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**LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL'S FIDLER INSTITUTE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE TO FOCUS
ON HACKING, ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, PROTESTS**

LOS ANGELES – Loyola Law School, Los Angeles' 11th-annual Fidler Institute on Criminal Justice will explore the new ways that lawyers are prosecuting, defending and investigating Russian hacking, man-made environmental disasters, prescription painkiller abuse, human trafficking and protests in a daylong symposium to be held from 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, 2017 on Loyola's downtown L.A. campus. The day will conclude with the presentation of the Fidler Awards and a judges' reception.

"We have a fantastic program focusing on the hot issues in the criminal justice system," said Professor Laurie Levenson, David W. Burcham Chair in Ethical Advocacy and founding director of the Fidler Institute. "We have experts from around the country, including the chief of staff of the Drug Enforcement Agency and a lawyer from the Flint, Michigan water case to share their insights."

The keynote address, **Russian Hacking & Cybercrime**, will be delivered James M. Aquilina, senior executive managing editor, Stroz Friedberg. Aquilina, who leads the firm's digital forensic practice, supervised prosecutions of computer intrusions as a member of the Cyber & Intellectual Property Crimes Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California.

The **Environmental Crimes** panel will discuss the criminal liability alleged in the high-profile natural gas leak in Porter Ranch, CA; the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico; the San Bruno pipeline rupture; and the contaminated water crisis in Flint, MI.

Following an election marked by citizen movements, the **Protest Law** panel will explore unique approaches to charging protesters with inciting violence and the resulting defense strategies.

The panel on Opioid Prosecutions: The New Direction of Drug Crimes will look at emerging ways police are attempting to find liability in the abuses of the prescription and distribution of painkillers.

Finally, a panel on **Human Trafficking** will look at ways new legislation is empowering victims and helping law enforcement stop alleged perpetrators.

The day will conclude with the presentation of the **11th-annual Fidler Awards**: Prosecutor of the Year – William Hodgman, assistant district attorney, Los Angeles District Attorney's

Office; Defense Lawyer of the Year – Ronald Brown, Los Angeles County Public Defender; Judge of the Year – Hon. James Brandlin, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles; Special Award for Commitment to Justice – Mary Carter Andruess, partner, Arent Fox LLP; Special Service Award – Deputy Nicholas Neri, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The event, named in honor of Loyola Law School alumnus Judge Larry P. Fidler '74, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, will be held in the **Girardi Advocacy Center on Loyola Law School's campus at 919 Albany St., Los Angeles, CA 90015**. The sponsors include Arent Fox LLP; Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP; Hueston Hennigan LLP; Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher; and Sidley Austin LLP. See the full schedule below or learn more at www.lls.edu/fidler.

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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. The Law School strives to instill in students the knowledge they need to excel on their chosen paths. It dedicates itself to preparing students for the rigors of practice with an extensive portfolio of practical-training opportunities, a 17,000-strong alumni network and a focus on social justice. Learn more at www.lls.edu.

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LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL'S 11TH-ANNUAL FIDLER INSTITUTE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

AGENDA FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016

8:45 a.m.: Welcome

- **Laurie L. Levenson**, David W. Burcham Professor of Ethical Advocacy, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
- **Michael Waterstone**, Fritz B. Burns Dean, Loyola Law School Los Angeles; Senior Vice President, Loyola Marymount University

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.: Introductory Remarks

- **Hon. Jackie Lacey**, District Attorney of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles District Attorney's Office
- **Hon. Mike Feuer**, Los Angeles City Attorney, Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
- **Hon. Hilary Potashner**, Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Central District of California

9:30 – 10:45 a.m. Environmental Crimes

- **Jessica B. Brown**, Supervisor, Environmental Justice and Protection Unit, Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
- **Mary Chartier**, Attorney and Founding Partner, Alane & Chartier, P.L.C.
- **Nathan J. Hochman**, Partner, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, Former U.S. Department of Justice Assistant Attorney General
- **Hartley M. K. West**, Deputy Chief, Economic Crimes and Securities Fraud Section, Office of the United States Attorney, Northern District of California
- **Daniel Wright**, Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, Environmental Crimes/OSHA Section
- **Moderator: Daniel P. Selmi**, Fritz B. Burns Professor of Real Property, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

10:45-11 a.m.: Break

11 a.m.-12 p.m.: Protest Law

- **Cynthia Anderson-Barker**, Attorney, Law Office of Cynthia Anderson-Barker
- **Howard Gluck**, Supervising Assistant City Attorney, Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
- **John Raphling**, Senior Researcher on Criminal Justice, U.S. Program, Human Rights Watch
- **Moderator: Samantha Buckingham**, Professor of Law and Director, Center for Juvenile Law and Policy, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

12-1:15 p.m.: Lunch and Keynote Speaker – Russian Hacking & Cybercrime

- **James Aquilina**, Senior Executive Managing Director, Stroz Friedberg, an Aon company

1:30-2:45 p.m.: Opioid Prosecutions

- **Benjamin Barron**, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Deputy Chief, OCDETF Section, Office of the U.S. Attorney, Central District of California
- **Michael P. Ben'Ary**, Chief of Staff, Drug Enforcement Administration
- **Ryan Dibble**, Deputy District Attorney, Major Narcotics Division, Office of the Los Angeles County District Attorney

- **John Niedermann**, Special Assistant to the Assistant District Attorney of Special Operations, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
- **David J. Sutton**, Supervising Deputy Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Central District of California
- **Moderator: Laurie L. Levenson**, David W. Burcham Professor of Ethical Advocacy, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

3- 4:15 p.m.: Human Trafficking

- **Sharonda Bradford**, Federal Public Defender III, Office of the Public Defender, Los Angeles County
- **Angelina Bradley**, Managing Attorney, The Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking
- **Guillermo Santiso**, Sex Crimes Division, Human Sex Trafficking Section, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
- **Christopher Dybwad**, Chief Deputy Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Central District of California
- **Justin R. Rhoades**, Chief, Violent & Organized Crime Section, Office of the United States Attorney
- **Anh Truong**, Director of Anti-Sex & Labor Trafficking, Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
- **Moderator: Jessica A. Levinson**, Clinical Professor of Law, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

4:15-4:30 p.m.: Awards Ceremony

- **Prosecutor of the Year:** William Hodgman, Assistant District Attorney, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
- **Defense Lawyer of the Year:** Ronald L. Brown, Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, Los Angeles County (Ret.)
- **Judge of the Year:** Hon. James R. Brandlin, Judge, Superior Court of California
- **Special Award for Commitment to Justice:** Mary Carter Andruess, Partner, Arent Fox LLP
- **Special Service Award:** Nicholas Neri, Deputy Sheriff, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

4:30 p.m.: Judges' Reception