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**CLE CENTRE SHOWCASE PROGRAM SUBMISSION FORM**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THIS FORM TO  
THE PLANNING COMMITTEE:  
November 1, 2007**

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**Program Title: Escape from the Blackwater Lagoon: Extricating The Law From Public to Private Contracts and Foreign Destinations**

Description: Session will cover issues arising from the Blackwater situation especially enforcing the rule of law, and how Blackwater appears to operate beyond the reach of the law. Concerns to be addressed include barriers to building a case: What are the ramifications of contracting out traditionally governmental responsibilities? What are the legal, policy and practical implications of how contractors especially those operating abroad can be prosecuted? If trials are conducted overseas where will you find the lawyers willing risk their lives in war zone? Session will cover how to build a case: obtaining evidence, deposing witnesses, how CIPA will affect your ability to gather relevant documents, jurisdictional issues over crimes committed in other countries, conducting and funding an investigation in a war zone, finding a competent criminal investigator that speaks the language, and obtaining evidence from non-U. S. Citizens hired by contractors. Presenters will discuss the impact of cultural issues upon how witnesses view events or convey what they see and how gender can factor in. Other issues swirling around Blackwater include obstruction of justice, civil remedies, violence, murder, interrogation techniques, and fraud.

Potential Co-sponsors:

Entity #1: Public Contract Law Section **Entity #2: Administrative Law Section**

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Potential Speakers (please indicate if woman (“W”) or minority (“M”) participation:

Professor Luz Nagle (W-M) ; Professor Stephen Saltzburg;  
Robert Litt; Anthony Joseph (M); Jeffrey Walker; Karen Manos (W)

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