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AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE WHITE HOUSE RESPONSE TO 9/11 WITH JOHN YOO AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (October 24, 2006) – Join John Yoo, the architect of many of President George Bush's post 9/11 homeland security measures, as he talks about his new book, *War by Other Means: An Insider's Account on the War on Terror*, on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for non-members, \$12 for members (including Federalist Society members), and \$6 for students and K-12 teachers. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700. This program is held in conjunction with the Center's new exhibition, *9/11: A Nation Remembers*.

On September 11, 2001, while America reeled from the day's cataclysmic events and the majority of officials in Washington, D.C. – including most of the Justice Department – struggled to leave town, John Yoo and a skeletal staff of the Office of Legal Counsel of the Justice Department stayed behind. The day's attacks called for a response and they quickly found themselves on the phone with the White House, but the scope of the President's legal authority to act was unclear.

In a series of memos to the White House, Yoo offered his legal opinions and, in the process, had an almost unmatched impact on America's fight against terrorism. His analysis led to many of the Bush administration's most controversial policies, including detention at Guantanamo Bay, coercive interrogation, military trials for terrorists,

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preemptive attacks, and the National Security Agency's wiretapping program. Yoo also played a key role in framing parts of the Patriot Act, and in the Bush administration's decision that the Geneva Conventions are irrelevant for "illegal enemy combatants."

John Yoo is a professor of law at the University of California at Berkeley School of Law. From 2001 to 2003 he worked as a deputy assistant attorney general in the Office of Legal Counsel of the Department of Justice. He has published articles in a number of the nation's leading law journals, opinion pieces in *The Washington Post*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, and *Los Angeles Times*, and an academic legal book, *The Powers of War and Peace*.

This event is being produced in collaboration with the Federalist Society.

From September 8, 2006 through January 1, 2007 the National Constitution Center proudly presents **9/11: A Nation Remembers**, an original photography exhibition documenting how the American people responded to and remember the events of September 11th. This exhibition of 100 photographs by Jonathan Hyman inspires conversations about community, national identity, and how ordinary Americans have commemorated the day.

Admission to *9/11: A Nation Remembers* is free with regular museum admission of \$9 for adults and \$7 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and active military personnel. Children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available.

CBS 3 is the official media partner for the exhibition. CBS 3 (KYW-TV) is part of the CBS Television Stations division, one of the largest network-owned station groups. Philadelphia's first television station, CBS 3 has been providing news, information and entertainment to local viewers since 1932. The station is the home of the prestigious Eyewitness News brand, now synonymous with news coverage nationwide.

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The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. The National Constitution Center's programs earned the organization a 2006 Best of Philly® award from *Philadelphia* magazine as the "Best Place To Smarten Up". For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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