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Building a Public-Private Partnership Dedicated to Improving Government *Administrative Conference of the United States Announces Senior Fellows*

Washington, D.C., October 4, 2010 – The Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) today announced the appointment of 18 Senior Fellows. These include six former ACUS Chairmen and 12 others with substantial prior service as ACUS government or public members.

“There is much wisdom about government in this group and they are indeed our institutional memory,” said current Chairman, Paul R. Verkuil, himself a former Senior Fellow. “I am proud of their willingness to continue to serve the Conference and I know we will benefit greatly from their continued advice and counsel.”

In order to serve as a Senior Fellow, an individual must either have been a former Chairman of the Conference or had previously served the maximum three terms as ACUS member. Among this distinguished group is Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, who is a former Chairman of the Administrative Conference.

In addition to these Senior Fellows, joining the Conference as Special Counsel is Jeffrey Lubbers. Mr. Lubbers, an administrative law professor at American University’s Washington College of Law, served as the Conference’s research director from 1982 to 1995.

Together with the Conference membership, these experts will address myriad issues related to the federal administrative and regulatory landscape. These include the Administration’s transparency and openness initiatives, which provide opportunities for data collection and dissemination that can reduce costs and involve the public in the creation of regulatory solutions.

The Conference is committed to data-driven solutions and the use of objective measures of agency performance and is charged with improving the use of science in agency decision-making. Some studies recently initiated by the Conference include the use of electronic interactive comments in rulemaking, application of government ethics standards to contractors, review of procedures for preemption of state law employed by federal agencies, modernizing the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and expanding methods of collaborative governance such as alternative dispute resolution and negotiated rulemaking.

The following distinguished individuals will serve as Senior Fellows to provide guidance and support for these efforts:

William H. Allen

Retired Partner, Covington & Burling LLP
Senior Fellow (1982-95)

Robert A. Anthony

George Mason University Foundation Professor Emeritus, George Mason University School of Law
Chairman (1974-79), Senior Fellow (1982-95)

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Warren Belmar

Chairman of the Board, Clean Economy Network Education Fund
Public Member (1986-95), Senior Fellow (1995)

Marshall J. Breger

Professor of Law, Catholic University Columbus School of Law
Chairman (1985-91), Senior Fellow (1991-95)

Betty Jo Christian

Partner, Steptoe & Johnson LLP
Senior Fellow (1989-95)

Neil R. Eisner

Assistant General Counsel, United States Department of Transportation
Government Member (1982-95)

Brian C. Griffin

Chairman of the Board, Clean Energy Systems Inc.
Chairman (1992-93), Senior Fellow (1993-95)

Paul D. Kamenar

Senior Fellow (1990-95)

Sally Katzen

Consultant and Visiting Professor, New York University School of Law
Public Member (1988-93), Vice Chairman (1993), Acting Chairman (1993-94)

Richard J. Leighton

Partner, Keller and Heckman LLP
Senior Fellow (1991-95)

Malcolm S. Mason

Senior Fellow (1984-95)

Alan B. Morrison

Lerner Family Associate Dean for Public Interest & Public Service Law
The George Washington University Law School
Senior Fellow (1989-95)

Sallyanne Payton

William W. Cook Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School
Senior Fellow (1988-95)

The Honorable Antonin G. Scalia

Associate Justice, United States Supreme Court
Chairman (1972-74), Public Member (1978-82), Senior Fellow (1982-95)

The Honorable Loren A. Smith

Senior Judge, United States Court of Federal Claims
Chairman (1981-85), Senior Fellow (1985-95)

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Peter L. Strauss

Betts Professor of Law, Columbia Law School
Senior Fellow (1991-95)

Edward L. Weidenfeld

Founder, The Weidenfeld Law Firm, P.C.
Senior Fellow (1992-95)

Richard E. Wiley

Partner, Wiley Rein LLP
Senior Fellow (1984-95)

About ACUS

The Administrative Conference of the United States is an independent federal agency dedicated to improving the administrative process through consensus-driven applied research, providing nonpartisan expert advice and recommendations for improvement of federal agency procedures. Its membership is composed of innovative federal officials and experts with diverse views and backgrounds from both the private sector and academia.

The Conference is committed to promoting effective public participation and efficiency in the rulemaking process by leveraging interactive technologies and encouraging open communication with the public as well as making improvements to the regulatory process by reducing unnecessary litigation, and improving the use of science and the effectiveness of applicable laws. Learn more at www.acus.gov.

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