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Former Chief U.N. Weapons Inspector, Dr. Hans Blix, to Address Suffolk County Bar Association

On Tuesday evening, May 3, 2005, the former head of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC), Dr. Hans Blix, will speak at a program hosted by the Suffolk County Bar Association and the Suffolk Academy of Law. This evening has been made possible through the major sponsorships of Holtz Rubenstein Reminick LLP, Globe Title Agency, Inc. and U.S. Trust. The program will be chaired by Ilene S. Cooper, Esq., a partner with Farrell Fritz, P.C., and a Suffolk County Bar Association officer.

Dr. Hans Blix is best known for his role as the chief UN weapons inspector who delivered several reports to the UN Security Council on his team's search for chemical and biological weapons inside Iraq. He will discuss his most recent book, "Disarming Iraq". Dr. Blix will share his account of the events and inspections that took place before the United States began its invasion.

From 1963 to 1976, Dr. Blix served in the Swedish foreign ministry, and in 1978 became Sweden's Minister for Foreign Affairs. From 1981 until 1997, he served as Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency. In 1997, he was awarded the Gold Medal for distinguished service in the field of nuclear affairs by the Uranium Institute, the predecessor to the World Nuclear Association (WNA). In 2001 he became Honorary Chairman of the WNA. Dr. Blix was the head of the UNMOVIC from January 2000 to June 2003. He has written several books on subjects associated with international and constitutional law.

Dr. Blix studied at the University of Uppsala, at Columbia University, and at Cambridge University, where he received his PhD. At Stockholm University he attained a doctorate in law and served as a professor in international law. He received an honorary doctorate from Moscow State University in 1987 and the Henry de Wolf Smyth Award in 1988.

The program will be held at the Huntington Hilton Hotel; registration is at 5:15 p.m. One CLE credit for attorneys will be offered. Registration fee, which includes dinner and the presentation, is \$65.

Early registration is recommended, as seating is limited.

To register, or for additional information, contact Dorothy Ceparano, Suffolk Academy of Law, (631) 234-5588, or Ilene S. Cooper at (516) 227-0736.

About the Suffolk Academy of Law

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