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Loyola Law School Commercial Speech Symposium Honors Steven Shiffrin

Los Angeles, Feb. 23-24, 2007 —The nation's foremost constitutional law scholars will honor one of their brightest stars during the Loyola Law School Los Angeles symposium "Commercial Speech: Past, Present & Future: A Tribute to Steven Shiffrin." The two-day event, to be held on Loyola's downtown campus, will examine trends in First Amendment law through a series of panels led by experts at the forefront of their respective fields.

The symposium, co-sponsored by the Loyola Law Review, begins at 4:30 pm on Friday, Feb. 23 with a roundtable discussion introduced by Ron Collins of the First Amendment Center and moderated by Adam Liptak of the New York Times. The evening will continue with a tribute to Steven Shiffrin at 8 pm, featuring an introduction by Gerald Lopez of New York University School of Law. Yale Kamisar of the University of Michigan School of Law will moderate. Shiffrin will then be presented with the Christopher N. May Award for Distinguished Scholarly Achievement.

"We at Loyola are so proud of Steve and his accomplishments and so pleased to be able to honor him with this spectacular conference," said Ellen Aprill, professor and associate dean at Loyola Law School. "It is especially wonderful that we will be giving him the first Christopher N. May Award since Steve and Chris share a devotion not only to scholarly achievement, but also to human kindness."

The event continues at 9 am Saturday, Feb. 24 with a series of panel discussions:

- "First Amendment Principles" – moderator: Kurt Lash, Loyola Law School; keynote address: Martin Redish, Northwestern University School of Law; responses: Robert Post, Yale Law School; Steven Shiffrin, Cornell University Law School; James Weinstein, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

- "First Amendment Principles in Practice" – moderator: Patrick Lynch, O'Melveny & Myers LLP; panelists: Bruce Johnson, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP; Robert Lasnik, US District Court for the Western District of Washington; David Vladeck, Georgetown University Law Center

- "It's What's for Lunch: Nectarines, Mushroom and Beef: The First Amendment and Compelled Commercial Speech" – moderator: James Weinstein, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law; panelists: Robert Post, Yale Law School; Kathleen Sullivan, Stanford Law School

- "Philosophical Underpinnings of the First Amendment Principles" – moderator: Lawrence Solum, University of Illinois College of Law; panelists: C. Edwin Baker, University of Pennsylvania Law School; Charles Fried, Harvard Law School; Seana Shiffrin, UCLA School of Law; Rebecca Tushnet, Georgetown University Law Center

- "Concluding Reflections" – moderator: Tamara Piety, University of Tulsa College of Law; panelists: C. Edwin Baker, University of Pennsylvania Law School; Eugene Volokh, UCLA School of Law

"We are thrilled to have such a distinguished group to discuss this important First Amendment issue, which has not received the scholarly consideration it merits," said Aprill. "An aspect of interest is that positions on this issue do not follow the usual liberal-conservative split and thus make for some unexpected allies and opponents."

Members of the media are invited to attend the event free of charge. For access, please contact Brian Costello, deputy director of communications, at 213-736-1444 (desk), 213-923-0609 (cell) or brian.costello@lils.edu. Further details, including a complete schedule, are available at events.lils.edu/commercialspeech.

About Steven Shiffrin

Shiffrin, a 1975 alumnus of Loyola Law School, joined the Cornell faculty in 1987. He has been a visiting professor of law at Harvard University, the University of Michigan and Boston University. He is the author of *Dissent, Injustice, and the meanings of America* and *The First Amendment, Democracy, and Romance*. He is a coauthor of *Constitutional Law*, 10th edition, 2006, and *The First Amendment*, 4th edition, 2006. "Steve Shiffrin is the Walt Whitman of the legal academy – bright, modest, witty, independent-minded, and a true romantic in the best sense of the word," said Ron Collins of the First Amendment Center.

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