OLC MEMORANDA: Does U.S. Secret Law Threaten Our Democracy?

Since the beginning of the War on Terror, the Department of Justice has increasingly relied on opinions drawn up in secret by the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) to justify policies including extraordinary rendition, the use of torture, and the killing of Americans abroad.

Join a group of legal, media, academic, and government experts for a thought-provoking discussion on whether and when the government is justified in keeping OLC opinions secret.

Wednesday, March 13, 2013
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

George Washington University Law School
Jacob Burns Moot Court Room
2000 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20052

Opening remarks will be delivered by Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR).

Panel #1 — Moderated by CREW Chief Counsel Anne Weismann
- Jameel Jaffer, Director of the ACLU’s Center for Democracy
- David Sobel, Senior Counsel for the Electronic Frontier Foundation

Panel #2 — Moderated by Professor Alan Morrison
- Louis Fisher, Scholar in Residence of The Constitution Project
- Randolph Moss, Chair of the Regulatory and Government Affairs Department of Wilmer Hale and Former Assistant Attorney General for OLC under President Clinton
- Bruce Fein, Constitutional Scholar and Former Associate Deputy Attorney General under President Reagan