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Bringing Human Rights Abusers To Justice.

Justice for International Torture & Extrajudicial Killings in U.S. Federal Court:

The Tukeh Trial

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Keker, Van Nest & Peters, LLP,
633 Battery St., San Francisco CA 94111**

Lunch Provided

1 hour of California CLE credit pending

Join the Center for Justice and Accountability and the Bay Area Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society for a panel discussion on bringing perpetrators of international torture and extrajudicial killings to justice in U.S. federal courts.

On May 21, 2019, a Virginia jury in the Eastern District of Virginia found Col. Yusuf Abdi Ali (aka “Tukeh”), a high-ranking, ruthless, military commander under the Siad Barre dictatorship, responsible for the torture of a semi-nomadic Somali herder in the Eastern District of Virginia. Tukeh had fled Somalia in 1991 after Siad Barre’s regime lost power and had been living in the United States, gaining legal status as a permanent resident. The case was filed in 2004 and finally, after years of litigation and stays related to issues of immunity and the reach of the Alien Tort Statute, went to trial in May of 2019.

The *Tukeh* trial is an important development in the reaches of the Torture Victims Protection Act and the ways it can be used to achieve justice in U.S. federal court for survivors around the globe. CJA attorneys, who have brought dozens of similar cases in federal courts over the last decade, will discuss the process of bringing the case and the unique legal and evidentiary issues raised at trial.

Featuring:

Nushin Sarkarati, *Senior Staff Attorney at the Center for Justice & Accountability*

Carmen Cheung, *Legal Director at the Center for Justice & Accountability*

Moderated by:

Maya Karwande, attorney at Keker, Van Nest & Peters LLP; Member, Professional Network for Human Rights.

Materials for Event:

[Warfaa v. Ali](#), No. 14-1810 (4th Cir. 2016)

[Torture Victims Protection Act](#), Pub. L. No. 102-256, 106 Stat. 73 (1992)

[Warfaa v. Ali - Second Amended Complaint](#) (June 6, 2018)