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3/20/07—SEBASTIAN JUNGER, AUTHOR OF 'THE PERFECT STORM,' COMES TO BC LAW ON APRIL 4 TO HELPREENACT THE COURT TRIAL FROM HIS NEW BOOK.

3/20/07—Boston College Law School is pleased to announce that Sebastian Junger, author of The Perfect Storm, will appear at the Law School on April 4, 2007. Junger will play the foreman of the jury in a mock trial based on the murder case described in his new book, A Death in Belmont.

Two students from the trial practice classes of BC Law faculty members Judge Christopher Muse and Judge Paul Chernoff will each deliver 20-minute closing arguments on the case of Commonwealth v Roy Smith, where the defendant was charged with a strangulation murder and rape in the era of Albert DeSalvo, the purported Boston Strangler. After closing arguments, Junger and several law students will deliberate on the case and report their verdict to all assembled.

Sebastian Junger is best known for his blockbuster international bestseller The Perfect Storm, about a Gloucester fishing vessel lost off the coast of Nova Scotia in the famous October 1991 Nor'easter. The book was later made into a movie starring George Clooney, Diane Lane and Mark Wahlberg. In his book A Death in Belmont, Junger makes the controversial argument that the real killer in Commonwealth v Roy Smith might have been DeSalvo.

Junger graduated from Concord Academy in 1980, and received a BA from Wesleyan University in 1984. He won the National Magazine Award for "The Forensics of War," published in Vanity Fair magazine.

The event will occur at 5 pm on Wednesday, April 4, in the Law School's East Wing Room 115B.