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Dear Colleague:

In the wake of the historic 2008 National Election, 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 will sponsor the **18th Annual Review of the Field of National Security Law Conference - Issues for the New Administration**. The conference will take place on **Thursday and Friday, November 6-7, 2008** at the Renaissance Washington DC Hotel, Renaissance Ballroom, Ballroom Level, 999 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

The new Administration will face significant challenges formulating its national security strategy and working with Congress to implement new policies and programs. Our conference this year is dedicated exclusively to the difficult and important issues the Administration will face during its first days in office. Deviating from past practice, this year the focus will be on seven themed panels including: the nature, scope and scale of national security threats inside and outside of the U.S; managing the intelligence enterprise; a sustainable legal regime for foreign and domestic intelligence; the war in Georgia and the future of US/Russian relations; challenges for the private sector in national security; due process and issues surrounding detention; and prosecution by military commissions. As part of this approach, there will also be a panel on the ethical issues for national security lawyers.

The registration fee is \$170.00 per day or \$325.00 for both days. Additionally there will be a charge of \$60.00 per person for the reception/dinner on Thursday evening, November 5. Student prices are outlined on the registration form. **CLE Credit will be available.**

A check made payable to "American Bar Association" should be included with the enclosed registration form and returned by **October 24 to the ABA Offices**. (after October 24, the registration costs increase) You may also pay by credit card and register online at www.abanet.org/natsecurity.

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. Friday, October 24, 2008. Substitute registrants may be designated in writing with advance notification to our office. 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 - 202-898-9000 or 800-468-3571. **You must make your reservation by October 15 to receive the conference rate of \$249 s/double or \$201 government rate.** Please advise the Reservation Office at the hotel that you are with the ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security 2008 Conference. **You will be responsible for making your own hotel reservation and guaranteeing late arrival if necessary.** The hotel is closest to the Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro (red/yellow/green) or Metro Center (red/blue/orange), a 2½ block walk.

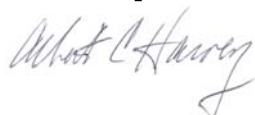
You are also cordially invited to join other conference registrants and speakers at the Complimentary Welcome/Networking **Reception**, held on **Wednesday, November 5, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the President's Sports Bar, Lobby Level of the Renaissance DC Hotel.**

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 and click on Orbitz. The toll-free number for Orbitz is 1- 877-222-4185.

This is a timely Conference, assembling experts at this critical time to share views on some of the most important issues facing the new Administration as well as the field of national security. Remember to register early - 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 conference for the 18th year and hope that you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,



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