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Justice Anthony Kennedy to Speak at Dedication of Loyola Law School's Alarcón Advocacy Center
Mayor Villaraigosa also to participate in ceremony honoring center inspired by Hon. Arthur Alarcón

LOS ANGELES – Supreme Court Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy will deliver the keynote address during the dedication of the new Alarcon Advocacy Center at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 1:15 p.m. The Hon. Arthur L. Alarcón, senior circuit judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, will also speak at the center named in his honor. Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is also scheduled to participate in the ceremony.

Schedule for Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011

1:15 p.m.: Dedication ceremony

Keynote address:

Hon. Anthony M. Kennedy, Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court

Honoree:

Hon. Arthur L. Alarcón, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

Remarks:

David W. Burcham, President, Loyola Marymount University

Victor J. Gold, Fritz B. Burns Dean Loyola Law School

Laurie L. Levenson, Professor of Law, David W. Burcham Chair in Ethical Advocacy, Loyola Law School

Antonio R. Villaraigosa, Mayor, City of Los Angeles

2:00 p.m.: Reception

2:30 p.m.: Tours of the new Alarcón Advocacy Center

About the Alarcón Advocacy Center: The Alarcón Advocacy Center provides opportunities for students to work in several post-conviction clinics. Those include the Project for the Innocent, which pursues claims of innocence on behalf of those wrongfully convicted. The program recently secured an evidentiary hearing in the case of a man serving time for 1994 murder conviction. The program also includes the Capital Habeas Litigation Clinic, in which students pursue habeas claims with the office of the Federal Public Defender for the Central District of California. Students' work includes interviewing witnesses, assisting with hearings, drafting pleadings and writing claims. The center will also offer continuing on post-conviction work for lawyers.

About Judge Arthur L. Alarcón: Before being nominated to the federal bench by President Jimmy Carter in 1979, Judge Alarcón was a judge on the Los Angeles Superior Court and California Court of Appeal. He was previously the legal advisor and clemency and extradition secretary to Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown. He also served as a Los Angeles County prosecutor, working on first degree murder cases in which the death penalty was sought. He is the author of the recent law review article, Executing the "Will of the Voters?: A Roadmap to Mend or End the California Legislature's Multi-Billion-Dollar Death Penalty Debacle."

More information is available at <http://events.lls.edu/alarcondedication>. Members of the media who wish to attend should contact Brian Costello, deputy director of communications, at 213-736-1444 (o), 310-902-9560 (c) or brian.costello@lls.edu.