NAME OF EVENT: Indefinite Detention: Examining Guantanamo 20 Years After 9/11 (This event has been approved for 1 hour of California MCLE credit.)

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: September 9, 2021 | 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. ET | Online

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

As American troops leave Afghanistan, the story of the remaining 39 detainees in the United States military prison at Guantanamo Bay Cuba may or may not be coming to an end. The fate of these men is in the hands of both the Biden administration – which states it wants to close the facility – and the judiciary, which is more conservative and more deferential to the executive branch then it was 20 years ago when it granted limited habeas corpus rights to detainees. What does this changed judiciary and polarized political climate mean for the remaining Guantanamo detainees? Will courts defer to executive branch claims that the U.S. Government can legally detain suspected terrorists after the withdrawal from Afghanistan as the Justice Department claims? If so, what does this say about how – or if – the judiciary will police separation of powers and protect civil liberties in the face of national security claims moving forward? And what is Congress’ role in all of this – what has it done and what should it do?

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AGENDA OF PROGRAM:

5 minutes introduction
40 minutes speaker presentations and moderated conversation
15 minutes Q&A

MATERIALS FOR CALL:


