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

Presented by WCL's Collaboration on Government Secrecy

September 28, 2011

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Room 603, Washington, DC

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 85 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 or near March 16 (the birthday of James Madison), and now since 2002 members of the international transparency community around the world likewise have celebrated "International Right-to-Know Day" annually on September 28, a day marking their progress, commitment, and unity of purpose.

This year, for its fifth annual International Right-to-Know Day celebration, the Collaboration on Government Secrecy will be conducting a joint event via video link with civil society groups in South Africa. It also will be discussing the Draft International Principles on National Security and the Right to Information, which currently are under international review, and it will be focusing on the prospects for restored U.S. leadership in the international transparency community in conjunction with the Obama Administration's recently established "Open Government Partnership." The program also will feature a keynote presentation on the current state of international transparency growth by Dr. Morton H. Halperin, Senior Advisor at the Open Society Foundations.

General Registration -- no charge.

CLE Accreditation (5 credits) will be applied for -- *CLE Registration, \$95*

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