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Dear ALEA Members:

We are writing to invite you to attend our forthcoming annual meeting, which will be held on Friday and Saturday May 16-17, 2008 at Columbia Law School. Attached please find the preliminary program, which lists the papers scheduled for presentation. (The papers will be available on the Association's website closer to the date of the meeting.) The conference sessions will begin at 8:45 a.m. on Friday, following a breakfast, and conclude at 3 p.m. on Saturday, followed by a reception. ALEA's annual dinner will be held on Friday evening.

The Program Committee has attempted this year to broaden the range of papers featured at the meeting. While ALEA has in the past used only one organizer for most areas, we have used two or more reviewers/organizers for the great majority of areas, and in some cases we have broken areas into sub-areas and used one or two organizers for each of the sub-areas. Furthermore, we have attempted to include in the program all the papers unambiguously recommended by reviewers/organizers. As a result of this approach, we have expanded the number of sessions from prior years, and the meeting will feature seven parallel sessions on different subjects during Friday and six parallel sessions on different subjects during Saturday.

If you are interested in attending the meeting, the most time-sensitive step you need to undertake is making hotel reservations. ALEA has reserved blocks of rooms at several hotels; the names, phone numbers, and discounted room rates at each of the hotels are attached and are also available on the Association's website. To receive the special meeting rates, please identify yourself as an attendee of the American Law and Economics Association Meeting. **Important: hotels reservations MUST – REPEAT, MUST -- be made prior to April 1st in order to receive the special ALEA meeting rates.** Hotel rooms in NYC are expensive and the market is tight, so we urge you to take advantage of the rooms reserved and the discount secured by ALEA.

The registration fee for this year's meeting will be \$225.00 (\$100.00 for students) which includes all conference events (continental breakfast on Friday and Saturday, lunch on Friday and Saturday, and cocktails and dinner on Friday evening).

Although we have substantially increased the number of presented papers, we had this year a record number of submissions. As a result, area organizers were unable to recommend a significant number of high-quality submissions. ALEA will again provide an opportunity for any ALEA member who attends the meeting to post up to three of their papers in our on-line "Authors' Bazaar." The Bazaar is an attractive way to get widespread exposure for your work. Instructions on how to include your paper(s) in our Authors' Bazaar will be available on our site shortly (www.amlecon.org).

Questions about the meeting should be directed to ALEA's executive secretary, Karen Crocco at the Association's email above. We would like to use this opportunity to express our appreciation to Karen for her dedication and hard work in preparing this meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at what promises to be a very exciting meeting!

Lucian Bebchuk, President 2007-2008
for the Program Committee (Lucian Bebchuk, Omri Ben-Shahar, and Jeffrey Gordon)