

SLA San Francisco Bay Region & Northern California Association of Law Libraries Present  
**Sunshine Week Webcast and Local Panel!**

**Date:** Friday, March 21, 2008

**Location:** Townsend and Townsend and Crew, Two Embarcadero Center, 8th Floor, San Francisco, CA  
Two Embarcadero Center is easily reached from the Embarcadero BART station.

**Agenda:**

9:00-9:30 a.m. Continental breakfast	9:30-11:00 a.m. National Webcast
11:00-11:30 a.m. Break	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunchtime program
12:30-1:00 p.m. Questions and discussion	

[Sunshine Week](#) is a national initiative to open a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. The Sunshine Week National Webcast will be presented locally by the [Northern California Association of Law Libraries](#) and the [Special Libraries Association San Francisco Bay Region Chapter](#).

The 2008 National Dialogue on Open Government and Secrecy is titled *Government Secrecy: Censoring Your Right to Know*. The national program webcast will consist of two panel discussions.

**1. The Secret Executive -- What Can Congress and the Public Do?** The first panel will discuss executive branch power and secrecy, congressional rights and responsibilities, and the role of the press in combating government secrecy. Patrice McDermott, Director of OpenTheGovernment.org, will moderate the discussion. Speakers include:

- Mickey Edwards, Director of the Aspen Institute-Rodel Fellowships in Public Leadership and former Republican member of Congress from Oklahoma for 16 years (1977-92)
- Ann Beeson, Director of U.S. Programs at the Open Society Institute and previously Associate Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union
- John Podesta, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for American Progress, Chief of Staff to President William J. Clinton from October 1998 until January 2001, and formerly in senior staff positions in Congress

**2. Citizen Self-Help: Finding the Information You Need.** The second panel will visit and talk with creators of web sites that help the public avoid having to file official requests or go to offices and meetings to learn what our government is doing. These sites make hard-to-find government information -- federal, state and local -- easy for the public to find and use and may inspire you to do likewise. A quick report will be given, as well, on an initiative to develop a 21st Century Right-to-Know agenda and recommendations for the next President and Congress.

The SLA/NOCALL sponsored event will conclude with a lunchtime panel of speakers discussing their efforts to open access to or create tools for finding government information. Speakers include:

- **Brewster Kahle**, Digital Librarian, Director and Co-Founder of the Internet Archive.
- **Marcia Hofmann**, staff attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, working on government transparency, civil liberties, and intellectual property issues. Hofmann will be speaking about EFF's FOIA Litigation for Accountable Government (FLAG) Project.
- **Carl Malamud**, President, Public.Resource.Org, Inc.

**Lunch Menu:** Sandwiches, salad, drinks including water, tea & coffee, and cookies.

Although there is no charge for attending the webcast, advance registration is required to assure that space is available. Space is limited to 40 people. People who do not register in advance will be admitted on a space available basis.

**Registration must be received by Friday, March 14, 2008**

Online registration (by credit card, bank account, etc.):  
[http://units.sla.org/chapter/csfo/calendar/regform\\_sunshine.htm](http://units.sla.org/chapter/csfo/calendar/regform_sunshine.htm)

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SLA Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No NOCALL Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Webcast only \_\_\_ Free Lunch program only \_\_ \$10\* Webcast & lunch \_\_ \$10\* (\*\$13 at door)  
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