

THIRD ANNUAL **INTERNATIONAL RIGHT-TO-KNOW DAY CELEBRATION**

Presented by the Collaboration on Government Secrecy

September 28, 2009
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
(Registration at 9:30 am)

American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

In a development that barely could have been envisioned by the authors of the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) four decades ago, and with a force that has been accelerating around the globe, people in more than 75 nations of the world now enjoy the benefits of “government transparency” laws akin to the FOIA. In the United States, “Freedom of Information Day” is celebrated each year on March 16, the birthday of James Madison, and since 2002, members of the international transparency community around the world likewise have celebrated annual “International Right-to-Know Day” on September 28, a day marking their progress and unity.

In 2007, CGS coordinated the first-ever event held to commemorate this day in the United States, which was held at the Washington College of Law and included participants in London, Paris, and Wellington, New Zealand (the site of the Fifth International Conference of Information Commissioners). In 2008, CGS’s Second Annual International Right-to-Know Day Event was an expanded, day-long program that surveyed the state of transparency worldwide, including remarkable developments in China. This year, this program will focus on the remarkable FOIA events causing the recent MP expense scandal in the U.K., examine the prospective restoration of U.S. leadership in the international right-to-know community through transparency changes in the Obama Administration, and also include a live hook-up to participants at the Sixth International Conference of Information Commissioners in Oslo, Norway.

General Registration – no charge.

CLE Accreditation (3 or more credits) will be applied for -- CLE Registration -- \$55

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