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Loyola Law School Community Mourns the Loss of Alumnus John E. Anderson Sr. '50

LOS ANGELES – John E. Anderson Sr., a 1950 alumnus of Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, passed away on Friday, July 29 at the age of 93. As an alumnus, professor and benefactor, Anderson left an indelible imprint on the Law School.

Anderson graduated cum laude from Loyola's Evening Division Program in 1950 after serving in the Navy during World War II. From there, he founded the law firm of Kindel & Anderson with 1940 Loyola alumnus James H. Kindel Jr. Anderson later taught tax law and legal accounting at the Law School and was the founding chairman of Loyola's Board of Visitors, a Law School advisory board that was the precursor to the school's Board of Overseers. He also established and funded the John E. Anderson Chair in Taxation, an integral part of Loyola's tax law program, which is ranked No. 10 in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.

The news of Anderson's passing struck a chord at Loyola. "John Anderson was a brilliant lawyer and generous supporter of Loyola Law School," said Victor Gold, Fritz B. Burns Dean of Loyola Law School. "His many philanthropic activities leave an enduring legacy."

The son of a Minneapolis, Minn. barber, Anderson once contemplated joining the family business. "One day I asked my father about barber colleges," Anderson once said. "He took the school catalog out of my hands and said that he would cut the hair in the family, and that I would go to school." Anderson attended UCLA on a hockey scholarship, and later received his MBA from Harvard. After law school, he went on to become chairman of Topa Equities, Ltd. Through it all, he remained connected to his alma mater.

"A year or so after I was appointed to his namesake chair, I called Mr. Anderson to tell him that everywhere I went in the community, I received such a positive reaction when people learned of the title of the chair," said Professor Ellen Aprill, holder of the John E. Anderson Chair in Taxation. "I was very grateful to be able to benefit from the goodwill and deep respect he engendered in Los Angeles and beyond."

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3 at Westwood United Methodist Church, 10497 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles.

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 90 years. It was ranked fifth in the nation for trial advocacy, ninth for diversity and 10th for tax law by *U.S. News & World Report*. The Princeton Review ranked Loyola third for "Best Classroom Experience." Loyola was ranked 29th on the 2010 *Super Lawyers* U.S. Law School Rankings. *National Jurist* magazine ranked it eighth on its list of "Best Law Schools for Public Interest Law." For more information, please see www.lls.edu. For more information, please contact Brian Costello, deputy director of communications, at 213-736-1444 (o), 310-902-9560 (c) or brian.costello@lls.edu.