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Loyola University Chicago School of Law Appoints Chair in Constitutional Law

National Scholar Joins School of Law In Leading its New Constitutional Law Program

CHICAGO, April 28, 2008 – Loyola University Chicago is pleased to announce that John E. Nowak has been named the School of Law’s first Raymond and Mary Simon Chair in Constitutional Law. A renowned national scholar in constitutional law, Nowak will assume the chair on July 1, 2008.

Nowak comes to Loyola University Chicago with a distinguished record of scholarship in the constitutional law field. He is the David C. Baum Professor Emeritus at the University Of Illinois College Of Law, and has been a visiting professor at the University of Michigan. He has served as the Lee Distinguished Visiting Professor at the College of William & Mary, and the Williams Visiting Professor at the University of Richmond.

Professor Nowak has written numerous articles, and lectured extensively on constitutional law topics. In addition, he has co-authored both single and multi-volumes reference books on constitutional law. Law publisher, Thomson-West, recently published the fourth edition of the six-volume *Treatise on Constitutional Law* that Professor Nowak co-authored with Professor Ronald Rotunda of George Mason University.

“John Nowak’s agreeing to become the inaugural Raymond and Mary Simon Chair in Constitutional Law is a real coup for us,” said David Yellen, Dean of the Loyola University Chicago School of Law. “He is one of the giants in the field of constitutional law.”

The Raymond and Mary Simon chair in Constitutional Law was established in 2007 by the Helen V. Brach Foundation to honor its retiring president, Raymond F. Simon. In addition to researching, teaching, and publishing in the area of constitutional law, the Raymond and Mary Simon Chair will develop and plan conferences, speaker series, and other programs in the field.

“Mary and I are extremely grateful to the Helen V. Brach Foundation for this generous gift, and delighted that a distinguished national scholar such as John Nowak will be joining Loyola’s law faculty to fill this important chair position,” said Raymond Simon.

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Nowak is a member of the American Law Institute and a past member of committees of the Association of American Law. He has served as a reporter on the Speedy Trial Act Planning Group for the United States District Courts of Illinois, and as a reporter for the National Center for State Courts' Task Force on Courts in the American System of Government. He is a former member of the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Jury Instructions on Criminal Cases, and the Infractions Committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Nowak earned his AB from Marquette University and his JD from the University of Illinois. He served as a law clerk for the late Justice Walter V. Schaefer of the Supreme Court of Illinois.

"I am honored to join the faculty of the Loyola School of Law, and to have my name associated with Raymond and Mary Simon, who have contributed so much to society," said Professor Nowak. "I look forward to working with Dean Yellen, Provost Wiseman, and President Garanzini to bring the excellence of the faculty and student body of the Loyola School of Law to the attention of our many constituencies."

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).

About Loyola University Chicago

Committed to preparing people to lead extraordinary lives, Loyola University Chicago was founded in 1870 and is the nation's largest Jesuit, Catholic University. Loyola has a total enrollment of more than 15,500 students, which includes nearly 10,000 undergraduates hailing from all 50 states and 82 foreign 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 master's degrees, and 31 doctoral degrees. Recognizing Loyola's excellence in education, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Loyola consistently among the "top national universities," and named the University a "best value" in its 2008 rankings. For more information, please visit LUC.edu.

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