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The Lloyd N. Cutler Conference on the White House Counsel

November 6, 2006, Charlottesville, VA- On November 10-11, 2006, the University of Virginia's Miller Center of Public Affairs and the Law School at the University of Virginia will host the **Lloyd N. Cutler Conference on the White House Counsel**. This two-day conference will bring together former White House Counsels, presidential and legal scholars and former Department of Justice officials to discuss the unique position that the White House Counsel holds in American government. The event will pay homage to Lloyd Cutler's service the office as White House Counsel to Presidents Carter and Clinton, and will explore the role of the White House Counsel in presidential politics.

White House Counsels have become important in presidential decision making, from judicial selection to executive orders and treaty negotiations. The office is a key institutional actor in the modern presidency -- yet the historical study of it has been limited. The Miller Center and the Law School have joined forces to more closely examine the Office of White House Counsel and its role in legal policy making in the executive branch. The conference will feature panels focusing on the evolving role of the White House Counsel, the counsel's relationship with the executive branch and legal policy makers, and key issue areas of special importance.

The event, to be held at the Law School on Friday November 10, 2006 and at the Miller Center of Public Affairs on Saturday November 11, 2006, is free and open to the public.

For more information on the presentations, please see:

<http://millercenter.virginia.edu/index.php/conferences/upcomingConferences>.

Lloyd N. Cutler Conference on the White House Counsel

November 10, 2006 (All Friday panels will be held at the Law School)

9:30 AM – *The Evolving Role of the White House Counsel*

Moderator: Karen Hult, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

12:30 PM – *Examining Lloyd Cutler's Service as White House Counsel*

(Open to the public as space allows)

Moderator: Louis R. Cohen, Senior Counsel, WilmerHale

2:00 PM – *Defending the Presidency*

Moderator: John C. Harrison, University of Virginia School of Law

3:30 PM – *Judicial Selection*

Moderator: John C. Jeffries, Dean, University of Virginia School of Law

November 11, 2006 (All Saturday panels will be held at the Miller Center)

9:30 AM – *War Powers*

**Moderator: W. Taylor Reveley, III, Dean, Marshall-Wythe School of Law,
College of William and Mary**

11:00 AM – *Government Ethics*

Moderator: Governor Gerald L. Baliles, Director of Miller Center

12:00 PM – *White House Counsel: Views from the Department of Justice*

(Open to the public as space allows)

Moderator: Nancy V. Baker, New Mexico State University

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