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Invite You To Meet Two Lawyers Spearheading the Fight For Justice in Haiti

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**4 PM to 7 PM
Sunday, May 20, 2007
Home of
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Mario Joseph, Esq. is Haiti's most prominent human rights attorney. Despite death threats, bullets shot through his office and carjackings, he has stood up in court for Haiti's political prisoners and other victims of human rights violations for 14 years (and two dictatorships). He and his colleagues at the Bureau des Avocats Internationaux (BAI) have pioneered a victim-centered approach that effectively combines traditional lawyering with grassroots advocacy to address Haiti's entrenched systemic injustice. One of Mario's cases, the trial of the Raboteau massacre in 2000, has been lauded as one of the most important human rights cases in the Americas, and was the subject of an award-winning documentary.

Brian Concannon Jr., Esq. spent nine years in Haiti, with the UN and the BAI, helping to construct a democratic justice system grounded on the rule of law. He returned to the US to found the Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti (IJDH) after Haiti's U.S.-supported coup d'etat in February 2004. The Institute provides legal and financial support to the BAI, and works for U.S. policies that respects the autonomy and human rights of Haiti's poor. IJDH works with legal clinics at top U.S. law schools, including UC Hastings and USF. IJDH's reports and analyses are a reference for lawyers, members of Congress, students, activists and journalists.

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