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## **Loyola's Civil Justice Program & Law Review Host 'Access to Justice: It's Not for Everyone'**

**LOS ANGELES** – Loyola Law School will host the symposium "Access to Justice: It's Not for Everyone," on Friday, Feb. 6 from 8 am-4:45 pm on Loyola's downtown campus. This symposium, sponsored by the Civil Justice Program at Loyola and the *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review*, is designed to focus scholarly and public attention on the continuing challenge of providing adequate funding for legal assistance both to civil litigants and to the judicial system itself.

The program has two goals: link the problem of adequate funding for the third branch to the problem of access to civil justice for the vast majority of the citizenry, and define a research agenda for scholars interested in pursuing scholarship on these issues. An entire issue of the *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review* will be devoted to publishing the papers presented at the symposium.

### **AGENDA**

**8:45 am: Welcome & Introduction to the Symposium, John Nockleby, Director of the Civil Justice Program**

- Holly Fujie, Buchalter Nemer; President, California State Bar, moderator & commentator

**9:00 am: Keynote Address--Deborah Rhode, Stanford, Whatever Happened to Access to Justice?**

**12:30-1:30 pm: Lunch—Speaker TBA**

**9:25-10:55 am Panel I- Addressing Inadequate Access**

- Sande L. Buhai, Loyola Law School, "Access to Justice for Unrepresented Litigants: A Comparative Perspective"
- Luz Herrera, Thomas Jefferson, "Rethinking Private Attorney Involvement in the Delivery of Civil Legal Services for Low- and Moderate Income Clients"
- Ron Staudt, Chicago-Kent, "All the Wild Possibilities: Technology that Attacks the Barriers to Access to Justice"
- David Ackerly, Directing Attorney, Homeless Veterans Project, Inner City Law Center, moderator/commentator

**1:30-2:30 Panel III—Access to Justice & Funding the Third Branch**

- Joe Dunn, CEO, California Medical Society, former California Senator & Chair, Legislative Budget Subcommittee, "The Problem with Inadequate Funding"
- William Vickrey, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, State of California, "Administering the 3d Branch"
- John Nockleby, Loyola Law School, "The Relationship between Inadequate Court Funding & Access to Justice," moderator & commentator

**11:10 am-12:30 pm Panel II—The Bar's Role & Right to Civil Counsel**

- Laura K. Abel, Brennan Center for Justice/New York University, "Keeping Families Together, Saving Money, and Other Motivations Behind New Civil Right to Counsel Laws"
- Jeanne Charn, Harvard, "Legal Services for All: Is the Bar Ready for It?"
- Claire Pastore, University of Southern California, "A Right to Civil Counsel: Closer to Reality?"

**2:50-4:30 Panel IV—Future Visions: Re-framing the Problem of Access**

- Rebecca Sandefur, Stanford, "The Fulcrum Point of Access to Justice: Legal and Non-legal Institutions of Remedy"
- Lucie White, Harvard, "Access to Justice? Putting Lawyers in the Courtrooms *and* Food on the Table"
- Gary Blasi, UCLA, "Framing Access to Justice: Beyond Perceived Justice for Individuals"
- Rick Abel, UCLA, moderator & commentator

**4:30-4:45—Concluding Remarks**

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