

# FOURTH ANNUAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DAY CELEBRATION

Presented by WCL's Collaboration on Government Secrecy

March 14, 2011

9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

(Reception at 5:00 p.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 birthday of James Madison, considered the "Founding Father of Freedom of Information," as part of what in 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 among related activities by media and public interest groups. Longtime FOIA advocate Alan B. Morrison 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. As last year's FOIA Legend Award recipient, former White House Chief of Staff John D. Podesta will present this year's award.

8:45 a.m.    **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:30 a.m.    **Welcome and Opening Remarks** -- *Daniel J. Metcalfe*, Executive Director, Collaboration on Government Secrecy, Washington College of Law

9:40 a.m.    **Award Presentation** -- *John D. Podesta*, President and CEO, Center for American Progress, Former White House Chief of Staff, and Obama/Biden Transition Team Co-Chair

**Keynote Address** -- *Alan B. Morrison*, Lerner Family Associate Dean for Public Interest and Public Service, George Washington University Law School, and Founding Director, Public Citizen Litigation Group

10:15 a.m.    **Panel One: *Legislative Outlook*** -- an inside look at FOIA activity in the 112th Congress in both the House and the Senate and from both sides of the aisle.

*Krista Boyd*, Minority Counsel, House Government Reform and Oversight Committee; *Lydia Kay Griggsby*, Counsel to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy; *Hudson T. Hollister*, Majority Counsel, House Government Reform and Oversight Committee; *Matthew L. Johnson*, Counsel to Senator John Cornyn for Senate Judiciary Committee; and *Thomas M. Susman*, Director of Governmental Affairs, American Bar Association (moderator)

11:45 a.m.    **Panel Two: *FOIA Privacy Issues*** -- a discussion of the privacy issues that divide agencies and FOIA requesters, as well as the current Supreme Court issue ("*corporate privacy*" in *AT&T Inc. v. FCC*) that does not.

*Kevin M. Goldberg*, Special Counsel, Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, P.L.C.; *Ginger P. McCall*, Assistant Director, Open Government Program, Electronic Privacy Information Center; *Leonard Schaitman*, Assistant Director, Appellate Staff, Civil Division, Department of Justice; *Corinna Zarek*, Attorney-Advisor, Office of Gov't Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration

**1:00 p.m. Luncheon Address** -- *Miriam M. Nisbet*, Founding Director, Office of Gov't Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration

**2:30 p.m. Panel Three: Case Study: Exemption 3 and the SEC** -- a review of the controversy that erupted from a nondisclosure provision of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act this past year.

*Rick Blum*, Coordinator, Sunshine in Government Initiative; *Angela Canterbury*, Director of Policy, Project On Government Oversight; *Myron Marlin*, Director of Communications, Securities and Exchange Commission (invited); *Harvey L. Pitt*, Chief Executive Officer, Kalorama Partners, L.L.C., and Former Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission

**3:45 p.m. Panel Four: FOIA in the Trenches** -- a presentation of the inside perspective on the processes of FOIA administration by longtime agency FOIA personnel.

*Michael S. Binder*, Supervisory Records Declassification Specialist, Air Force Declassification Office, Department of the Air Force; *Karen M. Finnegan*, Deputy Director, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration; *Harry A. Hammitt*, Editor/Publisher, *Access Reports*, and Consulting Analyst, Department of State; *Stuart Frisch*, General Counsel, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice; and *William T. Kammer*, Chief, Freedom of Information Policy Office, Department of Defense (moderator)

**5:00 p.m. Reception**

**General Registration, no charge. CLE (5 credits will be applied for) Registration -- \$95.** To register, go to [www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration). For further information, contact: Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education, 202.274.4075, or [secle@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secle@wcl.american.edu). Major support for this CGS program has been provided by the Open Society Institute's Transparency and Integrity Fund and its National Security and Human Rights Campaign.