



## **U.S. Supreme Court Agrees to C-SPAN's Request for Same-Day Release of Oral Argument in Upcoming "Enemy Combatants/ Guantanamo Bay" Cases**

**Chief Justice Roberts Approves Immediate Oral Argument Release for  
*Boumediene v. Bush* and *Al Odah v. U.S.***

**WASHINGTON** On Wednesday, December 5, 2007, C-SPAN3, C-SPAN Radio and c-span.org will air the Supreme Court oral argument of ***Boumediene v. Bush*** and ***Al Odah v. U.S.*** which the Court is scheduled to hear that day. The immediate release of the audio recording of the Court's argument was in response to a request by C-SPAN (Approximately 11:15 A.M.).

Both cases, ***Boumediene v. Bush*** and ***Al Odah v. U.S.***, will be argued together before the Court, and addresses whether the Military Commissions Act of 2006 unconstitutionally stripped the federal courts of jurisdiction to hear cases brought by Guantanamo Bay detainees.

The Court will make the recording available to the media soon after the conclusion of the oral argument. It will air on C-SPAN 3, C-SPAN Radio and online at [www.c-span.org](http://www.c-span.org) as soon as it is released. The audio recording will also be archived online at [www.c-span.org](http://www.c-span.org) on the "America and the Courts" page.

Since 2000, C-SPAN has regularly made requests to the Supreme Court for immediate release of oral argument recordings for cases that have a heightened public interest. For nearly 20 years, C-SPAN has encouraged greater public access to the federal judiciary. C-SPAN's web site, <http://www.c-span.org/camerasinthecourt>, chronicles C-SPAN's involvement in the issue and features a collection of public statements made by the Justices regarding cameras in the Supreme Court.

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