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Scott Horton is an adjunct professor at Columbia Law School where he teaches law of armed conflict and international commercial law courses. He has served as chair of a number of committees at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (“Association”) including the Committee on International Law, the Committee on International Human Rights and the Committee on the CIS; he currently serves on the Association’s Task Force on National Security Law Issues. In 2007-08, he managed the Project on Accountability of Private Military Contractors at Human Rights First, leading to the publication of *Private Security Contractors at War*, a comprehensive study of legal accountability issues surrounding government contractors. He has also served as a legal affairs commentator for a number of network and cable news broadcasters and is a contributing editor covering legal and national security affairs for *Harper’s Magazine*.

Prof. Horton has practiced for more than twenty-five years as an international transactional lawyer, specializing on commercial dealings in emerging markets. He is the son of an Air Force colonel who spent half of his life growing up on U.S. military installations overseas. He has worked for over twenty years on international humanitarian law matters, and previously served as a monitor in conflicts in the Caucasus, Central Asia and West Africa. He has also been active in human rights matters, serving as counsel to Andrei Sakharov, Elena Bonner and other leaders of the Russian human rights and democracy movements. He is a founder and trustee of the American University in Central Asia, a former officer and director of the American Branch of the International Law Association (where he now chairs the Committee on International Human Rights), a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, chair of the advisory board of the EurasiaGroup and a member of the advisory board of the National Institute of Military Justice.

In 2003, he organized and led an Association study and report on interrogation techniques in use in the war on terror. In 2004, he managed an Association study and report on the practice of extraordinary renditions. In 2006, he was admitted to the Iraqi Bar Association as a corresponding member and he managed a case before the Central Criminal Court of Iraq in Baghdad that spring. He is the author of more than a hundred publications dealing with issues of international public and private law, including law of war questions.

He has previously testified three times before the House Judiciary Committee on questions relating to federal jurisdiction over government contractors and the internal investigation into the case of Maher Arar by the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice.