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**Loyola's IP Special Focus Series Examines Emerging Patent Issues**

**Los Angeles, April 27, 2007** — Loyola Law School's IP Special Focus Series program "The New Battleground: The Changing Face of Patent Litigation" will explore what the future holds for today's patent litigants through the eyes of IP law practitioners and scholars. The conference will be held from 11 am to 2:15 pm on Loyola's downtown LA campus.

The panel discussion "Switching Roles" will examine the results of two recent decisions, *MedImmune, Inc. v. Genentech, Inc.* (Supreme Court, January 10, 2007) and *SanDisk Corp. v. STMicroelectronics, Inc.* (Federal Circuit Court, March 26, 2007). The panel will show how potential defendants in patent litigation may take advantage of developments that give them a greater opportunity to become plaintiffs. Professor John T. McDermott will moderate. Speakers include Ephraim D. Starr, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, and William J. Brutocao, Sheldon Mak Rose & Anderson PC.

A second panel will discuss the pros and cons of filing in one of the pilot jurisdictions of the Federal Court Patent Pilot Program introduced by Congressmen Adam Schiff (D-CA) and Darrell Issa (R-CA) earlier this year. Mark Scarsi of O'Melveny & Myers LLP will moderate. Speakers include Gregory Lanier, Jones Day; C. Erik Hawes, Fulbright & Jaworski; and Sean Luner, Dove & Luner LLP.

A third panel will review patent injunction practice in the post eBay world. The discussions will review case law since eBay and attempt to distill some guidance for litigants. Associate Professor Lee Petherbridge will moderate. Speakers include David K. Callahan, Kirkland & Ellis LLP; David A. Dillard, Christie Parker & Hale LLP; Anthony J. Fitzpatrick, Duane Morris LLP; and Melanie K. Sharp, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor LLP.

Members of the media are invited to attend the symposium free of charge. Contact Brian Costello, deputy director of communications, at 213-736-1444 (desk) or 213-923-0609 (cell).

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