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**Press Briefing on Supreme Court HIV/AIDS and Disability Case:
Are People with HIV Protected from Discrimination?**

Washington, DC--On **Thursday, March 26**, the HIV Law and Policy Study of the Georgetown University Law Center will hold a background briefing for the press on **Bragdon v. Abbott**, a case that will be argued before the Supreme Court on Monday, March 30. The briefing will be held at the Stewart Mott House, adjacent to the Court, **122 Maryland Avenue, NE, Washington, DC at 12 noon.**

Bragdon v. Abbott is the first case the Supreme Court will hear involving the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and also the first case it will hear involving HIV/AIDS. The case may have widespread implications for antidiscrimination protections for all people with disabilities, as well as for medical and public health responses to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

The issues before the Court are complex, involving the definition of "disability" and the role of professional standards of care in health care settings. The implications of the case are also far-reaching, including the willingness of people with HIV to come forward for early treatment with new drugs that are best administered before outward symptoms of AIDS appear, the ability of people with HIV to get appropriate health care services, and the continued success of U.S. efforts to reduce the rate of pediatric AIDS.

The March 26 briefing will include presentations by:

- **Timothy Westmoreland, Senior Advisor to the Kaiser Family Foundation on HIV/AIDS Issues** and Project Director of the HIV Law and Policy Study
- **Chai Feldblum, Georgetown Professor of Law** and author of an amicus brief on behalf of 59 disability, civil rights, and religious groups
- **Andrew Imparato, General Counsel of the National Council on Disability**
- **Daniel Bruner, Senior Litigation Counsel of the Whitman-Walker Clinic** and co-author of an amicus brief on behalf of 16 groups and individuals representing medical, dental, nursing, and public health professionals
- **Althea Gregory, representing the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation** and co-author of the Foundation's amicus brief

The HIV Law and Policy Study is a project of the Federal Legislation Clinic of Georgetown University Law Center. The project is supported by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation of Menlo Park, California.

Lunch will be served.

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