

Sonoma Civil Liberties

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Come to our 2004 Awards Celebration & Annual Dinner Saturday, March 13th

“Enemy Combatant Status: A Legal Black Hole” will be the subject of the keynote address at the American Civil Liberties Union of Sonoma County’s 2004 Awards Ceremony and Annual Dinner Saturday, March 13th 5:30 p.m. at the Sebastopol Veterans Memorial Auditorium. The keynote address will be delivered by Jenny Martinez, who was part of the legal team that successfully challenged the government



Jenny Martinez

citizens. In the name of fighting the “war on terrorism” the government has imprisoned people without charging them with any crime, denied those imprisoned

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detention of Jose Padilla as an “enemy combatant” before the U.S. Court of Appeals in New York. Ms. Martinez is a professor of law at Stanford University School of Law and has served as an Associate Legal Officer at the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia at The Hague.

The United States has used the label “enemy combatant” to deny basic constitutional protections to citizens and non-

communication with attorneys or family, and have attempted to deny those detained from taking their claims to a

court. In the past weeks the courts have begun to fight back. The U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that Jose Padilla, a U.S. citizen arrested May, 2002 in Chicago must be charged with a crime and be allowed to defend himself and meet with an attorney or be released. The U.S. Supreme Court has decided to review the detention of Yaser Hamdi, an American citizen who was captured in Afghanistan November, 2001 and also declared an “enemy combatant.”

Both have been held incommunicado in military brigs. Ms. Martinez will discuss how the Bush administration has distorted the laws of war to serve its own ends and what we can do to help.

Jenny Martinez is a terrific speaker and you should not miss her. This is the Sonoma Chapter’s only fundraiser, so consider being a sponsor or contributor to the silent

auction. To donate to the auction call Judith Volkart at 479-0965. “The Pasta King” Art

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If you have never been an ACLU member, come to the dinner for free! Join ACLU at the regular rate or higher and the dinner is on us. Buy a gift membership and take a friend to dinner! New member couples that join at the joint rate or higher get 2 free meals.

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