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**Loyola Law Professor Ellen P. Aprill Honored with Top LACBA Tax Law Award**

**Los Angeles** – Professor Ellen P. Aprill, the John E. Anderson Chair in Tax Law and founding director of the Tax LLM program at Loyola, received the prestigious Dana Latham Award for lifetime achievement in the field of taxation law from the Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) during a reception on Friday, June 5 at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel. She is the first law professor ever selected to receive the award, and only the third female honoree in the award's 33-year history.

The award has added personal significance to Aprill, who met her husband Sandy Holo through the Tax Section of LACBA. In 2006, Aprill presented the Latham Award to Holo, a partner at Musick Peeler and an adjunct professor at Loyola. Aprill and Holo are the first spouses to each independently receive the award.

The award is named in honor of Dana Latham, who served as LACBA president and head of the Internal Revenue Service. According to LACBA, it is given to a "leader of the Los Angeles tax bar who has made an outstanding contribution to the community and to the legal profession in the field of taxation. Generally, such service involves a broad participation in community and public service coupled with achievement as a leader on the bench, in legal education, tax literature, or in practice as a lawyer, and may involve a combination of these factors."

Since joining the Loyola faculty in 1989, Aprill has taught classes on individual income tax, partnership tax, corporate tax, estate & gift tax, employee pensions and benefits, exempt organizations, and trusts & wills. She is a fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel, a member of the American Law Institute and the vice chair for communications and co-chair of the Tax Patent Task Force of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation. Additionally, she is a member of the Investment Policy Oversight Committee of the Law School Admission Council, the Academic Advisory Board of the Tannenwald Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and co-chair of the annual Western Conference of Tax-Exempt Organizations.

Aprill served as chair of Tax Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association in 1995-96 and on its executive committee from 1990 to 1997. She has been a member of the executive committee of the Tax Section of the American Association of Law Schools and chaired the Tax Section in 1998. She has served as an Articles Editor of the *Tax Lawyer*, was editor of the Newsletter of the Tax Section of the American Bar Association from 1997-2001 and a member of its Council of Directors from 2004-2007.

Aprill received her A.B. with high honors and distinction from University of Michigan, her M.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles, and her J.D. magna cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center. While in law school, Aprill was an articles editor of the Georgetown Law Journal. Following graduation, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable John Butzner of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and to the Honorable Byron R. White, associate justice, U.S. Supreme Court. She then practiced for several years with the law firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson in Los Angeles and spent two years in the Office of Tax Policy in the U.S. Department of the Treasury in Washington, D.C.

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