

# **A Region in Turmoil: Conflicts in the Middle East-Law and Policy (Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Libya, and Yemen)**

Thursday, March 2, 2017  
Caplin Auditorium  
University of Virginia School of Law

7:45 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast (Caplin Auditorium Lobby)

8:30 a.m. Welcome: Dean Risa Goluboff, University of Virginia School of Law

8:35 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks: Professor John Norton Moore, Director, Center for National Security Law, University of Virginia School of Law

8:45 a.m. "Strategic Overview of the Conflict States: Friends, Foes and Bystanders" Jessica Lewis McFate, Institute for the Study of War

10:00 a.m. BREAK (Caplin Auditorium Lobby)

10:15 a.m. "Overview of U.S./Coalition Presence/Activity in the Conflict States"  
Colonel Pat Huston, Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Central Command

11:45 a.m. LUNCH (Caplin Pavilion)  
Speaker: Ambassador Ryan Crocker, "U.S. Conflict State Policy Considerations"

1:15 p.m. "The Middle East Conflicts: Conflict Characterization and the Domestic/International Legal Bases for U.S./Coalition Involvement"

*Moderator:* Professor Sean Watts, Creighton University School of Law

*Panelists:*

Professor Eric Jensen, Brigham Young University School of Law

Professor Deborah Pearlstein, Cardozo Law School, Yeshiva University

Professor Ryan Goodman, New York University Law School

2:45 p.m. BREAK (Caplin Auditorium Lobby)

3:00 p.m. "The Middle East Conflicts and the Law of Armed Conflict"

*Moderator:* Professor Geoff Corn, South Texas College of Law

*Panelists:*

Brigadier General (Ret.) Ken Watkin, Former Judge Advocate General of the Canadian Armed Forces

Brigadier General (Ret.) Rich Gross, Former Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Mr. Michael Meier, Office of The Judge Advocate General, Department of the Army

4:30 p.m. Summary and Concluding Remarks: Professor John Norton Moore