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Loyola University Chicago School of Law Appoints New Cooney & Conway Chair in Advocacy *Long-Time Litigator and Jenner & Block Veteran Named to Prestigious Position*

CHICAGO, March 31, 2009 – Loyola University Chicago is pleased to announce that Barry Sullivan, of Jenner & Block, has been named the School of Law’s first Cooney & Conway Chair in Advocacy. A renowned litigator, scholar, and teacher, Sullivan will assume the chair on July 1, 2009.

Sullivan, a litigator specializing in appellate and supreme court cases, comes to Loyola with an impressive list of accomplishments. He is a partner in the Chicago office of Jenner & Block and a long-time leader of its appellate and supreme court practice. Equally at home with public law and business litigation, Sullivan’s practice has repeatedly taken him to the United States Supreme Court, numerous state supreme courts, and state and federal appellate courts. He began his career as a law clerk to the legendary Judge John Minor Wisdom of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and he later served as an assistant to the U.S. Solicitor General.

“Advocacy is one of the cornerstones of the law school,” says David Yellen, dean of Loyola’s School of Law. “It’s an enormous accomplishment for Loyola to add a nationally prominent litigator and legal scholar, such as Barry Sullivan, to our faculty as the Cooney & Conway Chair in Advocacy. He will certainly add to Loyola’s rich history of producing outstanding trial attorneys and litigators.”

In addition to private practice, Sullivan has worked in the government sector and has been involved in university teaching and administration. Most recently, he taught part-time at the University of Chicago, where he is currently senior lecturer in the Irving B. Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies. He has served as dean of the Washington and Lee University School of Law, where he also served as professor of law and vice president of the university. Additionally, Sullivan has been a visiting professor of law at Northwestern University, a Fulbright professor of law at the University of Warsaw, and a visiting fellow of the University of London.

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Sullivan was also founding chair of the American Bar Association's AIDS Coordinating Committee from 1988–1994. In 1987, Sullivan secured a reversal in a landmark death penalty case, *People v. Andrew Wilson*, the first conviction reversed because of torture in Chicago's Area 2 police district.

The Cooney & Conway Chair in Advocacy at Loyola University Chicago School of Law was established by John D. Cooney (JD '79), Robert J. Cooney Jr. (JD '78), Kevin J. Conway (JD '76), all alumni of the School of Law. Cooney & Conway, one of the country's leading plaintiff's personal injury law firms, is a national leader in catastrophic injury and mass tort litigation

“Bob, Kevin, and I are honored that Barry Sullivan, a nationally recognized advocate, Fulbright professor, and former dean of Washington and Lee University Law School has been named the Cooney & Conway Chair in Advocacy,” says John Cooney. “We proudly support the scholarship and teaching of legal advocacy in the great tradition of Loyola's School of Law.

Sullivan has written extensively in the areas of administrative and constitutional law, employment law, appellate practice, and the legal profession. His work has appeared in many leading journals in the United States and Europe. He currently serves on the editorial board of the *Dublin University Law Journal* and has been a guest editor of *Law and Contemporary Problems* and *Human Rights*. He received a BA with high honors from Middlebury College and a JD from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was a national honor scholar and associate editor of the *Law Review*. He first joined Jenner & Block in 1975.

“I could not be more pleased about joining Loyola's prestigious law school,” Sullivan says. “I first taught at Loyola as an adjunct in 1979, and I thought that it was a great law school then. It's an even better law school today, and one that is really ‘on the move.’ The faculty and students are outstanding, and I look forward to working closely with them. My own academic interests are in constitutional argument and advocacy, and Loyola has extraordinary depth in both areas, so it seems a great fit. I'm particularly grateful to the donors of the Cooney & Conway chair for making all this possible.”

About Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Loyola's School of Law has been educating students across the country and around the world for 100 years. The school offers full- and part-time Juris Doctor programs, with specialized certificates available in advocacy, child and family law, health law, international law and practice, and tax law. For attorneys pursuing advanced legal education, the school offers Master of Laws programs in business law, child and family law, health law, and tax law. In addition, the school offers the Master of Jurisprudence for non-attorney professionals in business, child and family law, and health law, as well as two doctoral degrees focusing on health law and policy (SJD and DLaw).

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