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NABL TO HOST CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 9th

Public & Infrastructure Finance in the Wake of the Financial Crisis: Emerging Legal & Policy Responses

October 14, 2009 -- The National Association of Bond Lawyers (NABL) and the Program on Law & Government of American University, Washington School of Law (WCL) are hosting a one-day joint conference on November 9, 2009, to explore whether our current legal structures are adequate to support the public finance and infrastructure priorities of cities, states and metropolitan regions in the wake of the financial crisis.

With states facing budget gaps totaling more than \$350 billion for the next two years, while experts estimate the U.S. infrastructure needs of the 21st Century require at least \$2.2 trillion in immediate investment, this promises to be a timely event. Leading financial and legal experts in the fields of tax, municipal securities, federalism, and infrastructure will be brought together with prominent policymakers on four unique panels to discuss questions regarding emerging legal and policy responses to public and infrastructure finance: *Are there constitutional or other practical limits to federal regulation of state and local finance rules? Is the U.S. tax code the proper vehicle by which to incent infrastructure investment? What are the constitutional limits of the federal government's role? What is the proper role of the federal government in assisting state's capital and infrastructure finance?*

These and other questions will be discussed at an exciting one day conference held:

NOVEMBER 9, 2009, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW

4801 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. NW, ROOM 603

WASHINGTON, DC 20016

Confirmed speakers include:

The Hon. Edward G. Rendell, Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro, Congresswoman of Connecticut, U.S. House of Representatives (*tentative keynote speaker*);

The Hon. Jamin B. Raskin, Maryland State Senator, Professor of Law and Director of the WCL Program on Law & Government;

The Hon. Nancy K. Kopp, Treasurer, State of Maryland;

The Hon. Sheila E. Hixon, Delegate, State of Maryland and Chair of the Maryland Ways and Means Committee;

The Hon. Felix G. Rohatyn, President, FGR Associates and former U.S. Ambassador to France;

Nancy S. Abramowitz, Professor of Practice of Law and Director of the WCL Janet R. Spragens Federal Tax Clinic;

Richard Briffault, Professor of Legislation, Columbia University Law School;

John L. Buckley, Chief Tax Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means;

John J. Cross III, Associate Tax Legislative Counsel, U.S. Treasury Department Office of Tax Policy;

William A. Holby, Partner, King & Spalding and President of the National Association of Bond Lawyers;

Aaron Klein, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Economic Policy Coordination, U.S. Treasury Department;

Arthur M. Miller, Vice President, Municipal Bond Department at Goldman Sachs & Co;

Annette L. Nazareth, Partner, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP and former Commissioner of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission;

Robert Dean Pope, Partner, Hunton & Williams and Past President of the National Association of Bond Lawyers. and

Alice M. Rivlin, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution and former Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

General registration is available on the WCL [website](#). Further details and agenda information will be provided on the NABL website www.nabl.org as it becomes available.

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