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Lawyers Club of San Diego Celebrates 35th Anniversary with Annual Dinner

SAN DIEGO (April 19, 2007) - The Lawyers Club 35th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Dinner will take place on May 11, 2007 at the U.S. Grant Hotel, located at 326 Broadway in downtown San Diego. The location of the event is of particular significance, since, in 1971, three of Lawyers Club's founding members were refused service at the Grant Grill, which had a policy of allowing "Men Only" until 3pm. Judith McConnell, Elaine Alexander and Lynn Schenk challenged the legality of the restaurant's "Men Only" policy. Lunch was ultimately served to all three of them. On May 11th, Lawyers Club and the U.S. Grant Hotel salute these women and their contribution to equal rights.

Chief Judge Mary M. Schroeder of the Ninth Circuit will be making the keynote address. Hon. Schroeder has served on the Ninth Circuit since 1979 and as Chief Judge since December 2000. She has earned numerous awards during her tenure but is probably best known for her candid and inspiring remarks.

Lilys McCoy will receive Lawyers Club's *Belva Lockwood Award*, which was established to recognize members who have made outstanding contributions to the organization. Since joining the California Bar in 1991, Ms. McCoy has worked with Lawyers Club Legislation Committee to help make our laws work better for women and encourage equality. She has also served on the Judicial Endorsements Committee, which communicates directly with the governor's judicial appointments secretary. Ms. McCoy served on Lawyers Club's Board of Directors for three years and was its President from 2002-2003.

Lawyers Club will also be awarding two Community Service Awards during the dinner, one to an individual and one to an organization. The individual award will be given to Sheree Swetin, who is the Executive Director of the San Diego County Bar Association, as well as a mother of two daughters. Ms. Swetin has volunteered with organizations as varied as the Girl Scouts to chairing the annual fundraiser at her temple to sitting on the Board of San Diego Teen Court, to name just a few of the associations who have benefited from her commitment to both family and community.

Casa Cornelia will receive the Community Service Award for an organization. Casa Cornelia provides legal services to the victims of human and civil rights violations. Its primary commitment is to indigents within the immigrant community of Southern California. Casa Cornelia was started in 1992 and continues to help an underserved population by advocating for its clients and educating the public on how immigration law and policy impact our community.

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Details of this event are as follows: A V.I.P. reception begins at 5:00 pm; the cocktail reception begins at 5:30 pm and dinner starts promptly at 6:30 pm. Tickets cost \$100 and firm or individual sponsorships are available. For Tickets, call (619) 595-0650 or book on-line at info@lawyersclubsandiego.com. Please book early, as space is limited.

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