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## **“The Rule of Law and Human Rights in the Arab Spring”**

The programme includes a reception and dinner at the Club on the evening of

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JUDGE TAGHREED HIKMET**

**FORMERLY OF THE JORDAN COURT OF APPEAL AND THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT FOR RWANDA**

**Discussion Panelists:**

**Dr. Yassin El-Ayouty**

*Cairo University Faculty of Law, Fordham University School of Law and founder of Sunsglow*

**James Silkenat**

*Sullivan & Worcester, President-Elect of the American Bar Association*

**Professor Frédéric Mégret**

*McGill University*

**Reception 6:00 pm • Dinner 7:00 pm • Judge Hikmet 8:00 pm  
Discussion Panel moderated by William G. Horton C.Arb, FCI Arb 8:30 pm  
9:10 pm - Closing Comments**

Sunsglow was established in 1999 for the purpose of fostering the globalisation of the Rule of Law. Sunsglow's mission was formally endorsed by the UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan who described this unique non-governmental venture which is dedicated to the service of civil society as a UN “partner” organization. Since its birth, first as a not-for-profit and then later as a private corporation, Sunsglow has focused on training for legal and judicial reform, respect for human rights, and the enhancement of good governance across national borders, time zones and language barriers particularly in developing countries.

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Sunsglow is based in New York with liaison officers in other cities including Montreal and Toronto.

Dr. Hend Shnayen, Executive Assistant to Dr. El-Ayouty for Sunsglow, is based in Toronto.

## Speaker's Biographies

### Judge Taghreed Hikmet

Judge Hikmet was the first woman to be appointed a judge in the Kingdom of Jordan and the first Arab woman to be appointed a judge of the International Criminal Court (Rwanda Tribunal). Among many other recognitions and awards, in 2004 she was named a Distinguished Arab Woman in the field of Law and the Judiciary and in 2010 was awarded the Sandra Day O'Connor Medal by Seton Hall University. She has lectured on rule of law and human rights issues at numerous leading academic institutions including Harvard Law School and West Point Military Academy. She chairs a number of initiatives relating to international criminal law and child welfare.

### Dr. Yassin El-Ayouty

Dr. El-Ayouty is the founder and President of SUNSGLOW. He practices law in the U.S. and abroad and is presently an adjunct professor at Fordham University School of Law, Cairo University Faculty of Law, and St. Francis College in Brooklyn. He served the U.N. as Political Director. He has authored many articles and 10 books in both English and Arabic on international law, global politics, and anti-terrorism. Dr. El-Ayouty has been the recipient of numerous honors including the Faculty Award for the best legal writing from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, class of 1994; Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Nova Law Center, Florida; and Thomas Volpe Scholar at St. Francis College.

### James Silkenat

James R. Silkenat is a partner in Sullivan & Worcester's New York office. He is President-Elect of the American Bar Association. Mr. Silkenat is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and of the American Law Institute, has served as a Fellow in the U.S. State Department Scholar/Diplomat Program, and was a Fellow of the National Endowment for the Humanities. He is also a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and has served as National Chair of the Fellows. In 2000, he received the Outstanding Alumni Award for Career Achievement from Drury University and in 2007 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the ABA Section of International Law.

### Professor Frédéric Mégret

Professor Frédéric Mégret is an Associate-Professor at the Faculty of Law, McGill University. He also holds the Canada Research Chair in the Law of Human Rights and Legal Pluralism and is affiliated with the McGill Centre of the same name. He worked for the International Committee of the Red Cross, was a member of the French delegation at the Rome Conference that created the International Criminal Court, and advised the Liberian government on a procedure to vet its armed forces for human rights violations. He is the author of "Le tribunal pénal international pour le Rwanda", and is co-editor with Philip Alston of the forthcoming second edition of "The United Nations and Human Rights" (OUP). He is engaged in a research project on "Civil disobedience, armed rebellion and international law" which seeks to examine the ways in which international law upholds a concept of resistance to the state.

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