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LOYOLA'S CENTER FOR JUVENILE LAW & POLICY TO HOST SYMPOSIUM ON USING EDUCATION LAW TO REDUCE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE

LOS ANGELES – Loyola Law School, Los Angeles' Center for Juvenile Law & Policy will examine education law as a means for reducing the school-to-prison pipeline during the symposium "From Delinquency to Death: Using Education Advocacy to Reduce Penal Consequences at All Ages," to be held 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2016 on Loyola's downtown LA campus.

The symposium, first of a two-part series, will focus on how to locate and use educational records, teachers and other school professionals to better advocate for teens caught up in the juvenile and criminal justice systems. The program is aimed at those representing at-risk children and struggling teens in delinquency court, as well as adults in criminal court at trial, at the death-penalty phase, and in parole and re-sentencing hearings.

"This seminar will dig deeper than other general mitigation seminars into an area of underused mitigation advocacy," said Sean M. Kennedy '89, Kaplan & Feldman Executive Director of the CJLP. "Even seasoned juvenile and criminal lawyers are likely to be exposed to new ideas and practical skills."

Program highlights include Joseph B. Tulman, director, Took Cowell Institute for At-Risk Youth; Rigoberto Arrechiga '88, Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office; Rourke Stacy, Los Angeles County Deputy Public Defender; Andrea Yamsuan '14, Federal Public Defender, Central District of California; and Marta VanLandingham '07, Capital Habeas Unit, Federal Public Defender, Central District of California.

Loyola faculty panelists include Professors Samantha Buckingham, co-director of the CJLP Juvenile Justice Clinic; Christopher Hawthorne '00, director of the CJLP Juvenile Innocence & Fair Sentencing Clinic; Kevin Lapp; and Michael Smith, director of the CJLP Youth Justice Education Clinic.

The event will be held in the Girardi Advocacy Center on Loyola Law School's campus at 919 Albany St., Los Angeles, CA 90015. A complete agenda follows. The media co-sponsor is 89.3 KPCC - Southern California Public Radio. A second installment, "Every Student Succeeds: Addressing Legal Inequities in Public Education," will be held in September 2016 to explore advocating social justice in the classroom. More information is at www.lls.edu/cjlp.

About the Center for Juvenile Law & Policy

The Center for Juvenile Law & Policy (CJLP) was created in 2005 to foster systemic reform of the juvenile justice system by participating in and encouraging research, discussion and

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advocacy in the field and developing policy initiatives for systemic change. It provides a place for stakeholders to meet and discuss issues in an atmosphere that promotes constructive cooperation. It also provides resources for researching and gathering information not readily available elsewhere. The CJLP comprises three clinics: the Juvenile Justice Clinic, which represents youth in the LA County juvenile justice system; the Youth Education Justice Clinic, which works to ensure that LA County youth receive the educational services to which they are entitled; and the Juvenile Innocence & Fair Sentencing Clinic, which works on behalf of those sentenced to life in prison as youth.

About Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

Located on an award-winning Frank Gehry-designed campus in downtown Los Angeles, Loyola Law School is home to prominent faculty, dedicated students and cutting-edge programs. Loyola dedicates itself to preparing students for practice with rigorous coursework, an extensive portfolio of practical-training opportunities, a diverse and successful alumni network and a focus on social justice. Are you ready to make a difference? Learn more at www.lls.edu.

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LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL'S FROM DELINQUENCY TO DEATH

AGENDA FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2016

8:45 a.m. – Welcome

- **Sean M. Kennedy**, Executive Director, Center for Juvenile Law & Policy, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

9-9:25 a.m. – Jumpstart: **Special Education 101: An Introduction to IDEA, ADA and Section 504**

- **Rodolfo Estrada**, Director, TIGER Program, Learning Rights Center

9:30-10:45 a.m. – Education Law for Delinquency Court, Part I – Mitigation

- **Jyoti Nanda**, Director Youth and Justice Clinic, UCLA School of Law
- **Joseph B. Tulman**, Director, Took Cowell Institute for At-Risk Youth
- **Samantha Buckingham**, Co-Director, Juvenile Justice Clinic, Center for Juvenile Law & Policy, Loyola Law School
- **Rigoberto Arrechiga**, Los Angeles County Public Defender Resource Attorney
- **Rosa Hirji**, Special Education Attorney, panel appointed; Managing Partner, RKH Law Office

10:45-11 a.m.: Break

11 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.: Education Law for Delinquency Court, Part II – Challenging Competency, Transfers and Statements

- **Kevin Lapp**, Associate Professor of Law, Loyola Law School
- **Rohini Khanna**, Post-Graduate Fellow, Center for Juvenile Law & Policy, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
- **Julietta Salvador & David Heebner**, Juvenile Justice Clinic Students, Center for Juvenile Law & Policy, Loyola Law School
- **Michael Smith**, Director, Youth Justice Education Clinic, Center for Juvenile Law & Policy, Loyola Law School
- **Rourke Stacy**, Los Angeles County Deputy Public Defender
- **Dr. Nancy Kaser-Boyd**, Clinical and Forensic Psychologist, UCLA Professor

12:30-1:30 p.m.: Lunchtime Session: **Peter P. v. Compton Unified School District – A Historic Ruling on the Special-Education Needs of PTSD Children**

- **Jyoti Nanda**, Lecturer of Law, UCLA
- **Kathryn Eidmann**, Staff Attorney, Opportunity Under Law, Public Counsel
- **Anne Hudson-Price**, Staff Attorney, Opportunity Under Law, Public Counsel

1:45-3:00 p.m.: Education Law Beyond Juvenile Court

- **Andrea Yamsuan**, Federal Public Defender, CJLP alumna
- **Marta VanLandingham**, Federal Public Defender, Capital Habeas Unit, LLS alum
- **Efty Sharony**, Senior Mitigation Specialist & Social Worker, Center for Juvenile Law & Policy, Loyola Law School
- **Dr. Manuel Saint Martin**, Forensic Psychiatrist – expert on education issues for mitigation in Miller case
- **Sandra Saberman**, Capital Mitigation Investigator, Federal Defender, San Diego

3:15-4 p.m.: Breakout Sessions

4:05-4:10 p.m.: Closing Remarks

- **Sean M. Kennedy**, Executive Director, Center for Juvenile Law & Policy, Loyola Law School

4:10-5 p.m.: Reception on Girardi Patio