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Renowned Jurists, Attorneys to Examine High-Profile Trials at Loyola Law School's Fidler Institute

Los Angeles, May 17, 2007 — An all-star slate of the country's most visible attorneys and jurists will discuss topics ranging from working under the media spotlight to prosecutorial ethics at the Fidler Institute on Criminal Justice. Legal luminaries will provide their insider insights on a variety of panels: "High-Profile Trials: From Jury Selection to Managing the Media," "Mastering Trial Skills for Criminal Cases," "Strategizing Cases" and "Tips from Judges: From Bail Arguments to Sentencing." The event is named in honor of Hon. Larry Paul Fidler, LA Superior Court, presiding judge in the Phil Spector murder case and a panelist. The event will be held on Loyola Law School's downtown campus on Thursday, May 17 at 9 am.

"Loyola Law School is incredibly lucky to host a program where top prosecutors, defense lawyers and judges from around the country will be addressing the important issues of criminal practice," said Professor Laurie Levenson, who organized the event. "From strategy tips from the Enron prosecutor to how defense counsel win celebrity cases, the Fidler Institute will show the inside workings of our criminal justice system."

The panel "High-Profile Trials: From Jury Selection to Managing the Media" will feature panelists Mark Geragos, Esq., Geragos & Geragos, PC, Scott Peterson's lawyer; Harland Braun, Esq., Rodney King's defense lawyer; Thomas Mesereau, Esq., Mesereau & Yu LLP, Michael Jackson's lawyer; Brian Sun, Esq., Jones Day LLP; Richard Gabriel, Decision Analysis Inc.; Henry Weinstein, Los Angeles Times reporter; and Linda Deutsch, Associated Press special correspondent. Professor Stanley Goldman will moderate.

"Mastering Trial Skills for Criminal Cases," will feature panelists Braun; Catherine Brougham, LA District Attorneys' Office; Mesereau; Thomas O'Brien, criminal division, US Attorneys Office; and Bart Williams, Esq., Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP. Professor Laurie Levenson will moderate.

The "Strategizing Cases" panel will feature panelists John Hueston, Esq., Irell & Manella, Enron prosecutor; Richard A. Hutton, Esq., Hutton & Wilson; Sean Kennedy, federal public defender; Janet I. Levine, Lightfoot Vandeveld Sadowsky Crouchley Rutherford & Levine LLP, and Donald M. Re, Esq., John DeLorean's defense lawyer. Professor Sam Pillsbury will moderate.

"Tips from Judges: From Bail Arguments to Sentencing" will feature Hon. George Schiavelli, US District Court for the Central District of California; Hon. Nora M. Manella, California Court of Appeal, Hon. Larry Paul Fidler; and Hon. Leslie Swain, LA Superior Court. Professor Levenson will moderate.

Lunch will feature a "State of the County" speech by Hon. Steve Cooley, Los Angeles County District Attorney. Afterward, the Distinguished William J. Landers Lecture on Prosecutorial Ethics will present speaker Hon. John McKay, Seattle Law School, a former US attorney for the Western District of Washington who was dismissed by Attorney General Alberto Gonzales in December 2006. Dinner will feature a keynote address from Hon. Carlos Moreno, Associate Justice, California Supreme Court.

A complete schedule and further details are available at events.lls.edu/fidlerinstitute. Members of the media are invited to attend the symposium, as well as an evening reception and dinner honoring Judge Larry Paul Fidler, free of charge. Contact Brian Costello, deputy director of communications, at 213-736-1444 (desk), 213-923-0609 (cell) or brian.costello@lls.edu.