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Whittier Law School’s Entering Class is the Highest Enrollment in its History

Costa Mesa, CA, Tuesday, October 8, 2002 – This fall, Whittier Law School’s entering class was the largest class in its history, matriculating at 208 full-time day students. With the increased number of students, a third day section was created to facilitate an enhanced learning environment and to help students receive more individualized attention. “Legal education is not achieved through formal lectures. Legal education is achieved through intense dialogue, questions and answers, analysis and synthesis. For that, it was necessary to keep classes as small as feasible,” said Dean Neil H. Cogan.

The Law School’s admissions applications were also up by 25% from last year. Director of Admissions Patricia Abracia predicts similar robust applications for 2002-03.

This year also marked the advent of two new programs in the Center for Intellectual Property Law: an Intellectual Property Legal Writing Section, and an Intellectual Property Fellows Program. Entering students can apply for the IP Legal Writing Section, an IP fellowship, or both. "The IP Legal Writing Section is designed to give first-year students a preview of some of the many intellectual property law issues they will study in their second and third years," said Tyler Ochoa, Whittier Law Intellectual Property Professor. The IP Fellows Program is intended to aid deserving students to pursue the study of Intellectual Property law at Whittier," he added. This year, the Law School awarded five IP fellowships of $4,000 each, which are renewable each academic year.

Whittier Law School, established in 1966, offers a comprehensive program for full and part-time students leading to the J.D. degree. Specialty programs include the Center for Children’s Rights and the Children’s Rights Clinic, the Center for Intellectual Property Law and annual symposia on health law and international law and more than 150 externships. Whittier 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.

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