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A competitive fellowship for journalists
who report on the legal system.
JUNE 8-11, 2016

**CIVIL
JUSTICE
PROGRAM**
LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL LOS ANGELES

HOW TO APPLY: Applications are due by Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2016.
The application and other information is available at www.JournalistLawSchool.org.

THE JOURNALIST LAW SCHOOL

The challenge of reporting on the legal system without a law degree is daunting. To help support journalists who cover the courts on national, regional or local levels, the Civil Justice Program at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles has developed a journalist law program consisting of a free four-day intensive seminar on the legal system.

Loyola Law School is offering fellowships to 35 professional journalists who have a minimum of three years of experience. Fellowships cover instruction, materials, lodging and most meals, as well as one-half of travel expenses to a maximum of \$300. Fellows are competitively selected by a committee of Loyola Law School professors.

Journalist Law School activities will include classes with experienced law faculty who understand deadline pressure; lectures and break-out sessions by practicing journalist-lawyers; and opportunities to meet informally with state and federal judges, other journalists and leading members of the bar.

The classes will take place in the Frank Gehry-designed Girardi Advocacy Center, containing state-of-the-art teaching facilities and courtrooms.

A certificate of completion will be awarded at the end of the program.

CURRICULUM & SKILLS

LEGAL EXPERTS

The Journalist Law School (JLS) features lectures, tutorials and expert commentary by over two dozen law faculty, judges and leading members of the bar.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

The federal system; the constitutional role of the judiciary; key constitutional rights; and how the third branch functions.

CRIMINAL LAW

Key criminal law concepts; the role of the prosecutor and grand jury; procedural protections afforded criminal defendants; important differences between civil and criminal law.

CIVIL LAW

An introduction to civil law; the role of lawyers, judges and juries in deciding conflicts; the role of the civil justice system; why litigation and lawsuits are controversial.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

The JLS features more than a dozen small group sessions on specialized topics suggested by fellows. Past topics have included police practices, cybercrime, juvenile law, evidence, trial tactics, intellectual property, habeas corpus and election law.

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“This should probably be required of all journalists earlier in their careers.”

“It’s a program that delivers on its promise: teach journalists a better, more comprehensive understanding of the law.”

“I came to the program expecting a crash course in the law and, fortunately, I got that. I really felt I was being taught by the very best legal academic minds, and it both humbled me and inspired me to rededicate myself to better journalistic endeavors down the road. The payoff: accurate reporting and thus a more well-informed society.”

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FELLOWS WILL LEARN:

- Why the Supreme Court is not the final word on most legal questions.
- The 10 most common misunderstandings about the legal system.
- Why legal “technicalities” can be a matter of life or death.
- The most frequent reasons appeals courts reverse lower courts.

KEY SKILLS THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED INCLUDE:

- How to situate run-of-the-mill cases into a broader framework.
- Deciding whether a case is ordinary or precedent-setting.
- Honing the capacity to ask lawyers tougher questions.
- How to find new stories in or outside of the courthouse.

Fellows will receive a copy of the book by Professors Nockleby, Levenson, Manheim et al.: *The Journalist's Guide to American Law*

FACULTY

PROFESSOR JOHN NOCKLEBY, director of the Civil Justice Program, received his JD from Harvard Law School, where he served on the *Harvard Law Review* under Managing Editor John Roberts. After clerking for the Hon. Francis D. Murnaghan Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, Nockleby practiced as a civil rights lawyer for several years before joining the Loyola faculty in 1989. He has taught at Harvard, Northeastern and in China. He specializes in torts, privacy and the First Amendment.

PROFESSOR KARL MANHEIM teaches Constitutional Law and Communications Law at Loyola. He has taught Civil Rights Litigation, Federal Courts and International Intellectual Property. He has also taught at the University of Southern California, the University of International Business and Economics (Beijing) and in Loyola's program at the University of Bologna. He served as special counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property. He has litigated constitutional law cases at every level of state and federal court. He received his JD from Northeastern University and his LLM from Harvard Law School.

PROFESSOR LAURIE LEVENSON is a regular legal commentator for NPR, ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, BBC and international networks from Germany to Japan. She also served as the official legal commentator on the O.J. Simpson trial for CBS. After receiving her JD from the University of California, Los Angeles, Levenson clerked for the Hon. James Hunter III of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She then spent several years as a federal prosecutor before joining the faculty of Loyola Law School in 1989.

ACCOMMODATIONS & LOGISTICS

Classes and lectures will be held on the Loyola Law School campus in downtown Los Angeles. Fellows will be housed at the nearby Millennium Biltmore Hotel Los Angeles. Fellows need to arrive in Los Angeles on the morning of Wednesday, June 8, 2016 and depart on Sunday, June 11, 2016.

While on campus, fellows will have free wireless Internet access, as well as access to fax and copy machines.

WELCOME RECEPTION

The evening of Wednesday, June 8 at the Millennium Biltmore. Enjoy appetizers and cocktails while you mix and mingle with fellow journalists and members of the Los Angeles legal community.

CASUAL RECEPTIONS AND DINNERS

After a day of classes, you will have the opportunity to meet in informal settings with faculty, participating judges, fellow journalists and leading lawyers.

You will have at least one evening free to explore Los Angeles on your own.

GRADUATION

The closing event on the evening of Saturday, June 11, will feature a reception and banquet. Speaker to be announced. Each fellow will receive a certificate of completion.

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