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INTRODUCTION

Miami is a gateway city to Latin America. A tremendous volume of people, products, and materials move through the city every year. Most of this traffic is legal and mutually enriching to the United States and to Latin America. In the midst of this robust transfer of goods and services, transnational criminal organizations have grown and evolved. The history of illegal trafficking in Miami is extensive, stretching all the way back to the rumrunners of the 1920s, and more recently, the "Cocaine Cowboys" of the 1980s. Today, criminal organizations have expanded their scope and capacity, smuggling everything from people, to weapons, money, and drugs. With our vast ports and open waterways, one can imagine the challenges organized professional smugglers present to our national security. The increase in human trafficking is particularly unsettling as untold numbers are smuggled into the city and exploited every year. For Miami to reach its full potential as a global hub of commerce, we must address illicit trafficking and the challenges it presents to our national security.
1:00 PM  Welcome and Introductions

Captain Corey P. Gray, USAR, Editor-in-Chief, National Security & Armed Conflict Law Review

Patricia D. White, Dean and Professor of Law

Markus Wagner, Associate Professor of Law and Faculty Sponsor for the National Security & Armed Conflict Law Review

1:15 PM  Keynote Address

Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (FL-27) Chairwoman, House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, Chairwoman Emeritus of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs

1:25 PM  Panel I – International Trafficking and Enforcement

Captain James D. Carlson, Staff Judge Advocate, United States Coast Guard Seventh District

Marine Colonel Daniel Lecce, Staff Judge Advocate at the United States Southern Command, United States Marine Corps

Celina Realuyo, Professor of Practice of National Security Affairs, William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies at National Defense University

Moderator: Professor Markus Wagner

2:20 PM  Break
PROGRAM

2:25 PM  Panel II - Domestic Trafficking and Enforcement

Jeremy Kuester, Director of the Office of Strategic Initiatives at the Treasury Department's Office of Intelligence and Analysis

Maria Medetis, Assistant United States Attorney (Miami), Special Prosecutions Section for Human Trafficking

Dr. Roza Pati, Professor of Law and Director of Human Trafficking Academy at St. Thomas University School of Law

Moderator: Professor Mary Anne Franks, Associate Professor of Law

3:25 PM  Q & A

Questions may be tweeted throughout the event to @miaminsac

3:35 PM  Closing Remarks

Captain Corey P. Gray, USAR
Capitan James D. Carlson, United States Coast Guard

Capitan Carlson currently serves as the Staff Judge Advocate for the Seventh Coast Guard District in Miami. In this position, he is responsible for providing legal advice to the district commander, district staff, and subordinates while overseeing the provision of legal services to over 4,300 active duty, reserve, and civilian personnel. Capitan Carlson also serves as Legal Advisor to the Homeland Security Task Force, Southeast. Additionally, he is a designated Cutterman having served aboard three ships, commanding one.

Capitan Carlson received his commission upon graduation from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, where he received a B.S. in Mathematical and Computer Sciences. He further graduated, magna cum laude, with a J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law, and is a member of the Florida Bar. Previously, Capitan Carlson was an Associate Professor and Chief of the Law Faculty at the United States Coast Guard Academy. He also served as a Special Advisor for Homeland Security to Vice President Biden. Prior to his current assignment, Capitan Carlson served as the Executive Director of the Interdiction Committee which is group of sub-department agencies that are an advisory body to the U.S. Interdiction Coordinator and the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Mary Anne Franks, Associate Professor of Law

Professor Franks is an Associate Professor at the University of Miami School of Law. She currently teaches family law, criminal law, and criminal procedure. Her research and teaching interests include law and gender, cyberlaw, discrimination, and free speech. Before joining the University of Miami faculty, Professor Franks was Bigelow Fellow and Lecturer in Law at the University of Chicago Law School.

Professor Franks graduated with a B.A. from Loyola University. As a Rhodes Scholar, she earned both a Masters in Philosophy and a Doctorate in Philosophy from Oxford University. Further, she graduated with a J.D. from Harvard Law School. Before she began teaching, Professor Franks taught courses in social theory and philosophy at Harvard University. Additionally, she worked as a Senior Consultant for a negotiation consulting firm.

Jeremy Kuester

Jeremy Kuester is the Director of the Office of Strategic Initiative at the Treasury Department’s Office of Intelligence and Analysis (OIA). In this role, he provides guidance and oversight to OIA’s long term mission objectives, particularly as they relate to the role of intelligence at the Treasury and combatting transnational crimes.

Kuester is a native of Washington, D.C. and received Bachelor degrees in Business Management and Government and Politics from the University of Maryland, College Park. He received his JD and Master’s degree in International Relations from American University. Kuester began his career as an intelligence analyst covering terrorist networks originating in South Asia and Iraq. Outside of government, he practiced law at Merrill Lynch and Bank
Colonel Daniel J. Lecce, United States Marine Corps.

Colonel Lecce currently serves as the Staff Judge Advocate at the United States Southern Command. He has served in a variety of operational and legal positions during his years of service. He participated in Operation Stabilise (East Timor, 2000), Southern Watch (Persian Gulf, 2000) and is a designated Regional Area Officer. From 2003-2005, he was the Commanding Officer of a Marine Security Guard Battalion. Following his command tour, he served as the Branch Head of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant. Additionally, he was assigned as a Staff Judge Advocate and was temporarily deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. From 2010-2012, he served as the Commanding Officer at Camp Lejeune.

Colonel Lecce received both a BA and a JD from the University of Pittsburgh. He received a LLM with a concentration in Military Operational and International Law from the Judge Advocate General of the Army’s School in Charlottesville, Virginia. Colonel Lecce was also selected as a Marine Fellow to Johns Hopkins University where he graduated, cum laude, with a Master’s degree in International Public Policy. Further, he is a graduate of the Naval War College Command and Staff Course (seminar) and the Joint and Combined Warfare School.

Maria Medetis, Assistant United States Attorney

Maria Medetis is an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) for the United States Attorney’s Office in the Southern District of Florida. She is part of the Special Prosecutions Section where she investigates and prosecutes human trafficking matters, child exploitation matters, and other violent crimes. In 2011, Medetis received the U.S. Attorney General’s Special Commendation for her prosecution of Edgar Castillo. In 2013, she received the Director’s Award for the Department of Homeland Security—Homeland Security Investigations for her prosecution of Matthew Andrew Carter.

Medetis received her B.A. in Economics from Stanford University. She further earned her J.D. from The Yale Law School. Previously, Medetis served as a judicial law clerk in Miami for the Honorable Stanley Marcus in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Additionally, she served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Adalberto Jordan in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Before joining the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Medetis was an Associate with Boies, Schiller & Flexner, LLP in Washington, D.C., where she handled complex commercial litigation matters.
Dr. Roza Pati, Professor of Law

Dr. Pati currently teaches at St. Thomas University School of Law. She is also the Executive Director of the LL.M./ J.S.D. Program in Intercultural Human Rights and the Director of Human Trafficking Academy. Dr. Pati’s fields of expertise include international law, human rights law, human trafficking law, and terrorism law. She has published numerous works in her fields of expertise which include books, book chapters, and articles.

Dr. Pati earned her B.A., summa cum laude, and an L.L.B., cum laude, at the University of Tirana in Albania. She graduated, summa cum laude, with a Doctorate of Science of Law from the University of Potsdam in Germany. Additionally, she earned an L.L.M., summa cum laude, at St. Thomas University School of Law. Dr. Pati has rich experience in public service, administration, and academia. She previously served as a Member of Parliament and a Cabinet Member serving as the Secretary of State for Youth and Women of Albania. Additionally, she has been working on the problématique of human trafficking in various capacities for almost thirty years. She formally chaired the Sub-Committee on Education within the Florida Catholic Conference Ad Hoc Committee on Human Trafficking Awareness.

Celina Realuyo

Celina Realuyo is the Professor of Practice at the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies at National Defense University. Her focus includes U.S. national security, illicit networks, transnational organized crimes, counterterrorism, and threat finance issues. Realuyo has over two decades of international experience in the public, private, and academic sectors.

Realuyo earned her B.S. from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and a Certificate from l'Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris, France. She earned an M.A. from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. She is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations, International Institute for Strategic Studies, Women in International Security, Global Summit of Women, and the Professional Risk Managers' International Association. Additionally, Realuyo has traveled to more than seventy countries, speaks three languages fluently, and can converse in four other languages.

Congresswoman Ilenna Ros-Lehtinen, Representative for Florida’s 27th Congressional District

Congresswoman Ilenna Ros-Lehtinen is proud to represent Florida’s 27th congressional district. She is Chairwoman Emeritus of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Presently, she is the Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, and a member of the House Committee on Rules. As a strong advocate of programs that address
domestic violence against women, Congresswomen Ros-Lehtinen was a lead sponsor of the Violence Against Women’s Act.

Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen earned an A.A. from Miami-Dade Community College. She graduated with a Bachelor’s degree and a Master’s Degree in Education from Florida International University. Further, she earned her Doctorate in Education from the University of Miami. Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen has a diverse background in education which led to her decision to begin a career in public service. Her public service career began in the Florida State House of Representatives where she authored the Florida Prepaid College Plan. Additionally, she served in the Florida Senate before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Nicholas Schumann
Nicholas (Nick) Schumann is the U.S. Treasury Department’s representative to the United States Southern Command and an analysts/advisor for the Treasury’s Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (TFI). He serves as the primary conduit between the Southern Command and the Treasury’s intelligence, policy, and law enforcement elements for financial and policy matters in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Schumann earned his BA in History and an MBA from the University of Florida. He is currently enrolled in Florida International University’s Master’s program for Latin American and Caribbean studies. He is also a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS). Currently, Mr. Schumann is serving as an Officer in the U.S. Army Reserve. He was previously deployed to Kuwait and Iraq.

Markus Wagner, Associate Professor of Law
Markus Wagner is an Associate Professor at the University of Miami School of Law. His areas of expertise include international law, constitutional law, and comparative law. Recently, his scholarship has focused on the development of autonomous weaponry and its compatibility with international humanitarian law and international economic law. His work as appeared in peer-reviewed publications including, the Harvard Journal of International Law, the Fordham International Law Journal, and the Tulsa Law Review. Additionally, he was appointed as Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Teaching and Research of WTO Disputes at the Southwest University of Political Science and Law in Chongqing, China and has served in a variety of visiting professor positions across the globe.

Wagner graduated with a J.D. equivalent and a Master’s Degree in International Law from the University of Giessen in Germany. Previously, he worked at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law in Heidelberg, Germany. During that time he also served as legal counsel for the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations in New York. Further, Wagner earned a Master’s degree from Stanford University. Subsequently, he clerked for
then-President of the Supreme Court of Israel Aharn Barak. Prior to joining the University of Miami, he traveled from the Black sea in Germany to the Yellow Sea in China by bicycling for charity.
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