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Loyola Law School Hosts Immigrants' Rights Symposium

Los Angeles — The newly formed *Los Angeles Public Interest Law Journal* will host its inaugural symposium, "Immigrants' Rights: From Global to Local," from 9:30 am-5 pm Friday, Sept. 12 on Loyola's downtown LA campus. Presented in conjunction with Loyola's Public Interest Law Foundation, the program will focus on three topics: "Effective Strategies for Overcoming Challenges Faced By Immigrant Workers in Los Angeles," "The Impact of Immigration Raids and Community Response" and "Federal and Local Legislative Advocacy."

The event aims to provide a forum for an open discussion on effective advocacy strategies with leaders of the LA immigrants' rights movement. "We see this as a prime opportunity to effect real change in the way we approach immigrants' rights and immigration law as a whole," said Associate Professor Kathleen Kim, who advises the journal and teaches the Immigrants' Rights Seminar at Loyola. "We hope that by gathering so many immigration policy luminaries together in one place, we can share existing strategies and generate new ones to advance immigrants' rights in Los Angeles and beyond."

Panelists include experts from the ACLU, the California Immigrant Policy Center, the Wage Justice Center and professors from Loyola and UCLA. The event is sponsored by Howrey LLP; Latham & Watkins LLP; Loyola Law School; O'Melveny & Myers LLP; Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP; Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP; UCLA Public Interest Law Program and USC Gould School of Law.

"LA has been ground zero for immigrants' rights, and we organized this symposium to highlight the phenomenal work of organizers, lawyers, policy makers and scholars who are engaged in this movement," said Nicole Ochi, *LAPILJ* editor in chief. "Our hope for this event is to promote collaboration and increase the movement's capacity to continue fighting the discrimination, exploitation and community exclusion that immigrants face on a daily basis."

Registration is free by emailing symposium.lapilj@gmail.com. For media access, please contact Brian Costello, deputy director of communications, at 213.736.1444 or brian.costello@lls.edu.

"Immigrant's Rights: From Global to Local"

AGENDA

9:30 am: Check-in and breakfast

10 am: Introductory Remarks

Professor Kathleen Kim, Loyola Law School

10:15 am: Panel 1 – Effective Strategies for Overcoming Challenges Faced By Immigrant Workers in Los Angeles

Moderated by Julie Su, Litigation Director at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center

Lilia Garcia, executive director, Maintenance Cooperation Trust Fund

Betty Hung, special counsel, Inner City Law Center

Victor Narro, project director, UCLA Downtown Labor Center

Matthew Sirolly, founding director, The Wage Justice Center

Karen Tumlin, staff attorney, National Immigration Law Center

12 pm: Lunch

Entertainment provided by Los Jornaleros del Norte

1:15 pm: Panel 2 – The Impact of Immigration Raids and Community Response

Moderated by Raquel Fonte, senior staff attorney, Public Counsel

Ahilan Arulanantham, staff attorney, ACLU of Southern California

Professor Ingrid Eagly, UCLA School of Law & former deputy federal public defender

Angelica Salas, executive director, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of LA

Stacy Tolchin, staff attorney, Van der Hout, Brigagliano, & Nightingale LLP

3 pm: Panel 3 – Federal and Local Legislative Advocacy

Moderated by Loyola Law School Professor Kathleen Kim

Marielena Hincapié, director of programs, National Immigration Law Center

Professor Hiroshi Motomura, UCLA School of Law

Reshma Shamasunder, director, California Immigrant Policy Center

Charles Song, Howrey West Coast pro bono manager & former legal director, CAST

4:30 pm: Closing remarks

Nicole Ochi, Editor-in-Chief of the Los Angeles Public Interest Law Journal

About the *Los Angeles Public Interest Law Journal*

The Los Angeles Public Interest Law Journal is a collaborative effort of public interest-minded law students from the law schools at Loyola, Pepperdine, Southwestern, UCLA and USC. The goal of the journal is to provide a forum for law students, practitioners and community members to share and generate ideas, strategies and research that promote social justice in LA and beyond. Learn more about the journal at www.losangelespublicinterestlawjournal.org.

About Loyola Law School Los Angeles

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