

Rick Wilson

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Richard J. Wilson is Professor of Law and founding director of the International Human Rights Law Clinic at the Washington College of Law, American University, in Washington, DC, where he has taught since 1989. He is one of the directors of the law school's Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, and has directed the law school's nationally recognized clinical program. Professor Wilson has taught in summer programs in The Hague, Oxford University, and Santiago, Chile, as well as in the law school's Human Rights Academy. He has been a visiting professor at law schools in the Netherlands, Japan and Peru, a Fulbright Scholar in Colombia, and has written or edited eleven books and monographs on international and domestic law. He has authored over 70 articles, chapters and reviews on a range of international and domestic law issues, and has also continued to litigate throughout his career. He has represented detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in federal courts and military commissions; appeared three times in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights; and authored the friend-of-court brief in the US Supreme Court for the European Union successfully challenging the death penalty for juveniles in *Roper v. Simmons*. He is a member of the boards of several human rights organizations and scholarly reviews, and has served as a consultant on clinical legal education and access to justice issues throughout the world, particularly in Latin America and in Eastern Europe. He is a graduate of DePauw University and the College of Law of the University of Illinois, and was a Peace Corps volunteer in the Republic of Panama.