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Craig Morford was with us at our Boston Conference as the recipient of the 2005 J. Michael Bradford Award. He will be joining us again this year in Miami in a different capacity. Craig a twenty year veteran federal prosecutor, was appointed Acting Deputy Attorney General on August 5, 2007.

From 1987 through 2003, Mr. Morford served as a criminal trial attorney in Cleveland, Ohio, first with the Department's Organized Crime Strike Force, and later as an Assistant United States Attorney. From 2004 through 2005, he served as Special Counsel to the Attorney General, conducting a Court-ordered investigation into allegations of government misconduct in the Detroit trial of *United States v. Koubriti* (the first post-September 11 terrorism case to proceed to trial). Based on the findings of Mr. Morford's case review team, the Court dismissed the defendants' convictions. From August 2004 through March 2005, Mr. Morford served as

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Bud Cummins Joins Panel Group

We are pleased to announce that Harry Earnest "Bud" Cummins will be participating in our panel discussion on the firing of US Attorneys.

Cummins received national attention as the first of the eight US Attorneys to be dismissed by the US Attorney General despite having received positive job reviews. Cummins had been informed in June 2006 that his resignation would be desired and resigned effective December 20, 2006.

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United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Michigan under an Attorney General appointment. From March 2005 to October 2006, he returned to Cleveland and served as the First Assistant United States Attorney. From October 2006 until his appointment as Acting Deputy Attorney General, he served as the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee under an Attorney General appointment.

Craig Morford is a graduate of Hope College (B.A. in Economics, 1981), and the Valparaiso University School of Law (J.D., 1984). He and his wife of 24 years have four children and have actively served their community in a number of church ministries and community youth programs.

Also joining us this year is **Kenneth E. Melson** who was appointed Director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) at the Department of Justice effective May 14, 2007.

Melson has served in the Department of Justice as a federal prosecutor for nearly 24 years, joining the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia in June 1983 as an Assistant U.S. Attorney. In June 1986, Melson was asked to serve in a senior leadership position in the office as the First Assistant U.S. Attorney. Additionally, Melson has also served as the Interim U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia on three separate occasions: July

1991-October 1991; March 1993-September 1993; and April 2001-September 2001.

During his tenure as First Assistant U.S. Attorney, Melson was active in the EOUSA Evaluation and Review Staff program, participating in numerous reviews of U.S. Attorneys' Offices around the country. He also served on many EOUSA working groups, dealing with such matters as security, critical incident responses, anti-terrorism initiative training and other courses for Assistant U.S. Attorneys, and helped revise the U.S. Attorney's Manual.

Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Melson served in the Arlington County (Virginia) Commonwealth's Attorney's Office from April 1975-June 1983. Melson joined the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in April 1975. In January 1978, he was promoted to a managerial position as the Chief Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County. In July 1980, Melson was again promoted to the position of Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County, a position in which he served until June 1983.

Melson received his Juris Doctor with Honors from the National Law Center at George Washington University in 1973. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Denison University in 1970.

Our third representative from EOUSA is yet to be announced. We have been advised that it will most likely be the Chairman of the Attorney Generals Advisory Committee.

REGISTRATION

NAFUSA GOLF TOURNAMENT . THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007 LAGORCE COUNTRY CLUB . MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

You have lusted to play golf on this exclusive old line Miami Beach private golf club, a Jack Nicholas signature course. The spectacular LaGorce 18-hole golf course facility nestled in the heart of posh Miami Beach. We will enjoy the magnificent clubhouse and golf shop. Play will begin at 10:30 A.M. with a shotgun start. The course has enough sand, palm trees and water to test accomplished players, but not to penalize the novice.

Transportation to and from the course, use of pre-play driving range and putting green, golf cart, greens fees, caddy (one required per foursome by course rules), box lunch on the turn, prizes for best four finishers, and a post round afterglow hors d'oeuvres and refreshments in the Grill, are all included for the remarkably low fixed price (for Southern Florida) of \$250 per player.

Members, spouses and guests are invited to participate. Play will be limited to the first 36 to register and send their registration fee to NAFUSA at the address below. **Register Now** to be sure and get in on the fun.

Deadline for receipt of payment by NAFUSA is October 8, 2007.

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Ritz Carlton Hotel • Miami Florida

Thursday • November 8, 2007

- 8:45 AM Transportation to Golf Tournament Departs
- 10:30 AM Golf Tournament at La Gorce Country Club
- 6:00 to 8:00 PM Cocktail Reception • Mezzanine Courtyard

Friday • November 9, 2007

- 7:30 AM - Continental Breakfast • Mezzanine Salon 3
- 8:00 AM - Welcome **Honorable Carlos Alvarez**, Mayor Miami Dade County
- 8:10 AM - Welcome **Alexander Acosta**, United States Attorney SD Florida
- 8:15 AM - Roundhouse Introduction of NAFUSA Members
- 8:45 AM - Professor **Stephen D. Easton**, University of Missouri, Columbia School of Law
- 9:45 AM - Break
- 10:00 AM - **Kenneth F. Melson**, Director, Executive Office For United States Attorneys
- 10:15 AM - **Craig Morford**, Acting Deputy Attorney General
- 10:30 AM - **Richard Gregorie**, J. Michael Bradford Award Winner
- 11:15 AM Professor **Douglas R. Richmond**, Northwestern University School of Law
- 12:30 PM - Bus Transportation Departs for sightseeing and lunch cruise on the Island Lady

Saturday • November 10, 2007

- 7:30 AM - Continental Breakfast • Mezzanine Salon 3
- 8:00 AM - Introduction of Conference Sponsors
- 8:30 AM - Panel Discussion - US Attorney Firings - **Professor James Eisenstein**, Penn State University
David Iglesias, USA District of New Mexico 2001-06 • **John McKay**, USA Western District Washington 2001-06
Harry Earnest "Bud" Cummins, USA District of Arkansas 2001-06
- 10:30 AM - Break
- 10:45 AM - Professor **Leon Friedman**, Hofstra University School of Law
- 12:30 PM - Board of Directors Meeting
- 6:00 PM - Reception/Dinner - Dinner Speaker **Barry Richard**

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Early in the Congressional investigations of the firings, Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty testified that Cummins was removed for no reason except to install a former aide to Karl Rove: 37-year-old Timothy Griffin, a former Republican National Committee opposition research director. Cummins, apparently, was ousted after Harriet Miers, the former White House counsel, intervened on behalf of Griffin. Cummins told the Senate Judiciary Committee "that Mike Elston, the deputy attorney general's top aide, threatened him with retaliation in a phone call [in February 2007] if he went public." Emails show that Cummins passed on the warning to some of the other Attorneys who were fired.

Bud Cummins was born in Enid, Oklahoma. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and the University of

Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law. Subsequently, he was a law clerk for United States Magistrate Judge John F. Foster, Jr., and later was a clerk to Chief United States District Judge Stephen M. Reasoner.

In 1996 he ran as a Republican for the U.S. Congress, losing the vote, 52% to 48%, to Democrat Vic Snyder in a race noted for personal attacks. He later served as Governor Mike Huckabee's Chief Legal Counsel.

In 2001 he was nominated by President Bush to serve as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas and after Senate confirmation served until December 2006. He and his wife Jody have four children ages 15, 14, 7 and 6. Today, he practices law in Little Rock and also serves as a consultant for an international biofuel company.



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