SIXTH ANNUAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DAY CELEBRATION

Presented by WCL’s Collaboration on Government Secrecy

March 18, 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

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 sixth annual celebration of Freedom of Information Day held by the Washington College of Law’s Collaboration on Government Secrecy and this year it anchors an expanded Sunshine Week (March 10–16), a project of the American Society of News Editors (ASNE) and the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, among related activities by media and public interest groups. Leading experts will discuss matters of current importance to the openness-in-government community, including in a “legislative outlook” session featuring key congressional staff from all corners of Capitol Hill moderated by 2008 FOIA Legend Award recipient Thomas M. Susman, one on high-visibility FOIA litigation, and one on the aftermath of the Supreme Court’s decision in Milner v. Department of the Navy, 131 S. Ct. 1259 (Mar. 7, 2011).

CGS also is pleased to announce that 46-year FOIA veteran Leonard Schaitman, who has served as Assistant Director of the Appellate Staff of the Department of Justice’s Civil Division since 1973, will give this program’s keynote address and will be presented with the 2013 “Robert Vaughn FOIA Legend Award” in recognition of his career shaping the development of the law through litigation and promoting its proper governmentwide administration. The recipient of last year’s FOIA Legend Award, Susan B. Long, Co-Director of the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC) at Syracuse University, will make the presentation.

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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