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**RENOWNED PRESIDENTIAL HISTORIAN
MICHAEL BESCHLOSS TO SPEAK AT 2009 LAW DAY
GALA IN VIRGINIA BEACH**

Virginia Beach, Va. – Noted author, television commentator and Presidential historian Michael Beschloss will be the featured speaker at the 2009 Law Day on May 7. Presented by the Virginia Beach Bar Foundation, the event will take place from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts.

Beschloss' topic will be "Lincoln's Bicentennial – A Legacy of Liberty." Beschloss is currently at work on a book examining Abraham Lincoln's final days to be published by Simon & Schuster.

Beschloss has authored eight other books on the American Presidency, the most recent being "The Conquerors: Roosevelt, Truman and the Destruction of Hitler's Germany, 1941-1945." The book was a New York Times bestseller. His work has received glowing reviews from The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Newsweek and New Yorker magazine.

Recently named the Presidential Historian for NBC News, Beschloss makes regular appearances on Meet the Press, The Today Show, The News Hour with Jim Lehrer and other network programs. He received an Emmy in 2005 for the Discovery Channel's "Decisions That Shook the World."

A trustee of the White House Historical Association and the National Archives Foundation, Beschloss also sits on the boards of the University of Virginia's Miller Center for Public Affairs and the Smithsonian's Museum of American History. He sits on the advisory board to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and was formerly a trustee of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation.

This is the 51st annual celebration of Law Day, created by President Dwight D. Eisenhower as a "day of national dedication to the principle of government under law."

The Virginia Beach Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Virginia Beach Bar Association, champions equal access to our system of justice and promotes education on the protection of freedoms.

For more information and to reserve tickets, call 757-282-6938.

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201 Market Street
Virginia Beach, V 23462
757-385-2555

Tickets: **General Admission:** \$52.00 - but there is a fee for ticket distribution.. Patrons have the option to pick-up tickets at will call or to print tickets at home (both \$2.00), or have the tickets mailed to them which is \$3.00.

VIP: \$82.00 - but there is a fee for ticket distribution. Patrons have the option to pick-up tickets at will call (\$2.00) or to have the tickets mailed to them (\$3.00). There is no "print at home" option for VIP Tickets.

Student Tickets: \$15.00 - Students can't purchase tickets online. Students must purchase tickets at Sandler Center Box Office with Valid Student ID.

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