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Loyola Law School Program Investigates How Pop Culture Affects the Legal System

Los Angeles, Sept. 27, 2006 –Loyola Law School’s Civil Justice Program will examine the extent of the media’s influence on the courts in its upcoming symposium, “How Popular Culture Teaches Americans About the Civil Justice System.” The program, to be held on Friday, September 29th, will seek to answer the question: “Are trial presentations being affected by the media?” It will look at how TV, books, documentaries, news personalities, newspapers and other outlets impact the legal system. The symposium will be held on Loyola Law School’s downtown campus from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The country’s leading legal scholars will participate a trio of panels: “Key Themes in the Relation Between Law, Literature and Film,” “How Popular Culture Shapes Images of Lawyers” and “What Does Popular Culture Miss?” Moderators include Tom Goldstein, Berkeley School of Journalism professor and former dean, Columbia Graduate School of Journalism; John Nockleby, professor of law and director of Loyola’s Civil Justice Program; and Chris Hawthorne, associate professor of law at Loyola and an award-winning film writer and producer. The symposium will debut the original film, “What Children ‘Know’ About Law and Lawyers,” produced by Loyola’s Civil Justice Program.

Log on to www.civiljusticeprogram.com for complete program details. Members of the media who wish to attend should contact Brian Costello, deputy director of communications, at 213-736-1444 or brian.costello@lls.edu.

About the Civil Justice Program

Loyola Law School created the Civil Justice Program to focus research and public attention on the civil justice system. The Civil Justice Program convenes periodic conferences, seminars and presentations; promotes and publishes scholarly research; and initiates cross disciplinary projects. For more information, please contact Jennifer Klein, program coordinator, at 213-736-1071 or kleinj@lls.edu.

About Loyola Law School Los Angeles

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