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Dear Colleague:

The American Bar Association Standing Committee on Law and National Security; the Center for National Security Law at the University of Virginia School of Law; and the Center on Law, Ethics and National Security at Duke University School of Law proudly announce the **19th Annual Review of the Field of National Security Law.** The conference will take place on **Thursday and Friday, November 12-13, 2009** at the Renaissance Washington DC Hotel, Renaissance Ballroom, Ballroom Level, 999 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC. The hotel is closest to the Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro (red/yellow/green) or Metro Center (red/blue/orange), a 2½ block walk.

CLE Credit will be available, including ethics credit.

The Standing Committee has been hosting the Review Conferences for the last 18 years, and these gatherings bring together attorneys and policy makers from government and others from the private sector who share a common interest in national security. This year, as the new administration strives to establish effective policies for military operations in Afghanistan, piracy, terrorism and other crucial national security issues, our two days of discussion should be of special relevance and interest to all.

This year we begin with Executive and Legislative updates in national security law and we've asked our panelists to be prepared for a 90 minute round of questions covering the most salient national security issues facing the two branches of government at this time. The remainder of the conference will address Emerging Issues in National Security Law: Narco-Violence Along the Border; Modern Piracy: Legal and Policy Options; Revised Military Commissions: Lingering Questions; Cyber Security and Cyber Warfare; and Ethics Challenges for National Security Lawyers - In and Out of Government.

The "early" registration fee is \$215.00 per day or \$375.00 for both days. This will include breakfast, lunch and all bound conference materials. Additionally there will be a charge of \$60.00 per person for the reception/dinner on Thursday evening, November 12.

A check made payable to "American Bar Association" may be included with the enclosed registration form and returned to the ABA Offices or you may also pay by credit card or online at www.abanet.org/natsecurity. (note: after October 23, the registration costs increase.)

In the event you need to cancel your reservation, a refund will be made provided notice of cancellation is received in our ABA Standing Committee office (202-662-1035) by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 22, 2009. There is no registration charge for members of the press attending the panels, but reservations are appreciated.

We have made arrangements for conference participants to stay at the Renaissance Hotel -- telephone 800-266-9432. **You must make your reservation by October 21 and use Pass Key Letters: SCL to receive the conference rate of \$229 s/double or \$209 government rate. You will be responsible for making your own hotel reservation and guaranteeing late arrival if necessary.**

You are also cordially invited to join other conference registrants and speakers at the **Opening Reception**, held on **Wednesday, November 11, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. graciously hosted by the law firm of Arnold & Porter LLP, 555 Twelfth Street, NW, in Washington, DC.** This years' reception will feature a brief "conference teaser" presented by the conference moderators. Ample time will be available for Q&A and informal discussion.

Airfare discounts are available through ABA Online Travel, Orbitz for Business or directly from the airline. To access ABA Online Travel, go to www.abanet.org/travel or the toll-free number for Orbitz is 1-877-222-4185.

This is a timely Conference, assembling top thinkers and policymakers at this critical time to share views on some of the most important issues confronting the field of national security. The Conference is again expected to draw a large audience, and will reach an even larger audience through the power of the media. We are proud to be hosting this outstanding conference for the 19th year and hope that you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,



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