

THIRD ANNUAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DAY CELEBRATION

Presented by WCL's Collaboration on Government Secrecy

**March 16, 2010
9:00 am – 6:00 pm
(registration at 8:15 a.m.)**

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

In the United States, "Freedom of Information Day" is celebrated annually on March 16 (James Madison's birthday) or proximate business day, near the beginning of what is now known as "Sunshine Week." This program is the third annual celebration of Freedom of Information Day held by the Washington College of Law's Collaboration on Government Secrecy, and this year it serves as the primary day-long "Sunshine Week" (March 14-20) event among related activities by media and public interest groups. Panels of leading experts and distinguished keynote speakers will discuss major issues of current importance to the openness-in-government community, particularly in light of the enactment of the OPEN FOIA Act of 2009 and growing concerns about the adequacy of FOIA policy implementation by the Obama Administration.

This year, CGS is very pleased to announce that Obama Administration Transition Team Leader and former White House Chief of Staff John D. Podesta, Founder and President of the Center for American Progress, will give this Freedom of Information Day program's keynote address. He also will be presented with the 2010 "Robert Vaughn FOIA Legend Award," in recognition of his longstanding commitment to the Freedom of Information Act and government transparency, going back to his days as counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee and to Senator Patrick Leahy nearly thirty years ago. As last year's FOIA Legend Award recipient, as well as an early role model to Mr. Podesta, Senator Leahy has been invited to present this award.

General Registration – no charge.

CLE Accreditation (5 credits) will be applied for – *CLE Registration -- \$75*

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