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Crime Survivor and Founder of CrimeSurvivors, Patricia Wenskunas to Speak at Whittier Law School, September 9

Costa Mesa, CA, September 7, 2004 – Patricia Wenskunas is a survivor of attempted murder and will share her story of victimization by the perpetrator, the criminal justice system, and her drive to survive and help other crime victims this Thursday, September 9 at Whittier Law School, 12:00 p.m. noon to 1:30 p.m. in Room 14.

This event is sponsored by Whittier Law School's Center for Children's Rights (CCR). CCR was created in 1994 to address the pressing need of disadvantaged children receiving inadequate legal representation.

Patricia Wenskunas is the founder of CrimeSurvivors, <http://www.crimesurvivors.com>, an organization established with the purpose of helping anyone who has been the victim of a crime. Far too often, victims of crime find that they do not know where to turn for advice, guidance, and support. CrimeSurvivors is a "safe haven" where crime victims can obtain advice, guidance, and support from other victims of crime.

CrimeSurvivors will also be hosting its 1st Annual 5K Walk/Fun Run, Saturday, September 18, 2004 at One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine. Assemblyman Todd Spitzer will be the special guest.

Whittier Law School (WLS) was founded in 1966 as Beverly Law School. In 1975, the Law School became a part of Whittier College, founded in 1887. Whittier Law School now boasts a network of over 4,000 alumni practicing in 48 states and 14 countries. The Law School has nationally recognized centers in Children's Rights, Intellectual Property Law, and International & Comparative Law, which host fellows, offer externships, and sponsor symposia and workshops. WLS has five Clinics serving the public in the following areas: Children's Advocacy, Special Education, Family Violence, Health Care Access, and Legal Policy. The Law School, located in Costa Mesa, is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools. Whittier Law School is a State Bar of California approved MCLE provider.

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