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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 Institute of Public Policy, are sponsoring a major conference at Duke on **April 16th and 17th, 2009**. The conference, entitled "**National Security under a New 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.

As the Obama administration begins its second month, it must deal not only with a troubled economy but also with a host of significant national security issues. The President has ordered the closure of the Guantanamo Bay detention facility, but the question remains as to what to do with the detainees currently being held there. Is the current organization of the intelligence community the best for ensuring the timely and accurate gathering of much needed intelligence information? With continued reports of lawlessness along our border with Mexico, are our immigration policies consistent with our national security interests? 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 new 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, call us at (919) 613-7187 and we will try to help you in any way we can.

Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to us by April 10th. Although there is **no registration fee** to attend the conference, we do charge a fee for the conference meal programs, for those attending them: \$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 can pay the meal fees with your registration or 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 prepaid for the meal programs, a refund will be provided only if notice of cancellation in writing is received at the Center by that day.

We have applied for 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
Conference Program