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Reporters, Editors & Producers Praise Loyola's Third Annual Journalist Law School

Los Angeles – Thirty-nine reporters, producers and editors from across the US convened at Loyola Law School's Third Annual Journalist Law School for four days of intensive classes on a broad range of legal topics. They attended classes led by renowned law professors, jurists, litigators and veteran journalists on civil, constitutional and criminal law, as well as on specific subjects. The event, part of Loyola's Civil Justice Program, ran from June 18-21 on Loyola Law School's downtown Los Angeles campus.

Attendee response was excellent:

"This should probably be required of all journalists earlier in their careers."

"It's a program that delivers on its promise: teach journalists a better, more comprehensive understanding of the law."

"I came to the program expecting a crash course in the law and, fortunately, I got that. I really felt I was being taught by the very best legal academic minds and it both humbled me and inspired me to re-dedicate myself to better journalistic endeavors down the road. The payoff: accurate reporting and thus a more well informed society."

"The professors at Loyola Law School know their stuff. I can't think of any session where I questioned the level of knowledge held by the speaker – and, as a reporter, I am paid to be skeptical of people's words."

Class topics included After the Crisis: Mortgages, Credit Cards & Payday Lending; Disability Rights Law; Dynamics of the Supreme Court; Election Law; Family Law & Children; Habeas Corpus & the Death Penalty; Intellectual Property; Juvenile Law, the Law of War; Laws of Demonstrations; Legal & Judicial Ethics; Racial Discrimination and News Coverage; the Rules Governing Admission of Evidence at Trial; and Terrorists & Noncombatants: Guantanamo & Due Process. The program also included a visit to LA's Metropolitan Detention Center.

Instructors included Loyola Law School Professors Jan Costello, Richard Hasen, Stan Goldman, Allan Ides, Laurie Levenson, Karl Manheim, Daniel Martin, Sam Pillsbury, Marcy Strauss and Gary Williams. Also teaching were Loyola Law School Associate Professors David Glazier, Jennifer Rothman, Michael Waterstone and Lauren Willis, along with Clinical Professor Cyn Yamashiro. Other instructors included Patrick Long of Long, Williamson & Delis; Connie Rice, co-director of The Advancement Project; Amy Solomon of Girardi | Keese; and Professor Jean R. Sternlight, UNLV Boyd School of Law. Professor John Nockleby, director of the Civil Justice Program and event organizer, taught the opening course, Introduction to the American Legal System & Civil Law.

Distinguished speakers included Jon Davidson, legal director of Lambda Legal; Linda Deutsch, Associated Press legal reporter; the Hon. Nora Manella, California Court of Appeal; and Jim Newton, *LA Times* editorial page editor. Panelists included attorneys Harland Braun, who represented Robert Blake in his murder trial; Adam Braun of the Law Offices of Harland Braun; and Mark Robinson of Robinson, Calcagnie & Robinson.

About The Journalist Law School

Loyola Law School's Civil Justice Program launched the Journalist Law School in 2006. Program directors select journalists on a competitive basis, and attendees receive certificates upon completion. Scholarships cover the cost of fellows' tuition and most travel expenses. Since 2006, the JLS fellowship program has helped 70 journalists bolster their understanding of the law with lectures by top professors, attorneys, jurists and legislators. The American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) is a founding sponsor of the program.

About Loyola Law School Los Angeles

Located in downtown Los Angeles—a legal, financial and media capital—Loyola Law School is home to prominent faculty, dedicated students and cutting-edge programs. Committed to legal ethics and the public interest, it has produced top attorneys for nearly a century. Please visit www.lls.edu for more information or contact Brian Costello, deputy director of communications, at 213.736.1444 or brian.costello@lls.edu.

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