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**Third Annual International Trade Law Society Distinguished
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C. Christopher Parlin '75

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Washington College of Law, 6th Floor
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C. Christopher Parlin '75

Chris Parlin is a member of the International Trade Group of DLA Piper LLP (US). He has over 30 years of experience in the international trade field. He represents and advises governments, companies and industry associations in trade negotiations, WTO and NAFTA dispute settlement proceedings, international trade policy matters and US trade remedy proceedings. He is one of the world's foremost authorities in WTO negotiations and dispute resolution. He was the first private counsel to prepare and argue a WTO member's case before a WTO panel and appellate body, and he was the primary technical advisor to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia during its accession to the WTO.

Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Parlin served in the US government for 18 years in the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and the Departments of Commerce and Treasury. He was a Deputy Assistant USTR for Multilateral Trade Negotiations, where he was a principal advisor to USTR Ambassador Mickey Kantor on the Uruguay Round WTO/GATT negotiations and the domestic implementing legislation. Mr. Parlin served as Legal Advisor to USTR's Mission in Geneva, Switzerland from 1987 to 1993, a critical juncture in the global trading system, when the Uruguay Round that formed the WTO was being negotiated. He litigated over 60 GATT dispute settlement proceedings in this role and served as the primary US negotiator for the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding and the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, and as a key US negotiator for the Antidumping Agreement. Subsequently, he was the Deputy Assistant USTR for North American Affairs, responsible for NAFTA and Mexican bilateral issues.

Since 1995, Mr. Parlin has served as an adjunct professor of law at the Georgetown University Law Center. He teaches courses on WTO issues with the pre-eminent GATT/WTO scholar Professor John Jackson and with David Christy. Since the founding of the Academy of WTO Law and Policy of Georgetown's Institute for International Economic Law in 2006, he has taught courses on the structure and fundamental obligations of the WTO system.

Mr. Parlin publishes frequently and is consistently recognized for his work in the area of international trade in publications such as *Who's Who Legal*, *Best of the Best USA*, *The Guide to the World's Best International Trade Lawyers* and *The Best Lawyers in America*.