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Wednesday, March 9 to Friday, March 11

Agenda

WEDNESDAY, March 9

6:00 – 7:30 Registration & Reception, Westin Hotel, Hemingway Salon

THURSDAY, March 10

7:00 – 7:50	Breakfast, GMU School of Law, Room 215 (Classroom)
8:00 – 9:15	Introduction to Money, Banking & Financial Institutions Garett B. Jones, Professor of Economics and BB&T Professor for the Study of Capitalism at the Mercatus Center, George Mason University
9:30 – 10:45	Mortgage Markets Todd J. Zywicki, George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law
11:00 – 12:15	Consumer Credit Markets Todd J. Zywicki, George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law
12:30 – 2:15	Lunch, Founders Hall, Room 125
	Luncheon Address: Report from the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission Wendy M. Edelberg, Former Executive Director, Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission
2:30 – 3:45	The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: An Overview Jeffrey P. Taft, <i>Partner, Mayer Brown LLP</i>
4:00 – 5:15	Assessing the Response: Reconciling FCIC Report Findings with Dodd-Frank Todd J. Zywicki, George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law Adam J. Levitin, Associate Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center

Keynote Address: Identifying and Managing Systemic Risk: An Assessment of our Progress

Steven L. Schwarcz, Stanley A. Star Professor of Law & Business, Duke University Law School

FRIDAY, March 11

7:00 – 7:50	Breakfast, GMU School of Law Room 215
8:00 – 9:15	Role of Securitization in Credit Markets Steven L. Schwarcz, Stanley A. Star Professor of Law & Business, Duke University Law School
9:30 – 10:45	The Role of Behavioral Economics at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Joshua D. Wright, Associate Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law Adam J. Levitin, Associate Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center
11:00 – 12:15	Looking Ahead: The Role of the State AGs Moving Forward Joshua D. Wright, Associate Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law J.B. Kelly, General Counsel, Office of the North Carolina Attorney General Steven L. Schwarcz, Stanley A. Star Professor of Law & Business, Duke University Law School Adam J. Levitin, Associate Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center Moderated by: Geoffrey J. Lysaught, Director, Searle Civil Justice Institute, George Mason Law & Economics Center



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Having been in private practice for nearly 20 years, Mr. Braud has now served as an

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Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Hartzell was the Executive Director of Interact, a non-profit agency that serves more than 40,000 victims of domestic violence and sexual assault each year. He previously practiced law in Wake County, focusing on family, business, franchise, contract and employment law. Prior to law school, he worked in New York City as a journalist covering Wall Street.

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This training offers an opportunity to take an in-depth look at the most current federal legislation designed to equip state Attorneys General, as well as federal agencies, with the tools necessary to stop opportunists from using financial services to harm the citizenry at large. , I was born in Tucson, Arizona and I am the youngest of five brothers. My father was a master carpenter when I was growing up and most of my summers were spent as his assistant doing everything from dirt work, concrete, rough framing all the way to drywall, flooring and finish carpentry. Most of our family outings were spent on camp outs because all of my brothers and I were Boy Scouts and my father was the Scout Master; my mother was a committee member of the troop too. I am the first person in my family (both maternal and paternal sides) as far back as anyone can remember to get a post-secondary education.

I picked up the guitar when I was eight years old and I have been playing and singing ever since, having been trained in classical guitar, jazz guitar and blues guitar. In high school I was into wrestling and track running, but I was also involved in drama, the choir program, the marching band, and the jazz band. My wife and I were high school sweethearts; I was the Music Man, Harold Hill, and she was the lead dancer in the play and the rest is history.

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My first position with the Arizona Attorney General's Office was in their Criminal Prosecution Unit where my primary responsibility was conducting Title III wiretapping to combat drug and human trafficking. In January of this year I started in our Consumer Fraud Protection Division. This is a new area of law for me and I look forward to your training to help me familiarize myself current trends in financial services legislation.

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