FOURTH ANNUAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DAY CELEBRATION

Presented by WCL’s Collaboration on Government Secrecy

March 14, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
(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 on or near the March 16 birthday of James Madison, considered the “Founding Father of Freedom of Information,” as part of what during recent years has become known as Sunshine Week. This program is the fourth 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 lead event commencing Sunshine Week (March 13-19) 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, especially in light of big expectations for concrete success in implementation of Obama Administration transparency policies.

This year, CGS is pleased to announce that Alan B. Morrison, Founding Director of Public Citizen Litigation Group and now Lerner Family Associate Dean for Public Interest & Public Service at George Washington University Law School, will give this Freedom of Information Day program’s keynote address. He also will be presented with the 2011 “Robert Vaughn FOIA Legend Award,” in recognition of his singular role in influencing the development of the FOIA through litigation over the course of several decades. The recipient of last year’s FOIA Legend Award, former White House Chief of Staff John D. Podesta, will make the presentation of this year’s award.

General Registration -- no charge.
CLE Accreditation (5 credits) will be applied for -- CLE Registration -- $95
To register, please go to www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration.
For further information, please contact: Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education, 202.274.4075 or secle@wcl.american.edu.

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