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Impact of Presidential Elections on the Supreme Court Conference at Whittier Law School and the University of California, Irvine Wed., Oct. 27

Costa Mesa, CA, October 22, 2004 – Whittier Law School and the University of California, Irvine (UCI) – Department of History are co-sponsoring a conference on the Impact of Presidential Elections on the Supreme Court this Wednesday, October 27 at Whittier Law School, 1:30 p.m. in the Faculty Conference Room, and at UCI, 7:00 p.m. in the Humanities Instructional Building, Room 135.

The conference begins at Whittier Law School with a distinguished panel of speakers. Mark Tushnet, Carmack Waterhouse Professor of Constitutional Law, Georgetown University Law Center, will be speaking on Judicial Nominations in an Era of Divided Government. Sam Issacharoff, Harold R. Medina Professor in Procedural Jurisprudence, Columbia Law School, will be speaking on The Limited Effect of Presidential Elections on the Direction of the Supreme Court. Clyde Spillenger, Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law, will be the Discussant.

“Because the next President of the United States is likely to appoint at least two members of the Supreme Court – including perhaps the Chief Justice –, the presidential election is likely to have a significant and lasting impact on the direction of law in the United States, including the law of abortion, free speech, and the exercise of religion,” stated Neil H. Cogan, Dean, Whittier Law School.

The conference continues at UCI, starting at 7:00 p.m. with a different panel of distinguished speakers. Eric Foner, DeWitt Clinton Professor of History, Columbia University, will be speaking on Race, Citizenship, Civil Liberties, and the Supreme Court. Louis Weinberg, Bates Chair and Professor of Law, University of Texas at Austin, will be speaking on The Supreme Court and the Election of 1860. Jon Wiener, Professor of History, University of California, Irvine, will be the Discussant.

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.

The University of California, Irvine is a top-ranked public university dedicated to research, scholarship and community service. Founded in 1965, UCI is among the fastest-growing University of California campuses, with approximately 24,000 undergraduate and graduate students and about 1,300 faculty members. The third-largest employer in dynamic Orange County, UCI contributes an annual economic impact of $3 billion.

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