

Obama's DOJ Pick: Global Edict 'Law of the Land'

Civil-rights nominee represented cop killer Mumia Abu-Jamal

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Debo Adebile, President Obama's nominee to head the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, wants U.S. judges to ensure "customary international law" is "the law of the land."

Adebile also was party to an effort funded by billionaire George Soros to push for a new, "progressive" U.S. Constitution.

WND has found that Adebile was an advisory board member to a group that produced an extensive blueprint for Obama to push "human rights" domestically, including using executive orders to ensure against racial profiling.

The 44-page paper, "[Human Rights at Home: A Domestic Policy Blueprint for the New Administration](#)," was drafted by the Soros-funded American Constitution Society. The paper recommended Obama join multiple U.N. and international human rights groups. It argued the administration should "take steps to support the judicial branch in its efforts to recognize and honor human rights principles."

The paper said Obama should "nominate judges who will follow the rule of law, which includes recognition that ratified treaties and customary international law are the law of the land."

Another recommendation was for Obama to use an executive order to establish a new agency to ensure against racial profiling and so-called human rights abuses. Progressive groups have used racial profiling and human rights claims to argue against voters being obligated to show photo identification at the voting booth. Progressive groups also have at times claimed implementation of immigration law constitutes racial profiling.

The paper stated Obama "should work toward the creation of a human rights monitoring body that would be established and financed by the government but would operate as an independent, nonpartisan entity." "This new body should take the form of a national human rights commission, which would provide expertise and oversight to ensure human rights progress in the United States."

Adebile has been involved in controversial race movements. [The Daily Caller reported](#) he led the group that represents convicted cop-killer Mumia Abu-Jamal. Meanwhile, WND found Adebile has a deeper connection to the American Constitution Society, or ACS. He participated as a panelist in the ACS's April 2005 conference at Yale Law School titled "The Constitution in 2020," which sought to change the nature and interpretation of the Constitution by that year. The Yale event kick-started the "Constitution in 2020" movement.

The event was sponsored by Soros' Open Society Institute and the Center for American Progress, which is led by John Podesta, who served as co-chairman of Obama's presidential transition team. Podesta's center is said to be highly influential in helping to craft White House policy. Podesta is now the incoming White House counselor.

ACS has been described as a group meant to counter the work of the Federalist Society, which has been at the forefront of the push for a more conservative judiciary since its launch in 1982. ACS is the main organization behind the movement to ensure a more "progressive" Constitution. It has received more than \$2.2 million from Soros' Open Society since 2002.

Scores of other former and current Obama administration officials participated in the Yale event, including Attorney General Eric Holder.

[WND previously reported](#) Obama's former regulatory czar, Cass Sunstein, maintained extensive ties to Soros' funding, particularly with regard to...

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