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Loyola Law School's Civil Justice Program Hosts Conference on Frontiers of Tort Law

Los Angeles – The Loyola Law School Civil Justice Program's Frontiers of Tort Law conference will examine the civil justice system in a series of panels: Rethinking Negligence, Duty and Theory, Historical & Empirical Studies, Preemption and Challenges to Tort Law. The conference will run from 9 am-4:45 pm on Friday, Jan. 25 and from 9:30-11:30 am on Saturday, Jan. 26 in Robinson Courtroom on Loyola's downtown LA campus.

Panelists are leading professors from some of the country's most prestigious law schools. "We invite many scholars to Loyola to give faculty presentations," said John Nockleby, CJP director. "It's rare that we have so many well-known scholars appearing at the same time."

Complete details and registration information are available online at events.lls.edu/cjp/frontiers. For media access, please contact Brian Costello at 213.736.1444 or brian.costello@lls.edu.

About the Civil Justice Program

Loyola Law School created the Civil Justice Program to focus research and public attention on the civil justice system. As a technologically advanced, teaching and research institution located in the most diverse city in the world, Loyola is ideally situated to sponsor this program. The Civil Justice Program convenes periodic conferences, seminars and presentations; promotes and publishes scholarly research; and initiates cross disciplinary projects.

AGENDA

Friday, Jan. 25

9:00-10:40 am - Rethinking Negligence

Alison Anderson/UCLA - moderator/commentator

Ken Simons/Boston University - "Negligence, Cost-Benefit Analysis and Tradeoffs: A Closer Look at The Controversy"

Richard W. Wright/Chicago-Kent - "Liability for Possible Wrongs: Causation, Statistical Probability and the Burden Of Proof"

Ellen Bublick/Arizona - "Upside Down?: Terrorists, Bureaucrats and Responsibility for Harm in the Post-9/11 Tort-Reform World"

11:00 am-12:15 pm - Duty and Theory

Michael McCann/Mississippi - moderator/commentator

Rob Kar/Loyola - "Theory and Tort Law"

Gregory Keating/USC - "What is the Role of Duty?"

12:30-1:30 pm – Lunch (Student Lounge)

1:30 pm-3:15pm - Historical & Empirical Studies

Rick Abel/UCLA - moderator/commentator

Anita Bernstein/Brooklyn - "Empirics of the Ambulance Chaser"

Steven Croley/Michigan - "Summary Jury Trials (in Charleston County, SC)"

John F. Witt/Columbia - "The Law of Counterinsurgency Damages"

3:30-4:45pm - Preemption

Paul Hayden/Loyola - moderator/commentator

Alexandra Klass/Minnesota - "State Innovation and Preemption"

Catherine Sharkey/NYU - "Drug Advertising Claims: Preemption's New Frontier"

Saturday, Jan. 26

9:30-11:30am - Challenges to Tort Law & Wrap-up

John Nockleby/Loyola - moderator/commentator

Jules Coleman/Yale - "Doing Away with Tort Law"

Jon Hanson/Harvard & Michael McCann/Mississippi - "Situationist Torts"

Robert Rabin/Stanford - "The Comparative Efficacy of Tort and Regulation in Addressing Public Health Concerns: Tobacco Control Strategies and Beyond"

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