

Miller Canfield, Wayne State University Present "The Impact of the USA PATRIOT Act on the University"

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The law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., Wayne State University Library System and Phi Beta Kappa present "The Impact of the USA PATRIOT Act on the University," Tuesday, September 28, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Bernath Auditorium, David Adamany Undergraduate Library, at WSU. A distinguished panel of guest speakers including Kary Moss, director, ACLU Michigan Chapter; Robert Sedler, professor, WSU Law School; and Craig Morford, interim U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan will discuss national security and academic freedom at this timely event.

The Symposium will present an objective discussion on the influence of the PATRIOT Act on the academic world. "This symposium will look for the fine balance needed to proactively advance both academic freedom and national security, with mutual respect for both of these highly valued concerns," said P. Rivka Schochet, attorney at Miller Canfield.

Signed into law in 2001, the Act introduced numerous legislative changes to intercept and obstruct terrorism which significantly increased the surveillance and investigative powers of law enforcement agencies in the United States.

"It's crucial to highlight the potential impact that the USA PATRIOT Act could have on academia," said Sandra Yee, Dean of the Wayne State University Library System. "This Act could have a chilling effect on research and intellectual freedom, which are critical to our nation's freedom."

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The Wayne State University Library System consists of the universities' five libraries: The David Adamany Undergraduate Library, the Shiffman Medical Library, the Arthur Neef Law Library and the Science and Engineering Library, the Library and Information Science Program and UGE 1000 general education course.

Wayne State University is a premier institution offering more than 350 academic programs through 13 schools and colleges to more than 33,000 students in metropolitan Detroit.