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Loyola University Chicago School of Law Receives Historic Gift
Famed Trial Lawyer Philip H. Corboy Honored with Building Naming Rights

CHICAGO, September 14, 2009 – Loyola University Chicago’s School of Law is pleased to announce that Philip H. Corboy and Mary A. Dempsey have made the largest single gift in the law school’s history. In recognition of Mr. Corboy’s inspiring career and long-time support of the law school, the building that currently houses the School of Law at 25 East Pearson Street will be renamed the ***Philip H. Corboy Law Center***.

"I am extremely grateful for Phil and Mary's historic gift to the School of Law," says Loyola's President Michael J. Garanzini, S.J. "This gift is an example of their commitment to the law school's national reputation for educating lawyers who are persons for others. We couldn't be more proud that our facility will carry the Corboy name, which is synonymous with excellence in the courtroom and leadership in the legal community."

"Phil Corboy has been the leading personal injury lawyer in Chicago for more than 50 years," says David Yellen, dean of the School of Law. "He has been a transformative leader in his field and has influenced generations of trial lawyers around the country. It is exciting and appropriate that our building will bear his name, and we are deeply grateful to Phil and Mary for their support."

Philip H. Corboy is a founding partner of the Chicago law firm Corboy & Demetrio, and a 1949 graduate of Loyola’s law school. He is widely recognized as one of the greatest trial lawyers of his generation, as evidenced by the *National Law Journal* listing him among the top 100 most influential lawyers in the country. Corboy was the first personal injury lawyer to be elected Chicago Bar Association president, and among the first personal injury lawyers in the country to win a million-dollar jury verdict. He has served as general counsel to the Illinois Democratic Party, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association president, chair of the ABA Section on Litigation, chair and lifetime board member of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, and he was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court as a member of the first committee on Illinois Pattern Jury Instruction.

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“I received a magnificent education at Loyola’s law school that prepared me for a career representing brave and injured people and their families,” says Corboy. “Thanks to Loyola, I formed lifelong friendships with respected faculty members and many talented students who went on to become some of Chicago’s finest lawyers. My continued involvement with Loyola is a result of my tremendous admiration for its commitment to teaching lawyers how to seek justice and how to help others. My wife and I are privileged to support the law school’s mission to educate future generations of great lawyers for Chicago and for our nation.”

Philip H. Corboy’s leadership and generosity over the years have been instrumental in maintaining Loyola’s reputation for excellence in trial advocacy. In 1995, Corboy created the Philip H. Corboy Fellowship in Trial Advocacy program at Loyola to support and train students who aspire to careers as trial lawyers. As a result of this exceptional program, more than 100 Loyola law students have received scholarship assistance, in addition to some of the best advocacy training in the nation.

Corboy is also donating his papers to Loyola, which will be housed in the School of Law’s library. “Phil’s papers will be important to scholars for many years,” says Yellen. “His career has already been the subject of a book-length study through the American Bar Foundation.”

A dedication of the Philip H. Corboy Law Center will take place later this fall. Corboy’s naming gift will be used to support ongoing renovations of the building, new faculty hiring, and student scholarships.

About the 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).

About Loyola University Chicago

Committed to preparing people to lead extraordinary lives, Loyola University Chicago, founded in 1870, is the nation’s largest Jesuit, Catholic university. Enrollment is more than 15,600 students, which includes more than 10,000 undergraduates hailing from all 50 states and 82 countries. The University has four campuses: three in the greater Chicago area and one in Rome, Italy. Loyola also serves as the U.S. host university to The Beijing Center for Chinese Studies in Beijing, China. Loyola’s ten schools and colleges include arts and sciences, business administration, communication, education, graduate studies, law, medicine, nursing, continuing and professional studies, and social work. Loyola offers 71 undergraduate majors, 71 undergraduate minors, 85 masters

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degrees, and 31 doctoral degrees. Loyola is consistently ranked among the "top national universities" by *U.S. News & World Report*, and the University was named a "best value" in their 2010 rankings. In addition, Loyola is among a select group of universities recognized for community service and engagement by prestigious national organizations like the Carnegie Foundation and the Corporation for National and Community Service. For more information about Loyola, please visit LUC.edu.

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