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PROFESSOR MARJORIE COHN BECOMES PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

On October 20, 2006, Professor Marjorie Cohn assumed the presidency of the National Lawyers Guild. A member of the NLG since 1971, Professor Cohn is a criminal defense attorney and teaches criminal law and human rights at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. Her articles appear regularly on AlterNet, Comondreams, CounterPunch, ZNet, Buzzflash and MWCNews. Professor Cohn lectures throughout the world on international human rights and U.S. foreign policy. A news consultant for CBS News, and a legal analyst for Court TV, she has also provided legal and political commentary on BBC, CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, Air America Radio, NPR and Pacifica Radio. Co-author of the book *Cameras in the Courtroom: Television and the Pursuit of Justice*, Professor Cohn's book, *Cowboy Republic: Six Ways the Bush Gang Has Defied the Law*, will be published next spring by PoliPointPress. Professor Cohn is the U.S. representative to the executive committee of the American Association of Jurists. She is the recipient of the San Diego County Bar Association's 2005 Service to Legal Education Award, was voted in 2006 by her peers as one of the top attorneys in San Diego, and serves on the Roster of Experts at the Institute for Public Accuracy.

Professor Cohn said, "The Guild was founded in 1937 as an alternative to the American Bar Association which excluded people of color. Since then, Guild lawyers, law students and legal workers have stood side-by-side with people struggling for the rights for workers, women, people of color, gays, lesbians and transgendered, the disabled, immigrants, the accused, GIs, and anti-war protestors. The Guild's guiding motto is that 'human rights shall be regarded as more sacred than property interests.' Becoming president of the National Lawyers Guild is the greatest honor I have ever received and the most awesome responsibility I have ever undertaken."

The National Lawyers Guild is headquartered in New York and has chapters in nearly every state, as well as over 100 law school chapters.

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