

**U.S. Supreme Court Expected to Issue Opinions in *Padilla*, *Hamdi* and *Guantanamo Bay* Cases by Monday.** Jonathan Freiman, local attorney representing Jose Padilla, available for comment.

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June 22, 2004. Within the week, possibly as early as Thursday, the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to issue opinions in the three “enemy combatant” cases — *Rumsfeld v. Padilla*, *Hamdi v. Rumsfeld* and the *Guantanamo Bay* Cases. For background information, you can visit Wiggin and Dana’s comprehensive web site on the *Padilla* case, which includes all of the briefs, orders, decisions, and argument transcripts. You can find it at [www.padillaWD.com](http://www.padillaWD.com).

Wiggin and Dana provides these materials as a public service, in light of its involvement in the briefing of this case before the 2d Circuit and Supreme Court.

Jonathan M. Freiman, a member of Wiggin and Dana’s national appellate practice group, is one of the attorneys representing Jose Padilla at the merits stage in the U.S. Supreme Court. He filed friend-of-the-court briefs in the other two cases: in *Hamdi* on behalf of an esteemed group of experts on the law of war, and in the *Guantanamo Bay* cases on behalf of an unprecedented bipartisan coalition of groups.

The case of *Rumsfeld v. Padilla* involves the detention without charge in a military prison of Jose Padilla, an American citizen suspected of having plotted with al Qaeda members to detonate a radiological bomb in the United States. It asks the U.S. Supreme Court to decide whether the President has the unilateral power to detain indefinitely, without charge or access to a lawyer, an American citizen seized in a civilian setting in the United States. *Padilla* raises important questions about the balance between national security and individual liberty and is arguably the most important case of its kind in more than fifty years.

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