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### **ADL Partners with Consulate General of France in Boston to Address Serious Problem of High Tech Hate on the Internet Scott Harshbarger, of Proskauer Rose, to Moderate Panel of Global Experts**

**April 18, 2006, Boston, MA** - The Anti-Defamation League (ADL), New England Region is bringing attention to the increase in the use of the Internet to spread anti-Semitic, racist and other hostile propaganda throughout the world. In partnership with the Consulate General of France in Boston, ADL announces an informative and thought-provoking program which brings together US and French experts on the subject to discuss what allies have done and can do together to address the serious problem of online hate. "High-Tech Hate in France and the U.S.: How Two Allies are Fighting Extremism and Anti-Semitism on the Internet and in Broadcast Media", will be held on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6PM, at the Florence & Chafetz Hillel House at Boston University.

**Scott Harshbarger, Senior Counsel with Proskauer Rose LLP, and former Attorney General of Massachusetts, will moderate the program. Christopher Wolf, Partner with Proskauer Rose LLP, and Chair of the International Network Against Cyber-Hate (INACH), a program panelist,** stated, "People concerned about Internet hate and its effects share a common goal: to end misuse of the Internet by racists, anti-Semites and bigots of all kind. But there are significant differences in approach. In Europe, certain speech – such as denying the Holocaust and displaying Nazi images – is illegal. In the U.S., the First Amendment gives those spewing online hate much greater latitude. But there is agreement on both sides of the Atlantic that education, technology and vigilance are all useful tools to combat hate on the Internet."

Experts joining the panel with Harshbarger and Wolf will be: **Laurent Amar, who serves as the head of the International Affairs Direction of the Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel, an independent administrative authority in charge of broadcasting affairs for France; and Ben Cohen, Director of European Affairs for the Anti-Defamation League, and a widely published and referenced specialist on the context and policy implications of contemporary anti-Semitism in Europe.**

The event, hosted by Florence & Chafetz Hillel House at Boston University, is open to the public. There is no cost to attend the evening program, however reservations are required. To RSVP, or for more information, please contact Nick Florio at ADL, at 617-406-6345; or by email at [nflorio@adl.org](mailto:nflorio@adl.org).

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