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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, together with other departments and organizations within the University, are sponsoring a major conference at Duke on **April 10th and 11th, 2008**. The conference, entitled "**Combating Terrorism: Charting the Course for 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 conference program is attached and we cordially invite you to attend.

The national election is less than nine months away and, regardless of which party wins, there will be a new administration in the White House and perhaps shifts in the balance of political power on Capitol Hill. Should that new administration move away from the Bush administration strategy for combating terrorism both here and abroad, or should it keep the one used for the last several years? In charting the course for a new administration, many different aspects of national power must be considered, from the traditional use of military force as in Iraq and Afghanistan, to acquiring intelligence, and even to shaping our foreign policy to ensure maximum protection against further terrorist attacks in this country or against our interests overseas. Our conference will be examining a number of specific issues with regard to shaping our counterterrorism policy for the next four years and beyond. On our first day, we will be looking at the accountability of military contractors accompanying the forces on the battlefield, as well as proposals for reform of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. We will also be exploring the international component of combating terrorism, including formulation of our foreign policy and how we can best ensure integrated global cooperation. On our second day, we will probe some of the problems in successfully prosecuting terrorism cases in our federal courts, and also look at the very controversial use of extraordinary rendition. Our final panel of the day, and the conference, will examine the ethical considerations in rendering legal advice to policymakers in the war on terrorism. We will also have three keynote addresses during the conference which will focus on specific and current issues within the overall context of combating terrorism. To do all 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 above, 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 all meals will be served in the 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) 613-7137 and we will try to help you in any way we can.

Although there is **no registration fee** to attend the conference, the cost for the conference meals, for those attending, is \$25.00 for each luncheon and \$45.00 for the Thursday evening reception and dinner. The cost of the meals for full-time students is reduced by 50% (i.e., \$12.50 for each lunch, and \$22.50 for the dinner). **Checks are to be made payable to "Duke Law LENS"** and returned with the completed registration form by April 4th. In the event you should find it necessary to cancel your meal reservations, a refund will be provided if notice of cancellation in writing is received at the Center by April 9th.

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

Sincerely,



SCOTT L. SILLIMAN
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Enclosures:
Registration Form
Conference Program