamran Memon, Law Offices of Kamran Memon, Civil Rights Attorney, Chicago*

*Ashraf Nubani: [title]*

*Kareem Shora, Legal Advisor, Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee*

*Asim Ghafoor, Legislative Assistant, The Honorable Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez*

## **2) Career Planning: A Primer for Law Students**

*Sadiq Reza, Associate Professor, New York Law School, New York City; Former counsel to D.C. Public Defenders*

*Mohamed Yusuf M. Mohamed, Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Labor*

*Asifa Quraishi, S.J.D. Student, Harvard Law School; Former Clerk in the N.D.C.A.; 9<sup>th</sup> Cir.*

*Farhana Khera, Minority Counsel, Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution,*

*Farah Brelvi, Associate, Cravath Swaine & Moore*

*Sareer Fazilli, Of Counsel, Brown & Hutchinson; Board of Directors, Kashmiri American Council*

*Safura Siddiqui Gangat, Associate Counsel for Legislative Affairs, Mayor Rudolph Guliani; Health Care Advisor*

*Deputy Mayor Joseph Chota, NYC; Assistant General Counsel, HIP.*

**5:00 – 5:20 Maghrib Prayer**

**5:30 – 7:00 PLEN. SESSION –A Challenge of Faith: The Muslim Lawyer in a Non-Islamic System**

**Khaled Abou el-Fadl, Professor of Islamic Law, University of California Los Angeles, Author of The Authoritarian and Authoritative in Islamic Discourse**

**Sherman Jackson, Professor of Law, University of Michigan, Author of \_\_\_\_**

**7:00 - 9:00 PM Dinner**

**Comments from the Floor and Closing Remarks**

**Sunday, February 18, 2001**

**9:30-11:30 Working Breakfast- Conference Preparation, 2002**

All Welcome and Encouraged to Attend.