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Dear Colleague:

The Center on Law, Ethics and National Security, the Center for International and Comparative Law, and the Program in Public Law at Duke University School of Law, in conjunction with Duke University's Vice Provost for International Affairs and Development and the Terry Sanford School of Public Policy, are sponsoring a major conference at Duke on **April 15th and 16th, 2010**. The conference, entitled "**National Security Challenges and the Obama Administration**," will be held at the Thomas Center and Geneen Auditorium in the Fuqua School of Business, both of which are adjacent to the Law School. A copy of the draft conference program is attached and we cordially invite you to attend.

Now in its second year, the Obama administration continues to be confronted with difficult national security issues. The January 2010 deadline for closing the Guantánamo Bay detention facility was not met and there is an ongoing debate over what to do with the detainees and which forum should be used to prosecute those for whom there is some evidence of criminality. The administration is also dealing with complex legal and policy issues with regard to targeted killings in countries where al-Qaeda and other terrorists have taken refuge, and an increasing number of instances where our government and private sector computer systems have been vulnerable to hacking, possibly by foreign governments. Using a format of six panels and three meal speakers, our conference will be examining these and a number of other security issues facing the administration. To do this, we have assembled a prestigious group of scholars, policymakers and commentators who will take an interdisciplinary approach to all these issues from both a legal and a policy perspective.

As noted, the conference will be held on the Duke University West Campus in Durham, North Carolina. The panel sessions will be held in the Geneen Auditorium of the Fuqua School of Business, while the meal programs will be held in the nearby R. David Thomas Executive Conference Center. For those who may be coming from out of town, there are hotels and motels conveniently located close to the campus and the conference site, and we encourage you to visit <http://hotel-guides.us/colleges/north-carolina/duke-university.html> to find one. If you have special needs or require further assistance in finding a place to stay, please contact us at (919) 613-7206 and we will try to help in any way we can.

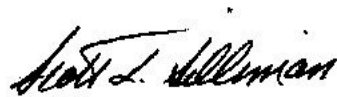
Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it by **April 5th** to the address indicated on the form. There is **no registration fee** to attend the conference; however, we do charge a fee for those choosing to attend the conference meal programs: \$25.00 for each luncheon and \$50.00 for the

Thursday evening reception and dinner. The charge for full-time students is reduced by 50% (i.e., \$12.50 for each lunch, and \$25.00 for the dinner). You may send the meal fees with your registration or pay at the conference registration desk when you arrive. **Checks should be made payable to "Duke Law LENS."** In the event you should find it necessary to cancel your meal reservations, please provide notice of cancellation in writing to us by April 13th. For those who prepay for the meal programs, a refund will be provided only if notice of cancellation in writing is received at the Center by April 13th.

We have applied for North Carolina Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit for this conference and have, in past years, always received it. Please check out our website in the next several weeks for more information about CLE. Also, if you are an attorney licensed in a state other than North Carolina, you should check with your respective state bar association to ensure that your state will give you credit based upon North Carolina's certification. Most do, but a few do not.

I hope to see you here at Duke in April for this important conference.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:
Registration Form
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