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Former British Ambassador Sir Christopher Meyer to Speak at Law School

The UNC Center for Media Law and Policy and UNC School of Law's International Programs will host a lecture by Sir Christopher Meyer, former British ambassador to the United States, at the UNC School of Law Monday, March 26. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the rotunda at the law school.

Meyer, who previously chaired the Press Complaints Commission in the United Kingdom, will speak about the regulation of the news media, including the 2011 phone hacking scandal at News Corporation. He will also discuss international law and his new documentary, "Network of Power."

In his 36 years as a career diplomat, Meyer occupied a number of key positions: British Ambassador to Germany; press secretary to Prime Minister John Major; press secretary to British Foreign Secretary Lord Geoffrey Howe; speech writer to three foreign secretaries in the 1970s and head of the political section of the British Embassy in Moscow.

Meyer has published two books – *DC Confidential*, about his time in Washington, D.C., and *Getting Our Way*, a history of British diplomacy. He is currently filming a six-part documentary for Sky Atlantic, "Network of Power," about the movers and shakers in six great cities of the world.

"We are very excited to have Ambassador Meyer speak at UNC-Chapel Hill," says David Ardia, assistant professor of law and co-director of the UNC Center for Media Law and Policy. "With the global reach of the Internet, it is becoming increasingly important for media companies to be aware of how other countries deal with conflicts over privacy and free speech. Sir Christopher's many years of experience on the Press Complaints

Commission, and his active involvement in journalism issues around the world, should make for a fascinating evening.”

About the UNC Center for Media Law and Policy

The UNC Center for Media Law and Policy, founded in 2006, is a forum for study and debate about the broad array of media law and policy issues facing North Carolina, the nation and the world. The center builds on the extraordinary strengths of UNC-Chapel Hill’s highly regarded law and journalism schools to explore the legal and policy issues affecting traditional media organizations and the challenges and opportunities posed by new communication technologies, including social media, the Internet and mobile technology. For more information on the center, go to medialaw.unc.edu.

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