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“Rules of Evidence” Symposium Explores Differences between Federal and California’s State Evidence Code

January 8, 2007, Los Angeles, CA – In 1967, California became the first U.S. jurisdiction to codify its law of evidence with the implementation of the California Evidence Code (CEC). Up to this point, the state’s bar exam currently only tests on the Federal Rules of Evidence (FRE), which has been adopted by a majority of states. However, the 40th anniversary of the CEC coincides with its inclusion on the California State Bar Examination.

The *Southwestern University Law Review* will hold a two-day symposium titled “**Rules of Evidence: FRE V. CEC**” on **February 2 and 3, 2007** to examine the difference between California and Federal regulations. Topics covered will include hearsay, character evidence and impeachment, testimony of experts and issues relating to relevance, competence and witness statements. Differences in California and federal rulemaking will also be addressed by leading scholars of the law of evidence from California and across the country.

Distinguished legal scholars from law schools around the country will serve as panelists. They include:

Southwestern Law School

Mark Cammack
Norman Garland
Dean Bryant Garth
Isabelle Gunning
Myrna Raeder

Stanford Law School

George Fisher
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University of California, Los Angeles School of Law

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University of Southern California School of Law

Jody Armour
Thomas Lyon

University of Michigan Law School

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William Mitchell College of Law

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University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law	Eleanor Swift
University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law	Fred A. Galves David Miller
University of California, Hastings College of the Law	David Faigman Roger Park
Arizona State University College of Law	David H. Kaye
University of California, Davis School of Law	Edward J. Imwinkelried
Loyola Law School Los Angeles	Victor J. Gold David P. Leonard
Santa Clara University	Gerald Uelmen

Articles written in coordination with the symposium will be published in the *Southwestern University Law Review*; copies of the issue will be sent to participants and will also be available for purchase. For further information about the *Law Review*, contact Southwestern's Student Affairs Office at (213) 738-6716 or studentaffairs@swlaw.edu.

The symposium will take place from 9 a.m. to 5:25 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2 and from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 in the historic Bullocks Wilshire Building on Southwestern's campus, 3050 Wilshire Boulevard, in Los Angeles. The cost is \$75 for non-Southwestern Alumni seeking 7.75 hours of CLE credit; \$50 for Southwestern Alumni seeking 7.75 hours of CLE credit; and \$40 for those not seeking CLE credit. Information on registering for the event can be found at www.swlawreview.org. Parking is available on campus for \$6. For a map and directions, visit www.swlaw.edu/directions/directions.

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