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Dear Counsel and Friends of the Office of Special Masters:

SAVE THE DATE – AGAIN! As you know, this year’s Judicial Conference of the United States Court of Federal Claims is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27, 2010. It will take place at the National Courts Building, 717 Madison Place, NW, Washington, DC 20005. For participants in the Vaccine Program, there will be an extra day of activities at the Court on Tuesday, October 26th.

The Court’s official announcement of the activities scheduled to take place, as well as information on registration, is available at the Court of Federal Claims Bar Association’s website, [www.cfcbar.org](http://www.cfcbar.org). Click on the “Full Story” hyperlink at the end of the announcement and you will find a news article regarding the 23rd Judicial Conference. Use the “click here” hyperlink at the end of the second paragraph to get information about the extra Vaccine Program activities on October 26, 2010.

The activities on October 27th begin with a panel discussion devoted to issues of particular interest to the Vaccine Program. The discussion, to be moderated by Judge Margaret Sweeney, features two distinguished panelists. Tom Goldstein, founder of SCOTUSblog, a website devoted to covering the U.S. Supreme Court, will discuss the pending Bruesewitz case (concerning the scope of Vaccine Act pre-exemption). Joelle Moreno, a professor at Florida International University Law School, will discuss the impact of developing science on cases arising under the Vaccine Act. In addition, I will address significant trends and ongoing initiatives in the Office of Special Masters.

Following three additional panels on October 27th concerning a variety of issues of general interest, the day will culminate with a reception at the Supreme Court hosted by Justice Antonin Scalia.

On Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, we will present a panel discussion with the three autism Special Masters: Patricia Campbell-Smith, George Hastings, and Denise Vowell. They will bring us up to date on the latest decisions and developments affecting the Omnibus Autism Proceeding.

Following the autism panel, the Court will host a reception honoring Gary Golkiewicz for his 21 years of service as Chief Special Master. We hope you will join us to honor Gary and recognize his unique contribution to the Vaccine Program.

Please mark your calendar and make arrangements now to attend this important event. The Conference will be an opportunity to learn the latest information, and to exchange views and ideas about the Vaccine Program with other participants.

Information and registration materials are posted at [www.cfcbar.org](http://www.cfcbar.org). If you wish to contact OSM directly with any questions, please feel free to call Jocelyn McIntosh at (202) 357-6344 or send us an E-mail at [OSM\\_judicial\\_conference@ao.uscourts.gov](mailto:OSM_judicial_conference@ao.uscourts.gov).

Best regards,



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