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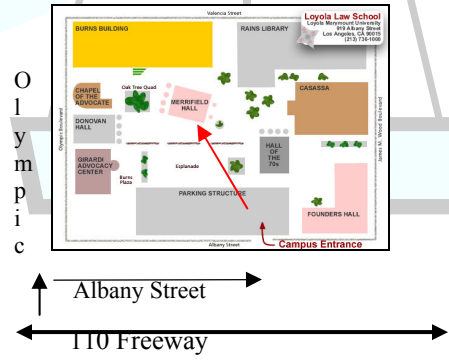
**Judicial Independence  
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AGENDA

- 9:30 — 9:45 Registration
- 9:45 — 10:00 Welcome
- 10:00 — 11:30 **“Challenges and Judicial Pressures”**  
Moderator: Judge Terry Smerling  
Panelists: Loyola Dean David Burcham  
 Justice Candace Cooper  
 Loyola Professor Allan Ides  
 Justice Joan Dempsey Klein
- 11:45 — 1:15 Lunch  
**“The View From the Supreme Court”**  
 California Supreme Court Justice  
 Carlos Moreno
- 1:30 — 3:00 **“Options and Potential Solutions”**  
Moderator: Justice Norman Epstein  
Panelists: Judge Harold Cherness  
 Metropolitan News, Jo-Ann Grace  
 U.C. Davis Professor Cruz Reynoso  
 Attorney Stephen Rohde.  
 Attorney John Van de Kamp
- 3:00 Wrapup

**Saturday, January 27, 2007**  
**Loyola Law School**  
**919 Albany Street**  
**Los Angeles**  
**9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

*Directions to Loyola Law School*  
 110 Freeway, Olympic Blvd Exit (West), right on Albany Street,  
 enter through parking structure. Cross plaza to Merrifield Hall  
 Parking and buildings are wheelchair accessible.



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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



### **Associate Justice Carlos R. Moreno, California Supreme Court**

Justice Carlos R. Moreno earned a B.A. degree from Yale University in 1970 and a J.D. degree from Stanford Law School in 1975. He joined the Los Angeles City Attorney's office, then went into private practice in 1979. He was appointed to the Los Angeles Municipal Court in 1986, and was elevated to Superior Court Judge in 1993. In 1998, he was confirmed to the US District Court for the Central District of California. He became an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California in 2001.

## PANEL II



**Moderator, Judge Terry Smerling, California Superior Court, LA County.** Judge Smerling earned a B.A. degree from U.C. Berkeley in 1967 and a J.D. degree from Columbia Law School in 1970. He became a staff/directing attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Long Beach and then became Assistant Legal Director of the ACLU of Southern California. Judge Smerling has been a Judge since 1982 when he joined the Los Angeles Judicial District Municipal Court, and has been with the Superior Court since 1989 where he handles felony criminal matters.



**Dean David Burcham, Loyola School of Law, Sr. Vice President, Loyola Marymount University Law School.** Earned a BA from Occidental College. J.D. from Loyola Law School.. Served as law clerk to the Honorable Ruggero J. Aldisert, Chief Judge of the US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and then as law clerk to Justice Byron R. White of the US Supreme Court. Prior to joining the faculty in 1991, Burcham practiced in the areas of labor and employment law with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Los Angeles. Burcham was appointed the 15th dean of Loyola Law School in 2000.



**Presiding Justice Candace D. Cooper, Division Eight:** Active in judicial education, Justice Cooper has served as a faculty member for the Continuing Judicial Studies Program, the Judicial College, and the New Judges Orientation. Since the fall of 2004 she has been a member of the California Judicial Council, the policymaking body of the California Courts. She served on the LA Municipal Court, Presiding Judge of the Santa Monica Municipal Court, and served as President of the California Judges Association. Justice Cooper now serves as Presiding Justice of Division Eight of the Second Appellate District.



**Allan Ides, Professor of Law and William M. Rains Fellow, Loyola School of Law.** Earning a B.A. from UCLA, MA from Loyola Marymount Univ., and J.D. summa cum laude from Loyola Law School, Allan Ides served as a law clerk to the Honorable Clement F. Haynsworth, Jr., chief judge of the US Court of Appeals, clerked for the Hon. Byron R. White, Assoc. Justice of the US Supreme Court. Ides was an associate with Hufstедler, Miller, Carlson & Beardsley, joining the Loyola Law School faculty shortly thereafter, joined the law school faculty at Washington & Lee in Virginia, returning to LA and to Loyola..



**Presiding Justice Joan Dempsey Klein, California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Three.** Graduated from San Diego State with a B.A., and UCLA Law School with an LL.B. Served as a state deputy attorney general, appointed to the Los Angeles Municipal Court becoming the Presiding Judge. Justice Klein was co-founder and first president of the National Assoc. of Women Judges and founding president of California Women. Elected to LA Superior Court and appointed to state Court of Appeal as a Presiding Justice in April 1978.

### **Special Thanks to Our Supporters:**

*Los Angeles County Bar Association,, Culver-Marina Bar Association, Mexican-American Bar Association, Women Lawyers Association (LA & USC), Brennan Center, Justice at Stake, Common Cause, California Voter Empowerment Circle*

## Panel II



**Moderator, Justice Norman Epstein, Presiding Justice Court of Appeal; Second Appellate District, Division Four.** Earning undergraduate and law degrees at UCLA, he became a Deputy Attorney General of California, trial counsel for several state agencies, first chief counsel and Vice Chancellor of state university system. He has been a member of the California Judicial Council and Executive Board of CA Judges Assoc. Justice Epstein served in the LA Municipal Court, LA Superior Court, Court of Appeal prior to his present position as Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeal.



**Judge Harold I. Cherness (retired).**

An alumni of UCLA for undergraduate degrees, and USC Gould School of Law for graduate degree. Judge Cherness served in the U.S. Army. Subsequently he was appointed to the Municipal Court, then Superior Court in Culver City handling long-term civil cases. He received “Judge of the Year” awards from both the Lawyers Club of Los Angeles and the Criminal Courts Bar Association. Judge Cherness retired from the Superior Court in Culver City in 1994. Since 1995 he has been sitting on assignment in various courts throughout the region.



**Jo-Ann Grace, President and General Counsel, Metropolitan News Company.** Attorney Grace earned an AB in political science from USC, JD from University of Texas School of Law. Practiced law in Texas and California. Served as attorney for the IRS. Attorney Grace is a life member of both the LA County Bar Foundation, CA Women Lawyers Assn of LA, has served as President of the Italian American Lawyers Association and Commissioner of the State Bar Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation.



**Professor Cruz Reynoso, Professor of Law U C Davis.** Graduated with an AB from Pomona College in Claremont, an LLB from UC Berkeley. Beginning as a Director of CA Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, he then alternated between Prof. of Law at Univ of New Mexico and UCLA School of Law and Associate Justice of the Third District Court of Appeal and the CA Supreme Court, currently the Boochever and Bird Chair for the Study and Teaching of Freedom and Equality at UC Davis.. In 2000 he earned the Presidential Medal of Freedom



**Stephen F. Rohde, Esq.** Attorney Rohde received his B.A. in Political Science from Northwestern University in 1966 and his J.D. degree from Columbia Law School in 1969. He is a constitutional lawyer, lecturer and writer, a senior partner with the law firm of Rhode & Victoroff in Century City.. He is a past President of the Beverly Hills Bar Association and the ACLU of Southern California. He has written numerous articles and book reviews, and received the 2004 First Amendment Award from the ACLU Foundation of Southern California.



**Attorney John Van de Kamp.** Graduated from Dartmouth College and Stanford Law School. He served as assistant U.S. Attorney, federal public defender, District Attorney in LA County, and California’s Attorney General. After retiring from public office, attorney Van de Kamp entered private law practice and recently served as California State Bar President.

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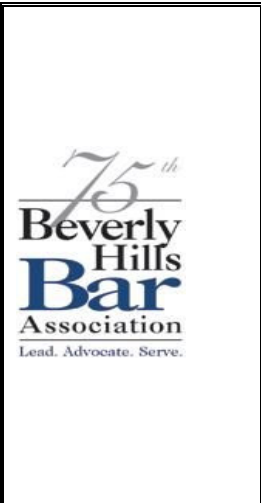
If there is space available, there will be an additional charge of \$25 for those registering at the door.

**GENERAL ATTENDANCE (includes lunch and parking)**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
Reservations (lunch & parking incl) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 Total \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to LWVLA and send with form to  
LWVLA, 3250 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1005, Los Angeles CA 90010

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**FOR THOSE WISHING TO RECEIVE MCLE CREDIT ONLY**  
**(includes lunch and parking)**



*This activity has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of California in the amount of **5 Hours** and the Beverly Hills Bar Association certifies that this activity conforms to the standards for approved education activities prescribed by the rules and regulations of the State Bar of California governing minimum continuing legal education.*

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