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## Loyola Law School Climbs in 2011 *U.S. News* Law School Rankings

**Los Angeles** – Loyola Law School, Los Angeles jumped 15 spots in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2011 edition of “America’s Best Graduate Schools” to a rank of 56 out of 188 accredited law schools. Loyola also ranked ninth in the nation in tax law and eighth in the diversity of its student body. Loyola’s Evening Division ranked 16 out of 84 part-time law school programs in the nation.

Dean Victor Gold was pleased with the results. “The improvement reflects the high quality of our students, alumni, and overall academic program,” he said. “I am especially pleased to see the recognition given to our tax law faculty.”

In the previous 2010 *U.S. News* ranking, Loyola dropped several positions as a result of identity confusion when the school’s name was listed as “Loyola Marymount University” on ballots used to survey law school reputation. *U.S. News* returned to the name, “Loyola Law School” on the ballots for the 2011 survey. Dean Gold explained: “I want to thank *U.S. News* for recognizing the matter and taking action. As a result, we were able to recover the lost ground – and then some.”

While Dean Gold was pleased with the improved rank, he cautioned against placing too much emphasis on any ranking system. “While the *U.S. News* ranks us 56, *Super Lawyers* ranks Loyola 29. The *Princeton Review* puts Loyola fifth in the nation in the quality of classroom experience, and the *National Jurist* ranks us second nationally in public interest programming. The wide disparity in these numbers shows that every ranking system measures different things and all are, at best, imperfect measures of quality.” Gold said that, while rankings are influential, they should never be permitted to dictate academic policy.

Loyola’s ninth-ranked tax law program soon will celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its LL.M. degree. The anniversary will be marked by an awards ceremony on Friday, April 16, 2010.

The rankings include 188 American Bar Association-accredited law schools. *U.S. News* ranked the schools based on data collected in the fall of 2009 and early 2010. The rankings are based on a weighted average of a series of quality measures, including peer assessment score, assessment score by lawyers/judges, median LSAT scores, median undergrad GPA, acceptance rate, employment rates for graduates, Bar passages rate, expenditures per student, student/faculty ratio and library resources.

Rankings of tax programs are based on evaluations from professors in the field. *U.S. News* calculated the diversity ranking using data on student body collected by *U.S. News* from each law school. More information about the rankings is available at [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com).

### 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. Please visit [www.lls.edu](http://www.lls.edu) for more information or contact Lisa O’Rourke, executive director of marketing and communications, at 213-736-1445 or [lisa.orourke@lls.edu](mailto:lisa.orourke@lls.edu).