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FOURTH ANNUAL
INTERNATIONAL RIGHT-TO-KNOW DAY
CELEBRATION

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September 28, 2010

10:00 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m., Room 603

American University Washington College of Law
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In a development that barely could have been envisioned by the authors of the Freedom of Information Act four decades ago, and with a force that has been accelerating around the globe, people in more than 80 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.

- 10:00 a.m.** **Welcome and Introduction** -- *Daniel J. Metcalfe*, Executive Director, CGS
- 10:15 a.m.** **Keynote Presentation: "Worldwide Transparency in the 21st Century"** --
Laura Neuman, Associate Director for the Americas Program, The Carter Center
- 11:30 a.m.** **Break**
- 11:45 a.m.** **Transparency in Scotland as Viewed at the Centre for Freedom of Information**
-- *Sarah Hutchison*, Head of Policy and Information, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, St. Andrews, Scotland, and *Professor Janet McLean*, Dundee Law School, University of Dundee, Scotland (via video connection)
- 12:45 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:45 p.m.** **The World Bank's New Transparency Regime** -- *Chad Dobson*, Executive Director, Bank Information Center; *Anne-Marie Leroy*, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, World Bank; and *Laura Neuman*, The Carter Center
- 3:00 p.m.** **Updated Survey of Transparency Worldwide** -- *Toby McIntosh*, Managing Editor, *freedominfo.org*, and Steering Committee Coordinator, Global Transparency Initiative; *Thomas M. Susman*, Director of Government Affairs, American Bar Ass'n; and *Andrea Stephenson*, Senior Research Assistant, CGS

General Registration, no charge. CLE (4 credits will be applied for) Registration -- \$95.

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