

## Human Rights Abuses in Columbia

Daniel M. Kovalik, JD, a graduate of the Columbia University School of Law and the Assistant General Counsel (Labor & Human Rights) of the United Steel Workers of America since 1993, will make a presentation to the Deerfield Progressive Forum on “Human Rights Abuses in Columbia” on March 3, 2007.

He has also been co-chief counsel in Alien Tort Claims cases in Coca-Cola, Drummond Occidental Petroleum and DaimlerChrysler AG and associate editor of “Developing Labor Law. He was a member of the election observer delegation to Nicaragua in 2001 as a US Citizens observer mission to El Salvador in 1994. He has served as an organizer of the Columbia Support Network since January 2000.

Daniel M. Kovalik was awarded the David W. Mills Mentoring Scholarship at Stanford Law School in 2002 and received a Project Censored award for the third most significant censored story of 2001. He has lectured extensively on human rights at Stanford Law School, UC Berkeley, NYU, SUNY Stonybrook, the University of Pittsburgh, Yale Law School, Harvard Law School, the University of Michigan, the University of Iowa, Rutgers University, the WEED Conference in Berlin and Bard College.

He wrote “War and Human Rights Abuses: Columbia and the Corporate Support for Anti-Union Suppression” in the Seattle Journal for Social Justice, published in Spring/Summer 1994; newspaper articles including, “Honor the Victims, Promote Peace,” US State Department Intervenes to Help Occidental Petroleum,” US Out of Nicaragua,” and “America’s Hidden War in Columbia;” and two magazine articles, “Drugs, Guns and Money: The US in Columbia and “Remembering Our Past of Torture in Iran.” Cyndee Pattison