THE LEGAL AND
CIVIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS
OF “LEAKS”

An Academic Conference
Presented by WCL’s Collaboration on Government Secrecy
April 25, 2013
9:30 am -- 6:00 pm (reception at 5:00 pm)
American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Room 603, Washington, DC

This program is the Collaboration on Government Secrecy’s fourth academic conference on legal issues of major significance to the openness-in-government community such as personal privacy (April 2009), the state secrets privilege (November 2009), and the protection of homeland security information (April 2011). For this conference, CGS will gather government, academic, and other private-sector experts to discuss the legal and civil policy implications of “leaks” of government information in this “WikiLeaks” era. They will examine the history of leaks over recent decades, their growing significance in Freedom of Information Act litigation, potential legislative responses on the subject, and the future that can be foreseen for it with continued advances in information technology. Additionally, the program will take a close look at “reporter’s privilege” in relation to leaks and civil litigation, most particularly the increased numbers of cases brought under the Privacy Act of 1974 for “wrongful disclosure” of personal information held by government agencies. These latter two related subjects will be addressed through a luncheon debate featuring the Legal Defense Director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

CGS is pleased to announce that the program’s keynote presentation will be made by Columbia Law School Professor David Pozen, author of the upcoming work The Leaky Leviathan: Why the Government Condemns and Condones Unlawful Disclosures of Information. Professor Pozen’s scholarship on the subject, which is scheduled to be published later this year in the Harvard Law Review, will be made available to all attendees in an advance pre-publication form.

General Registration, no charge.
CLE Registration (5 credits will be applied for), $275. To register, please go to www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration.
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