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Loyola Tax LLM Team Wins ABA Tax Law Competition

Hollywood, Fla., Jan. 19, 2007 — The Loyola Law School Los Angeles Tax LLM Team won the American Bar Association Tax Section's 2006 LLM Student Tax Challenge at the group's winter meeting. Students Matt McNeill and Stacey Olson bested teams from Georgetown University Law Center and Golden Gate University School of Law to take top honors, including Best Written Submission. Steven Chung and Melissa Davis were finalists, and Professor Dean Weiner served as coach.

The competition, entitled "An Alternative to Traditional Moot Court Competitions," asked students to examine a complex problem that could arise in daily tax practice. They were asked to write both a memo to a "senior partner" and a letter to the "client" suggesting an approach to the problem. Top tax practitioners judged the final oral competition. This year marked Loyola's first entry into the competition, which was opened to LLM students last year, and will likely not be the last.

"For Loyola, the victory is an indication of the quality of the LLM tax education that Loyola Law School is providing to our students – both in the written responses and the oral presentation," said Weiner. "Though this year's success will be hard to match, I have every belief that Loyola has the students to repeat."

About the Tax LLM program

Loyola Law School's Tax LLM program provides the kind of rigorous post-graduate tax education that students, in the past, have traveled to New York, Washington or Florida to obtain. The unusual depth of the full-time tax faculty and the pool of nationally renowned adjuncts from the Los Angeles area have produced an exceptional program. Visit www.lls.edu/academics/taxllm.html for more information.

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, Loyola Law School has produced top attorneys for nearly a century. For expert commentary, please contact Brian Costello, deputy director of communications, at 213.736.1444 or brian.costello@lls.edu. For more information on Loyola Law, please visit www.lls.edu.

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