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**HAROLD HONGJU KOH DELIVERS 51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL OWEN J. ROBERTS  
MEMORIAL LECTURE AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER  
IN HONOR OF CONSTITUTION DAY 2008**

Philadelphia, PA (August 26, 2008) – Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Harold Hongju Koh, will deliver the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Owen J. Roberts Memorial Lecture at the National Constitution Center on September 15, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. Koh will examine our Constitution through the lens of national security, seven years after September 11 and only weeks before an historic presidential election. **Advanced tickets are available to invited guests of the University of Pennsylvania Law School and Constitution Center members through Thursday, September 4, 2008. Tickets for the general public will be available starting on Friday, September 5, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.** Admission is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

**Harold Hongju Koh** is Dean and Gerard C. & Bernice Latrobe Smith Professor of International Law at Yale Law School, where he has taught international law, human rights, and civil procedure since 1985 and has served since 2004 as the fifteenth dean. From 1998 to 2001, Koh served as Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor. A graduate of Harvard College, Oxford University (where he was a Marshall Scholar), and Harvard Law School (where he was Developments Editor of the *Harvard Law Review*), he has written more than 80 articles and authored or co-authored eight books, including *Transitional Legal Problems* (with H. Steiner & D. Vagts) and *The*

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## OWEN J. ROBERTS LECTURE/ADD ONE

*National Security Constitution*, which won the American Political Science Association's Award as the best book on the American Presidency. Dean Koh has been awarded nine honorary doctorates and two law school medals and has received more than twenty-five awards for his human rights work, including representation of Haitian refugees before the U.S. Supreme Court. He has been named by *American Lawyer* magazine as one of America's 45 leading public sector lawyers under the age of 45, and by *A Magazine* as one of the 100 most influential Asian-Americans of the 1990s.

Introducing Harold Hongju Koh will be Dean of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Michael A. Fitts. A question and answer session with the audience will immediately follow the lecture.

The Owen J. Roberts Lecture Series was established in 1957 to honor Owen J. Roberts, an 1895 Graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and an 1898 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Roberts was a former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Dean of the University of Pennsylvania Law School from 1948 to 1952.

The 2008 Owen J. Roberts Lecture is presented by the University of Pennsylvania Law School in conjunction with the National Constitution Center. It is the second lecture in this series to be held at the Center in recognition of the significance of Constitution Day, which commemorates the signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. It is made possible by an endowment from the law firm of Montgomery McCracken LLP and is supported by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Order of the Coif and The Law Alumni Society of Penn Law.

This program has been approved for one hour of substantive law credit for Pennsylvania lawyers and may be likewise approved for other jurisdictions. For CLE credit, program guests must bring a check made out to The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$25.

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## OWEN J. ROBERTS LECTURE/ADD LAST

In partnership with *USA TODAY*, the National Constitution Center will serve as the focal point for a wide variety of programs and activities in celebration of Constitution Day 2008. The programming surrounding the 221<sup>st</sup> birthday of the Constitution has been made possible with generous funding from the Annenberg Foundation and The Pew Charitable Trusts. For more information regarding the event schedule surrounding Constitution Day please visit [www.constitutioncenter.org/constitutionday](http://www.constitutioncenter.org/constitutionday).

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. The Center serves as 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. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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