

Welcome to the Amnesty International USA 2006 Lawyers' Conference...

FULFILLING THE LEGACY:
**INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE
60 YEARS AFTER NUREMBERG**



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William H. Gates Hall**



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In 1945, the Nuremberg Tribunal was established to prosecute the leading military and political leaders of Nazi Germany. The Tribunal is a testament to the triumph of the rule of law in the struggle against tyranny and oppression. As noted by Justice Robert Jackson in his opening statement to the Tribunal, "[t]hat four great nations, flushed with victory and stung with injury stay the hand of vengeance and voluntarily submit their captive enemies to the judgment of the law is one of the most significant tributes that Power has ever paid to Reason."

Today's conference will examine the Nuremberg legacy as it relates to current efforts to promote accountability for human rights abuses. It will also consider how Nuremberg influences contemporary views on fair trial norms.

Convened by the Amnesty International USA Legal Network, this conference is held in conjunction with the Fitzpatrick Fund and Condon-Falknor Lecture at the University of Washington School of Law in Seattle. The late Joan Fitzpatrick was a leader in the human rights movement and a firm believer in the power of the rule of law. The Fitzpatrick Fund was established in her honor at the University of Washington to provide grants for work in the field of human rights.

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Friday, February 17

5:00 p.m. *Registration and Reception*

6:00 p.m. *Condon-Falknor Keynote Lecture: Genocide, Terrorism and the Rule of Law*

Welcome from Dean Emeritus Roland L. Hjorth (University of Washington School of Law)
Lecture delivered by the Honorable John Shattuck, Chief Executive Officer of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor

7:30pm *Keynote Reception*

Saturday, February 18

8:15-9am ***Registration***

9:00am ***Welcome and Introduction***

Dean W. H. Knight, Jr. (University of Washington School of Law)
William Aceves (Amnesty International USA Legal Network, California Western School of Law)

9:15-10:45 ***The Nuremberg Precedent: Prosecuting Genocide, War Crimes, and Crimes Against Humanity***

Michael Bazylar (Whittier Law School)
Matt Eisenbrandt (Center for Justice & Accountability)
David Matas (Amnesty International - Canada)
Naomi Roht-Arriaza (University of California, Hastings College of the Law)
Jeff Bachman (AIUSA Country Specialist) *moderating*

11:00-12:30 ***Prosecuting Gender Crimes***

Sita Balthazar (Amnesty International USA Legal Network)
Jane Rocamora (Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinic)
Susana SáCouto (American University Washington College of Law)
Jaime Hawk (AIUSA Stop Violence Against Women State Coordinator) *moderating*

12:45-2:00 ***Lunch Lecture: The Legacy of Nuremberg***

Screening of "Nuremberg Remembered" (a film by Rebecca Richman Cohen, Racing Horse Productions)
Remarks by Paul Hoffman (Schonbrun DeSimone Seplow Harris & Hoffman)

2:15-3:45 ***The Status of Fair Trial Norms***

Joseph Margulies (University of Chicago Law School)
Meg Satterthwaite (New York University School of Law)
Rick Wilson (American University College of Law)
Joel Ngugi (University of Washington School of Law) *moderating*

4:00-5:30 ***Liability of Non-State Actors for Violations of International Law***

Susan Burke (Burke & Pyle)
Rick Herz (Earthrights International)
Anita Ramasastry (University of Washington School of Law)
Kristen Stilt (University of Washington School of Law) *moderating*

5:30-6:30 ***Wine and Cheese Reception***

The Chair from Nuremberg

Judge Walter B. Beals was born in St. Paul, Minnesota and moved to the Washington Territory with his family in 1876. He graduated from the University of Washington School of Law in 1901 and, upon graduation, maintained a private law practice in Seattle. In 1926, he was elected to the Supreme Court of Washington, where he served until 1952.

In October 1946, Judge Beals took a leave from his position as Chief Justice of the Washington Supreme Court to serve as a judge in the Nuremberg Military Tribunals. When he was appointed to the position, Judge Beals was seventy years old and had had no previous war crimes trial or international law experience.

Judge Beals served as the Presiding Judge over the “Doctors’ Trial”, the American military tribunal criminal proceedings against 23 leading German physicians and administrators for their willing participation in war crimes and crimes against humanity in the form of harmful or fatal medical experiments and other medical procedures inflicted on both civilians and prisoners of war. The Doctors’ Trial lasted for nine months and included the testimony of 85 witnesses and the submission of almost 1,500 documents. On August 20, 1947, sixteen of the defendants were found guilty.

Photo: *The chair used Judge Walter Beals during one phase of the war crimes trials held in Nuremberg. The University of Washington School of Law now permanently houses the chair, which is on display during this weekend’s conference events.*



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