

Join us for a discussion panel as part of the launch of a new report examining the United States' use of the death penalty through an international human rights framework. The report takes a close look at the use of the death penalty in Louisiana and California, considers deficiencies in existing legal processes, examines conditions on death row, and assesses whether the two States' use of the death penalty conforms with international prohibitions against discrimination, torture, and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment. The report will be released on the eve of the World Day Against the Death Penalty, which is October 10, 2013.

<u>Panelists</u>

Juan Méndez, U.N. Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment Christine Thomas, Activist and Wife of Correll Thomas housed on San Quentin's Condemned Row Mercedes Montagnes, Attorney and Deputy Director, The Promise of Justice Initiative & The Capital Appeals Project Florence Bellivier, President, World Coalition against the Death Penalty, FIDH Representative regarding the Death Penalty Vincent Warren, Executive Director, Center for Constitutional Rights

What: Reception and Panel Discussion: A Human Rights Analysis of the Death Penalty in U.S. Prisons

Where: Washington College of Law, Room 603

When: Wednesday, October 9th; Reception at 6:00 p.m. and Panel at 6:30 p.m.

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