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A CONVERSATION WITH EDITH BARTLEY, J.D.

ON DIPLOMACY AND JUSTICE:
A different view of diplomacy
and being your own advocate

WEDNESDAY, **OCTOBER 25, 2017** | 4:00 P.M.

SCHOOL OF LAW, COURTROOM 102

THURSDAY, **OCTOBER 26, 2017** | 12:00–1:00 P.M.

Question and Answer Discussion Lunch

SCHOOL OF LAW, ROOM 14

EDITH BARTLEY, J.D., currently serves as a chief advocate for American diplomatic families and victims of state sponsored terrorism. She is the spokesperson for the American families of the August 7, 1998 American Embassy bombing in Nairobi, Kenya. She is also a partner with the Lafayette Consulting Group and has twenty years of extensive public policy and advocacy experience working for both the non-profit and private sectors. Bartley's issue areas include education, affordable housing, STEM, and foreign affairs. She served as an advocate for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's) for nearly a decade and worked as the vice president of government affairs for the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF). As a member of TMCF's executive leadership team, Bartley led the Government Affairs division and secured valuable federal resources for HBCU's and students. She left TMCF early in 2017 to focus full time on her advocacy for victims of international terrorism and to complete several projects connected to the Kenyan bombing as the 20th anniversary approaches. She is currently writing a book related to her advocacy for diplomatic families and victims of terrorism. Prior to TMCF, she was the director of government affairs for the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), representing private HBCU's and was a member of the Government Affairs team for Thelen Reid and Priest law firm in New York. Bartley also worked in several Congressional offices as a speech writer and legislative aide.

When Al Qaeda bombed the u.s. Embassy in Kenya, her father, Julian Bartley, Sr., and brother, Julian Bartley, Jr., were killed in the terrorist attack. This event led to her advocacy work, including raising the sensitivity to this issue in both chambers of the u.s. Congress. During the 114th Congress, Bartley successfully worked with a bi-partisan group of members, led by former Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD) and Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO) to establish a benefit and compensation package for families of American Diplomats, CIA personnel and other Embassy personnel killed in terrorist attacks while working abroad. This was just one of several legislative efforts she spearheaded for this cause. In recognition of her advocacy for diplomatic families, Bartley was honored by the American Foreign Service Association. She has appeared on numerous national and international news networks, including CNN, NPR, MSNBC, FOX, Al Jazeera and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Bartley is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Law and attended Georgetown Law Center as a visiting student. She earned a BA degree from Hampton University, is an alumna of the Harvard Kennedy School-Executive Education Women and Power program and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, where she serves on the selection committee for the Council's International Affairs Fellowship program.

