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FORDHAM LAW ASSISTANT DEAN RECEIVES NATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES AWARD

Washington, D.C., January 3, 2007 - Fordham Law School's Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Nitza Escalera was honored today with this year's American Association of Law Schools' (AALS) Student Services Peter N. Kutulakis Award. This award, established in the memory of Associate Dean Peter N. Kutulakis of Penn State's Dickinson School of Law, recognizes the outstanding contribution of an institution, administrator, or law professor in the provision of service to students.

Each year, one person or institution is honored with the Kutulakis Award. The award was presented today to Dean Escalera by the Student Service Section in Washington, DC, as part of this year's annual AALS convention.

"Those of us in the Fordham Law School community are well aware of Nitza's extraordinary devotion to the students of this school, her remarkable gifts as a counselor, and her dedication to the mission of legal education," William Michael Treanor, Dean of Fordham Law School, said. "We at Fordham have been truly fortunate to benefit from her wisdom and commitment. I am very happy that the AALS has recognized Dean Escalera's great career of service and given her this honor."

Dean Escalera arrived at Fordham Law in 1994 from the Community Service Society, Inc. Over the past 12 years, she has become a leader in the Fordham Law community, especially by taking part in numerous service projects. These include accompanying students in the Crowley International Human Rights Program to Romania, being a regular participant in the Law School's Habitat for Humanity Spring Break project, and working with the Law School's Community Economic Development Clinic. Dean Escalera has also served on the Self-Study Committee, the Board of the Lincoln Square Legal Service, Inc., and on the search committee for the University's Vice President for Student Affairs. She was also a past Chair Elect and Chair of the Student Services Section of the AALS.