“WAR ON TERRORISM” TIMELINE

September 11, 2001
Attack on Pentagon, WTC

September 18, 2001
Congress enacts Resolution AUMF, authorizing president to use any force against anyone he believes was involved in attacks

October 2001
George W. Bush orders forces into Afghanistan against al Qaeda and Taliban

November 13, 2001
GWB authorizes the indefinite detention of suspected terrorists and their supporters at Guantanamo and trials by military commission of such “enemy combatants” (if at all)

June 28, 2004
*Hamdi v. Rumsfeld* held that U.S. citizens could challenge “e.c.” classification in court

*Rasul v. Bush* held that federal courts had jurisdiction over Guantanamo detainees

December 30, 2005
Detainee Treatment Act (DTA) provided that “no court, justice, or judge shall have jurisdiction” over habeas corpus petitions of Guantanamo detainees
June 29, 2006

*Hamdan v. Rumsfeld* outlawed the use of military commissions

October 17, 2006

Military Commission Act (MCA) authorized use of military commissions to try terrorist suspects and denied habeas corpus jurisdiction to federal courts

June 12, 2008

*Boumediene v. Bush* struck down part of MCA, ruling that suspects could petition for habeas corpus in federal courts

October 9, 2009

MCA 2009—“Any alien unprivileged enemy belligerent is subject to trial by military commission