

FIFTH ANNUAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DAY CELEBRATION

Presented by WCL's Collaboration on Government Secrecy

March 16, 2012

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 fifth annual celebration of Freedom of Information Day held by the Washington College of Law's Collaboration on Government Secrecy, and this year in coordination with the American Society of News Editors it anchors Sunshine Week (March 11-17) 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 and one reviewing the success of the Office of Government Information Services led by OGIS Director Miriam M. Nisbet.

CGS also is pleased to announce that Susan B. Long, Co-Director of the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC) at Syracuse University, will give this program's keynote address and will be presented with the 2012 "Robert Vaughn FOIA Legend Award," in recognition of her career as a uniquely successful FOIA requester and FOIA litigant over the course of more than four decades. *See, e.g., Long v. IRS*, 596 F.2d 362 (9th Cir. 1979), *cert. denied*, 446 U.S. 917 (1980). The recipient of last year's FOIA Legend Award, Alan B. Morrison, Founding Director of Public Citizen Litigation Group and now Lerner Family Associate Dean for Public Interest and Public Service at George Washington University Law School, will make the presentation.

General Registration -- no charge.

CLE Accreditation (5 credits) will be applied for -- *CLE Registration -- \$275*

To register, please go to www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration.

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