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Dear Colleague:

The ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security (SCOLNS) is one of the oldest and most active committees of the ABA whose members are dedicated to furthering the bar's and public's understanding and appreciation for the practice of law in the area of national security. To help reach our objective, the Committee is hosting a one day seminar on the pedagogy of teaching national security law -- approaches and issues, a "*Lawyer Jurga*". The Seminar will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2010 at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, in Washington, DC. The hotel is next to the L'Enfant Metro (yellow/green lines).

The purpose of this seminar is to bring together the academic, practioners educational, and instructional communities from our nation's law schools, educational legal centers, military and intelligence legal training institutions, military academies, and the National Defense University to discuss the methods, tools, and processes of teaching national security law. This will be the first gathering of all the different communities that has ever taken place. The seminar will build upon the dedicated work done by many of the pioneers in this field by bringing together the community of national security law teachers.

The seminar on October 2 will be held from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and will feature law, JAG, and service school panels, as well as an issues panel on detention and a keynote luncheon address delivered by **Harold Koh**, State Department Legal Advisor and former Yale Law School Dean. Mr. Koh will discuss some of the key issues shaping the field of national security law and share his thoughts on how the subject might be taught across all systems.

The opening dinner on Friday evening, October 1 will be held at the Army and Navy Club, 901 17th Street, NW on Farragut Square in Washington, DC, starting at 6:30 p.m. with a no-host bar, followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. **John Rizzo**, former CIA Acting General Counsel and now Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution, will deliver the keynote dinner remarks. John was responsible for all legal issues regarding the initiation and implementation of intelligence collection and covert action operations. His views on 'cross-cutting issues' will be of great interest to all.

Registration fee for Saturday, October 2 is \$90.00 and will include breakfast, lunch, afternoon break and conference materials. Additionally, there will be a charge of \$50.00 for the opening dinner on Friday evening, October 1. Please visit the Committee's website – www.abanet.org/natsecurity to register online. (note: after September 26, the prices increase by \$20.00) In the event you need to cancel your registration, a refund will be made provided notice of cancellation is received in our ABA Standing Committee office (hmcMahon@staff.abanet.org) by 5:00 p.m., Monday, September 26.

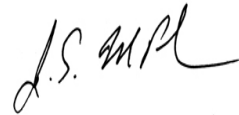
We have made arrangements for conference participants to stay at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel – telephone – 202-484-1000 or 800-635-5065 Please register no later than September 6 to take advantage of the special ABA rate of \$139 single/double. Please reference the ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security Teaching National Security Law Conference when making your reservation to obtain this rate.

We very much welcome your participation in this event and hope you will be able to join us and look forward to sharing ideas, approaches and views. If you wish to complete our National Security Census, click [here](#). We also encourage you to share this announcement with your friends and professional colleagues who might be interested in attending.

Sincerely,

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Harvey Rishikof
Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J.E. McPherson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

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