

“VAUGHN DECLARATION”

WHEREAS, THOMAS M. SUSMAN BEGAN WORKING WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT NOT LONG AFTER ITS ENACTMENT MORE THAN FORTY YEARS AGO.

WHEREAS, HE WAS THE PRINCIPAL LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 1974 FOIA AMENDMENTS AND PLAYED A SENIOR LEADERSHIP ROLE IN ADVOCATING FOR THE ACT'S FURTHER AMENDMENT IN 1986, 1996, AND 2007.

WHEREAS, HE HAS CONTINUED HIS HEAVY INVOLVEMENT WITH THE ACT THROUGH THE ABA, ACUS, ASAP, ACADEMIA, LITIGATION, AND PUBLIC ADVOCACY LONGER AND MORE EXTENSIVELY THAN JUST ABOUT ANYONE STILL ACTIVE IN THE FIELD.

THEREFORE, HE IS SINGULARLY DESERVING OF THIS RECOGNITION AS THE FIRST RECIPIENT OF THE **ROBERT VAUGHN FOIA LEGEND AWARD**.

LASTLY, AS BEFITS THIS “VAUGHN DECLARATION,” IT IS HEREBY DECLARED UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH 28 U.S.C. § 1746, THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Declared this seventeenth day of March, 2008, at American University Washington College of Law

