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Scott Amey is the general counsel of the Project On Government Oversight (POGO), where since 2003 he also has directed POGO’s Contract Oversight investigations, including reviews of federal spending on goods and services, the responsibility of top federal contractors, and conflicts-of-interest and ethics concerns that have led to questionable contract awards. He has testified before Congress and federal agency panels, submitted public comments on proposed regulations, educated the public by working with the media, and authored reports, alerts, and blogs on contracting issues. Scott previously worked at POGO in the mid-1990s as a Research Associate and was one of its most prolific investigators. One of his most notable projects during that time was an investigation into Area 51 that resulted in the Air Force admitting the facility’s existence and submitting to compliance with environmental laws. He also undertook investigations into Boston’s Big Dig project and safety concerns at nuclear power plants. Scott left POGO in 1998 to attend law school, after which he clerked for James A. Kenney, III of the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland from 2001-2003. He received a J.D. magna cum laude from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 2001, a B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh in 1993, and he is licensed to practice law in Maryland.

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Commission on Human Rights (IACHR). Prior to joining the IACHR, Mr. Camilleri was a senior staff attorney at the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL), where he served as lead counsel in dozens of matters before the Inter-American Commission and Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Mr. Camilleri received his J.D. from Harvard Law School, where he co-founded Harvard Law Student Advocates for Human Rights and worked with civil society organizations in Guatemala as the recipient of a Henigson Fellowship from the Harvard Law School Human Rights Program. He has lectured and written on human rights issues such as freedom of expression, access to information, and transitional justice, and he has been an adjunct professor at WCL and the University of Baltimore School of Law.

SANDRA COLIVER

Sandra Coliver is the Senior Legal Officer for Freedom of Information and Expression at the Open Society Justice Initiative, based in New York. Previously, she served as the director of the Center for Justice and Accountability in San Francisco, which works to hold human rights abusers legally accountable. For more than two decades, she managed or participated in human rights and rule of law programs, including in Bosnia with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the International Crisis Group and the OSCE. During the time that she served as the first Law Program Director (1990-96) of Article 19, based in London, she coordinated the drafting of the Johannesburg Principles on National Security, Freedom of Expression, and Access to Information and wrote a commentary and edited a book on that theme. She was a member of the Faculty of the Summer Program on International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at WL during 2003-05.

PHILLIP J. (P.J.) CROWLEY

Philip J. (P.J.) Crowley is the Omar Bradley Chair of Strategic Leadership at Dickinson College, the Penn State Dickinson School of Law and School of International Affairs, and the Army War College. He is also a Research Professor in Media and Public Affairs and Fellow at The George Washington University Institute of Public Diplomacy and Global Communications. P.J. appears frequently as a national security commentator on national and global television networks, including as a contributor to Al Jazeera English and the BBC. He is also a regular columnist for The Daily Beast. Recent opinion pieces have also been published in The Washington Post and The Guardian.
P.J. was nominated by President Obama as the Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs in 2009 and confirmed by the United States Senate. He served as the Assistant Secretary and Spokesman at the Department of State until March 2011. He was the primary U.S. government interlocutor with major media regarding the impact of the release of classified diplomatic cables by WikiLeaks. Before joining the Obama administration, he was a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, with a particular focus on homeland security in the aftermath of 9/11. He authored several national security studies, including Safe at Home, a detailed homeland security strategy to protect the American homeland, improve national preparedness and rebuild U.S. standing in the world. He remains engaged on these issues as a participant in the Aspen Institute Homeland Security Group.

During the Clinton administration, P.J. was Special Assistant to the President of the United States for National Security Affairs on the staff of the National Security Council. He also served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs. He spent 26 years in the Air Force, retiring at the rank of colonel in September 1999. He is a veteran of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. During the Kosovo conflict, he worked under Javier Solana, then-Secretary General of NATO, helping to develop a strategic communication capability in support for the NATO campaign. A native of Massachusetts, P.J. is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross. He is married to Paula E. Kougeas, also a retired Air Force colonel and now a teacher. They have two children and live in Alexandria, Virginia.

MORTON H. HALPERIN

Morton Halperin is Senior Advisor to the Open Society Institute and Open Society Policy Center. Dr. Halperin served in the federal government in the Clinton, Nixon, Johnson, and Kennedy Administrations. From December 1998 to January 2001, he was Director of the Policy Planning Staff at the Department of State. From February 1994 to March 1996, he was a Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Democracy at the National Security Council. In 1993, he was a consultant to the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and was nominated by the President for the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Democracy and Peacekeeping. In 1969, he was a Senior Staff member of the National Security Council staff with responsibility for National Security Planning. From July 1966 to January 1969, he worked in the Department
of Defense, where he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs), responsible for political-military planning and arms control. From 1961 to 1966 he was a consultant in the office of Assistant Secretary of Defense (OSI).

Dr. Halperin worked for many years for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). He served as Director of the Center for National Security Studies from 1975 to 1992, focusing on issues affecting both civil liberties and national security, such as the proper role of intelligence agencies and government secrecy, and had much involvement with the Freedom of Information Act. From 1984 to 1992, he was also the Director of the Washington Office of the ACLU, with responsibility for the ACLU’s national legislative program as well as the activities of the ACLU Foundation based in the Washington Office. He has testified before congressional committees more than 50 times on issues related to civil liberties.

Dr. Halperin has also been associated with a number of think tanks. He was a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress from June 2003 to December 2009. He was a Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations from March 1996 to December 1998 and again from January 2001 to June 2003. From July 1997 through December 1998, he was Senior Vice President of The Century Foundation/Twentieth Century Fund. From November 1992 to February 1994, Dr. Halperin was a Senior Associate of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. In 1974, he directed a project on government secrecy for the Twentieth Century Fund. From September 1969 to December 1973, he was a Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy Studies of the Brookings Institution. From 1960 to 1966, Dr. Halperin was associated with Harvard University where he was an Assistant Professor of Government and a Research Associate of the Center for International Affairs. Dr. Halperin has taught as a visiting professor at a number of universities, including Columbia, Harvard, MIT, George Washington, Johns Hopkins, and Yale. He has taught courses on bureaucratic politics and foreign policy, human rights policy, arms control, and Congress and foreign policy.

Dr. Halperin has authored, co-authored and edited more than two dozen books, including *The Lawless State* (1976) and *Self-Determination in the New World Order* (1992). He has also contributed articles to a number of newspapers, magazines, and journals, including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The New Republic*, Harpers, *Foreign Affairs*, and *Foreign*
Policy, on subjects including national security and civil liberties, bureaucratic politics, and democracy.

Dr. Halperin was a MacArthur Foundation Fellow from 1985 to 1990 and is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, the Wilbur Cross Medal awarded by the Yale Graduate Alumni Association, the John Jay Award given by Columbia College, and the Public Service Award of the Federation of American Scientists. He is a member of the boards of ONE and ONE Action, and a member of the Boards of Disability Rights International, The Constitution Project, the Center for Democracy and Technology, and the Partnership for a Secure America (PSA). He is the chair of the Advisory Board of the Center for National Security Studies. Born in Brooklyn, New York in 1938, Dr. Halperin received a B.A. from Columbia College in 1958 and a Ph.D. in International Relations from Yale University in 1961. He is a member the Council on Foreign Relations and the American Civil Liberties Union and is married to WCL Professor Diane Orentlicher.

DAVID B. HUNTER

David Hunter is Professor of Law and Director of the International Legal Studies Program at WCL. He teaches U.S. Environmental Law, International Environmental Law, Comparative Environmental Law, and the Law of Torts. Professor Hunter was the former Executive Director of the Center for International Environmental Law, a nongovernmental organization dedicated to protecting the global environment through the use of international law. He also is President of Peregrine Environmental Consulting and was formerly an environmental consultant to the Czech and Slovak environmental ministries, an environmental associate at the Washington, D.C. law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, and executive director of WaterWatch of Oregon, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving western water laws. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide-US (chair), EarthRights International, the Project on Government Oversight (chair), the Bank Information Center, Protimus Educational Trust (chair), and Greenpeace USA, Inc. He is a 1983 graduate of the University of Michigan with majors in economics and political science and a 1986 graduate of the Harvard Law School. Professor Hunter is author of many articles on international environmental law, and is co-author of the leading textbook in the field: International Environmental Law and Policy (Foundation Press: 2001).
JONATHAN KLAAREN

Professor Jonathan Klaaren, B.A. (Harvard), M.A. (Cape Town), J.D. (Columbia), LLB (Witwatersrand), and Ph.D. (Yale, Sociology), was named Head of the University of Witwatersrand School of Law in August of this year. He is a former Director of the Mandela Institute of the Witwatersrand Law School (mid-2005 to end-2007) and has served as Co-Director of the school’s Winter Law School (2007-2009). He has served on numerous university committees and is currently appointed by the Minister of Home Affairs to serve on the Immigration Advisory Board.

Professor Klaaren’s research interests are in four broad areas and include international and comparative public law and human rights, citizenship and migration law, transnational regulation (including trade and investment law), and socio-legal studies (including legal history and the legal profession). He has co-authored two books on South African administrative and access to information law and co-edited two books on South African refugee law. He organized the Law and Society Association Summer Institute in 2006, was a founding member of WISER from 2001-2002, and received the University of the Witwatersrand Young Researchers Award (Friedel Sellschop Award) in 1998. He also served as a law clerk to Third Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. from 1991-1992 and as an intern at the Legal Resources Centre in Cape Town in 1989. He has served on the Editorial Committee of the South African Journal on Human Rights and on the Editorial Board of Law & Society Review, and he currently serves on the Editorial Board of Law & Policy. Professor Klaaren’s most recent research output is a co-edited special issue of the South African Journal on Human Rights on public interest litigation in South Africa.

CAROLINE P. MAULDIN

Caroline P. Mauldin joined the Obama Administration in September 2009. She leads the policy work of the Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs on a range of issues, including economic security, financial inclusion, innovation, and global partnerships. She is also the Under Secretary’s lead speechwriter. Prior to joining the State Department, she worked for global microfinance leader ACCION International and was on the founding team of the affiliated think tank, the Center for Financial Inclusion. She has also worked on international trade justice at the international development NGO, Oxfam America, and on public health issues at Presi-
dent Jimmy Carter’s organization, The Carter Center, in Atlanta, Georgia. Originally from South Carolina, Caroline has worked and traveled throughout Latin America and Africa. She is fluent in Spanish and holds a degree with honors in International Relations and Latin American Studies from Tufts University.

PATRICE McDERMOTT

Patrice McDermott is Director of OpenTheGovernment.org, a coalition of more than seventy consumer and good government groups, environmentalists, journalists, library groups, labor, and others united to make the federal government a more open place in order to make the public safer, strengthen public trust in government, and support our democratic principles. The coalition and its staff have played an instrumental role in every positive change of the past several years for government openness. OpenTheGovernment.org promotes and amplifies the change by serving as informal advisors to the White House and to several agencies on issues of concern to our community and the public (such as the Open Government Directive and the high-value data sets on Data.gov, the Executive Order on Classified National Security Information, the initiatives of the White House related to “sensitive but unclassified” information, implementation of the 2007 FOIA amendments, and issues of electronic records management).

Dr. McDermott joined OpenTheGovernment.org as Director in July 2006, after more than four years as the Deputy Director of the Office of Government Relations at the American Library Association Washington Office. At the ALA, she was the lead lobbyist on the USA PATRIOT Act, federal privacy issues, and issues of access to government information, particularly in the post-September 11th environment. She joined ALA in December 2001, after having served for eight years as the senior information policy analyst for OMB Watch. While at OMB Watch during the 1990s, her work included co-authoring two studies of the implementation of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1996 and coordination of the non-profit openness community’s efforts in stopping the enactment of what would have been the equivalent of an official secrets act in the U.S. Previously, she worked for the National Archives and Records Administration.

Dr. McDermott is the author of Who Needs to Know? The State of Public Access to Federal Information. On March 16, 2011, she received the James Madison Award from the American Library Association in recogni-
tion of her work to champion, protect, and promote public access to government information and the public’s right to know. She was inducted into the Freedom of Information Act Hall of Fame in 2001, is a frequent speaker on public access and e-government issues, and has testified at congressional hearings on these issues and others. She was awarded her doctorate from the University of Arizona in political science, an M.A. in political science from Brown University, and she received an M.Ln. in library and information management from Emory University.

KATHERINE McFATE

Katherine McFate became the President and CEO of OMB Watch in July 2011. Before taking the helm at OMB Watch, she was a Program Officer at the Ford Foundation, where she developed and led a grantmaking program on Transparent, Effective, and Accountable Government. In this capacity, she supported efforts in the U.S. and globally to create new standards, rules, and practices to make government more open and accountable to the needs and priorities of ordinary people and bring excluded and disenfranchised communities into the political process.

Previously, as a Deputy Director of domestic programs at the Rockefeller Foundation, Katherine directed a research and policy program to strengthen the economic resiliency of American workers in the face of globalization, outsourcing, and the contracting out of public services. In this capacity, and also at the Ford Foundation, she supported networks of state and local organizations across the country working to promote a more equitable, inclusive, and democratic America. Throughout her work, she has been involved in communications initiatives to understand public attitudes toward government and increase public understanding of and support for the public sector. She has extensive experience with survey research and strategic communications.

Prior to her career in philanthropy, Katherine directed social policy programs for the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, authoring a number of reports on U.S. welfare, urban, and employment policies, as well as editing a comparative policy book, Poverty, Inequality and the Future of Social Policy: Western States in the New World Order. Before coming to Washington, she lectured at Yale University, where she took her graduate degrees and was a Special Advisor to the City of New Haven on its youth
employment programs and anti-poverty policies. She grew up in Columbia, Missouri.

TOBY McINTOSH
Toby McIntosh, a former White House correspondent for the Bureau of National Affairs, was the longtime managing editor of BNA’s flagship Daily Report for Executives and now is its Director of Editorial Quality. An expert in transparency at international governing bodies and multi-national financial institutions, he also is Steering Committee Coordinator of the Global Transparency Initiative and recently took on the responsibility of Managing Editor of freedominfo.org, an online network of international freedom of information advocates, which has involved extensive coverage of the Open Government Partnership. Over the course of his career as a reporter, he has covered antitrust, consumer protection, the Office of Management and Budget, information policy, the relationship between emerging technologies and government, Senate holds, and regulatory reform. During the 1980s and early 1990s, he covered the Reagan and Bush 41 Administrations as a member of the White House Press Corps, then spent 15 years at the helm of Daily Report for Executives, also editing four other publications during those years. Toby received the Joseph Brechner Freedom of Information Award in 1990 for groundbreaking articles on the then-enormous roadblocks to obtaining access to electronic records, is the recipient of 1992 awards from the National Press Association and the Newsletter Publishers Foundation for an article on Senate “holds,” and also has won awards from the American Library Association, the Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild, and the business Council for the Reduction of Paperwork. Most recently, he was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Washington, D.C. Pro Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Government from Oberlin College.

DANIEL J. METCALFE
Dan Metcalfe joined the faculty of the Washington College of Law in 2007 as a Faculty Fellow in Law and Government upon retiring from a career in government service that began at the Department of Justice more than 40 years ago. He now is both an adjunct professor at WCL and executive director of the school’s Collaboration on Government Secrecy. A 1976 graduate of the National Law Center at George Washington University, where he was a law review editor and attended on a full academic scholarship, he worked at the Justice Department as both a teenage intern dur-
ing college and a law clerk in the Office of the Attorney General during law school. In 1981, after a judicial clerkship and serving as a Justice Department trial attorney, he was appointed to the position of founding director of the Department’s Office of Information and Privacy (OIP). For more than a quarter-century in that position, he guided all federal agencies on the governmentwide administration of the Freedom of Information Act, directly supervised the defense of more than 500 FOIA and Privacy Act lawsuits in district and appellate courts, testified before Congress on FOIA legislation, and met with representatives of nearly 100 nations and international governing bodies as they considered the development and implementation of their own government transparency laws. He became a career member of the Senior Executive Service in 1984, the youngest Justice Department attorney then and since to hold such a position, and is the author of several publications, most recently From FOIA Service to Lip Service: The Unexpected Story of White House Visitor Logs, 36 Admin. & Reg. L. News 3 (Spring 2011); The Nature of Government Secrecy, 26 Gov’t Info. Quarterly 305 (2009); and Sunshine Not So Bright: FOIA Implementation Lags Behind, 34 Admin. & Reg. L. News 5 (Summer 2009). In 2010, he was appointed by World Bank President Robert B. Zoellick to be a member of the World Bank’s Access to Information Appeals Board, an independent tribunal that makes final decisions on appeals taken under the Bank’s newly adopted worldwide information disclosure policy; he serves with board members from India and France, and together they hold final authority to order the public disclosure of World Bank records. In 2009, he was a member of the U.S. delegation to the Inaugural Sino-American Dialogue on Rule of Law and Human Rights in China, followed up by further dialogues in Xiem en and Beijing in 2010 and New York in 2011, and he has given dozens of presentations on international transparency around the world. He also holds positions as an Honorary Senior Research Fellow at University College London, as a consultant to the Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS), and as a contributing editor of the Administrative Law & Regulatory News publication of the American Bar Association’s Section of Administrative Law.

**ISABEL MUNILLA**

Isabel Munilla is the Director of the U.S. chapter of Publish What You Pay (PWYP), a global civil society coalition of over 600 faith-based, human rights, anti-poverty, anti-corruption, and development organizations working in nearly 70 countries to push for transparency in the payments made by
the oil, gas, and mining sectors to governments. Last year, PWYP was the winner of the Commitment to Development Ideas in Action Award given jointly by the Center for Global Development and Foreign Policy magazine. Isabel joined PWYP US in January 2010 to lead and coordinate the coalition’s advocacy for improved policies within the U.S. government, multinational companies, and international financial institutions, and to support its work on the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI). Most notably, Isabel led the PWYP US campaign’s 2010 drive to pass Section 1504 of the U.S. Dodd-Frank Act, which requires oil, gas, and mining companies registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission to publish their payments to governments as part of their annual reports to the Commission. Most recently she worked to ensure that the U.S. government featured a commitment to domestic EITI implementation as part of their Open Government Partnership. Previously, Isabel worked for nine years at the World Resources Institute, conducting research with civil society partners on the social and environmental impacts and benefits of natural resource extraction. She was the principal author of People, Power and Pipelines: Lessons from Peru in the Governance of Gas Production Revenues and co-authored Breaking Ground: Engaging Communities in Extractives and Infrastructure Projects. She has worked with civil society coalitions in the Amazon region, Indonesia, Russia and Central Africa to examine the governance challenges inherent in extractive industries and the forestry sector, and the associated role of corporations and international financial institutions in influencing national and private systems of risk mitigation and management in these sectors. She holds degrees in French and Journalism from the University of Maryland, College Park.

SYVESTER MURRAY

Sylvester Murray is Professor of Government and Public Administration at Savannah State University, where he also is Coordinator of the Master of Public Administration program. Additionally, he is Professor Emeritus at Cleveland State University in Ohio, where he concentrated on city management teaching, collaborations, and consulting. Before becoming a professor, he was a senior consulting associate with Coopers and Lybrand. For a combined total of eighteen years prior to that, he served as city manager for the cities of Inkster (Michigan), Ann Arbor, Cincinnati, and San Diego.

Professor Murray has published research articles on city management in Public Administration Review, Journal of Public Management and Social
Policy, On-line Minowbrook Three, and a book chapter in Justice for All: Promoting Social Equity in Public Administration. He participates annually in international research on comparative public administration and policy studies, and for ten years chaired the International Conference on Public Management, Policy, and Development (CIMPAD). He has a B.A. from Lincoln University, a Master’s Degree in Local and State Governmental Administration from the Fels Institute of the University of Pennsylvania, and an M.A. in Economics from Eastern Michigan University. He graduated in Class 15 of the Federal Executive Institute.

Professor Murray has served as President of the International City/County Management Association, President of the American Society for Public Administration, President of the National Conference of Minority Public Administrators, and Board Member of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators. He also is a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, currently is Chair of its Africa Working Group, and chaired The World Bank Diaspora Governance Group.

MARIA OTERO

Maria Otero was sworn in as Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs on August 10, 2009. She oversees and coordinates U.S. foreign relations on a variety of global issues, including democracy, human rights, and labor; environment, oceans, health, and science; population, refugees, and migration; and monitoring and combating trafficking in persons. She also serves as the Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues.

Ms. Otero was formerly the president and CEO of ACCION International, a pioneer and leader in microfinance working in 25 countries around the globe. During Ms. Otero’s tenure as CEO, ACCION’s network of microfinance institutions expanded its reach from serving 460,000 people to over 3.7 million, through a combined portfolio that grew from $274 million to nearly $3.6 billion. She is a leading voice on sustainable microfinance, publishing extensively on the subject and speaking throughout the world on microfinance, women’s issues, and poverty alleviation. Prior to ACCION, Ms. Otero was the Economist for Latin America for the Women in Development office of USAID. She also served for five years at the Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA).
In June 2006, Ms. Otero was appointed by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to the UN Advisors Group on Inclusive Financial Sectors. She has chaired the board of Bread for the World, and also served on the boards of the Calvert Foundation, Public Welfare Foundation, the Inter-American Foundation, and BRAC Holding of Bangladesh. Born in La Paz, Bolivia, Ms. Otero is currently the highest-ranking Hispanic official at the State Department and the first Latina Under Secretary in its history.

Ms. Otero is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. She was named by *Newsweek* as one of the United States’ 20 most influential women in October 2005 and was one of *Hispanic Business Magazine*’s “Elite Women of 2007.” Notre Dame University honored her with the Distinguished Service in Latin America Award, and she has also received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Ms. Otero holds an M.A. in literature from the University of Maryland, an M.A. in international relations from Johns Hopkins’ Nitze School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, D.C., and an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Dartmouth College. From 1997 to 2009, she also served as an adjunct professor at SAIS.

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Catalina Reyes is the U.S. Advocacy Officer for Publish What You Fund, an international organization that campaigns for aid transparency -- more and better information about aid -- by governments and private-sector donors alike. Catalina monitors Publish What You Fund’s World Bank and U.S. foreign assistance and aid transparency while directly engaging with its counterparts who work on aid reform and aid effectiveness. Her background includes education reform and human rights advocacy in the non-profit sector. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from Arizona State University and an M.A. in International Affairs from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. After fourteen years in the U.S., Catalina moved to London and joined Publish What You Fund in August 2009.

### FABIOLA ISABEL RIVAS

Fabiola Rivas is a third-year student at WCL, where she now is in her fourth semester as a Dean’s Fellow for CGS. Born in Mexico, she is an alumna of the University of California at Berkeley and has also studied law at the University of Bologna, Italy. Between college and law school, she gained experience in
the fields of communications, media, and intellectual property while working at JumpTV in San Francisco, where she drafted and negotiated licensing and distribution agreements for Internet and Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) rights to soccer teams and TV channels around the world in Spanish, Italian, and English. During law school, in addition to working for CGS, Fabiola has interned at the Broadcasting Board of Governors and the Federal Communications Commission. This past summer, she held a prestigious Google Policy Fellowship at the National Hispanic Media Coalition, where she worked on current Internet privacy and opt-out tracking policies, as well as the AT&T/T-Mobile Merger. Upon graduation, Fabiola hopes to expand her skills into the world of intellectual property law and move to San Francisco.

THOMAS M. SUSMAN

Tom Susman is Director of Government Affairs at the American Bar Association, where he holds responsibility for a wide range of ABA activities here in Washington, D.C. Before accepting that position upon his “retirement” in 2008, he was a long-time senior partner in the Washington Office of Ropes & Gray, where his work included counseling, litigation, and lobbying on access to government information and privacy, in addition to his general legislative and regulatory practice. Tom has testified frequently on FOIA reform before Congress and authored a number of works on information and privacy. He advised Shanghai on open government information, wrote a chapter on Access to Documents in the European Union for an ABA publication, co-authored a BNA portfolio on business information, and taught classes and courses on the FOIA to government lawyers, government access professionals, and law students. He has also been involved in a number of freedom of information cases at the state and federal levels and before foreign tribunals. A former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Judicial College and President of the District of Columbia Public Library Foundation, he currently serves in the House of Delegates of the ABA.

Before joining Ropes & Gray, Tom served on Capitol Hill as chief counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee; prior to that he worked in the Office of Legal Counsel at the Department of Justice. He graduated from Yale University, received his J.D. from the University of Texas Law School, and is a member of the American Law Institute. Among his many honors and distinctions, perhaps foremost among them is his receipt of the Collaboration on Government Secrecy’s inaugural “Robert Vaughn FOIA Legend Award”
at CGS’s First Annual Freedom of Information Day Celebration in March 2008, though he most recently received the University of Texas School of Law’s “Outstanding Alumnus Award” for his “outstanding contributions not only to the legal profession but to society as a whole.”