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LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL RECEIVES \$3 MILLION GIFT FROM WILLIAM H. HANNON FOUNDATION

Gift Will Fund the William H. Hannon Distinguished Chair in Law, to Be Held by Professor Richard L. Hasen, Nationally Recognized Election Law Scholar

LOS ANGELES—Loyola Law School Los Angeles today announced a gift of \$3 million from the William H. Hannon Foundation. The funds will be used to establish the William H. Hannon Distinguished Chair in Law, to be held by Richard L. Hasen.

Richard Hasen, a professor at Loyola Law School since 1998 and a William M. Rains fellow, is a nationally recognized expert on election law, campaign finance and voting rights. He is frequently involved in analyzing hot button issues at the intersection of law and politics, and has become a well known national advocate for reforming election administration. He was a frequent commentator on the contested Florida recount in 2000 and on legal issues surrounding many other elections since then, both nationally and locally. His writings on these topics have been published by major media outlets like the *Los Angeles Times*, *Slate* and *Roll Call*, and he is frequently cited in *The New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Los Angeles Times*.

Hasen is also the author *The Supreme Court and Election Law*, and the co-author of *Election Law: Cases and Materials*. Named one of the top 20 lawyers in California under 40, Hasen writes the widely-read and cited Election Law Blog (electionlawblog.org). He has a JD and PhD in political science from UCLA.

On the gift of the chair, David W. Burcham, Fritz B. Burns Dean at Loyola Law School, said, "We are exceedingly grateful to the William H. Hannon Foundation for this important gift. Great law schools are built around great faculty and students, and this chair will help keep our faculty strong."

Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, president of the William H. Hannon Foundation, added, "My late uncle was passionate about education. Whether it's a child in kindergarten or a graduate student in law school, my uncle believed in focusing resources on the classroom. This chair, named in his honor, will continue his legacy. Our Foundation's board is pleased that the first recipient of the chair is Richard Hasen. His work, in the election arena, is fostering new debate on critical issues important to democracy. Loyola Law School is an exemplary institution and we are proud to support its growth through the William H. Hannon Distinguished Chair in Law."

The Hannon Foundation will formally present the gift of the chair at a ceremony on March 29th at 6:00 p.m., and Professor Hasen will speak on "Avoiding Election Meltdown." Members of the media are welcome to attend the chair dedication ceremony. To arrange access, please contact Kira Poplowski, director of communications, at 213.736.1445, 213.798.0558 or kira.poplowski@lls.edu.

About Loyola Law School Los Angeles

Located in downtown Los Angeles—a legal, financial and media capital—Loyola Law is home to prominent faculty, dedicated students and cutting-edge programs. Dedicated to legal ethics and the public interest, Loyola Law School has produced top attorneys for nearly a century. For expert commentary, please contact Kira Poplowski, director of communications, at 213.736.1445 or kira.poplowski@lls.edu.

About the William H. Hannon Foundation

Based in Santa Monica, California, the William H. Hannon Foundation was founded in 1983 by the late Catholic philanthropist and real estate developer William H. Hannon. Following his service in World War II, Hannon returned to Los Angeles to develop residential communities and commercial shopping centers across Southern California. Today, the Foundation carries on Hannon's goals of supporting Catholic churches and schools, as well as hospitals and social service organizations that are focused on improving the lives of people in the communities Hannon helped build.