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**Disability Rights Legal Center to Celebrate ADA Anniversary with
Presentation on Disability Rights in the Criminal Justice System**

Los Angeles – The Disability Rights Legal Center’s (DRLC) celebration of the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) will feature a presentation on disability rights in the criminal justice system. The event will begin at 4 p.m. on Monday, July 26 on the downtown campus of Loyola Law School, Los Angeles.

Shawna Parks, the DRLC’s legal director, will discuss "Disability Rights Laws: Detention & Correctional Settings and Law Enforcement Encounters" at 4 p.m. The presentation will be followed by an open house and reception from 5-7 p.m. that will include a celebration of the DRLC's 35 years of accomplishments in eliminating discrimination against people with disabilities and cancer. Refreshments will be served.

The event will be in the Rose Garden at Loyola Law School, 919 Albany St., Los Angeles. Further details are available at www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org/announce/DRLCOpenHouse2010.cfm. Members of the media who wish to attend should RSVP to Brian Costello, deputy director of communications at Loyola Law School, at brian.costello@lls.edu or 213-736-1444 (d).

The DRLC is a non-profit advocacy center whose mission is to promote the rights of people with disabilities and the public awareness of those rights by providing legal and related services. Recent high-profile achievements include securing special education services on behalf of a client detained in a L.A. County jail, successfully advocating to preserve the City of Los Angeles’ Department of Disability and co-hosting the symposium, “The Significance of the U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.”

The DRLC is deeply rooted at Loyola Law School. The DRLC’s main offices are located on the school’s downtown Los Angeles campus. DRLC staff attorneys serve as adjunct professors at the school, leading classes in topics related to disability rights law. And Loyola students are the primary participants in the DRLC’s clinical programs, where they assist with client intake and other duties to accrue pro bono hours. The DRLC and Loyola jointly operate the Cancer Resource Legal Center, a legal advocacy center for those with cancer. Learn more about the DRLC at www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org.

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, it has produced top attorneys for nearly a century. Loyola was ranked 29th on the 2010 *Super Lawyers* U.S. Law School Rankings. The Princeton Review ranks Loyola fifth for “Best Classroom Experience” and sixth for “Best Environment for Minority Students.” *National Jurist* magazine ranks it second on its list of “Best Law Schools for Public Interest Law.” It is ranked ninth in the nation for minority enrollment by *U.S. News & World Report*. For more information, please see www.lls.edu or contact Brian Costello, deputy director of communications, at brian.costello@lls.edu.