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## **The Constitution Project Names Lewis to Head Detainee Task Force**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Constitution Project today named Neil A. Lewis as the executive director of its Task Force on Detainee Treatment. Lewis will also continue serving as chief investigator for the task force.

Before joining The Constitution Project, Neil was a correspondent at *The New York Times* for 24 years, covering a wide range of issues, including Guantanamo, the U.S. Supreme Court, and the U.S. Justice Department. Prior to working at the *Times* he was Reuters' White House correspondent. He also recently taught a seminar on the First Amendment and press issues at the Duke University Law School.

“We are delighted to have someone with Neil’s knowledge and background heading up this important project,” said Virginia Sloan, president of The Constitution Project.

The Constitution Project’s Task Force on Detainee Treatment is an independent, bipartisan, blue-ribbon group examining the federal government’s policies and actions related to the capture, detention and prosecution of suspected terrorists in U.S. custody during the Clinton, Bush and Obama administrations. The task force plans to release its report in early 2013.

Lewis replaces the task force’s previous staff director, Charlie Martel, who decided to pursue other professional opportunities.

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