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Malibu, California

*Co-sponsors: Christian Legal Society
and Jewish Law Students Association*

“BLESSED ARE THE
PEACEMAKERS, FOR
THEY SHALL BE CALLED
CHILDREN OF GOD.”
(Matthew 5:9)

Lawyers, Faith, and Peacemaking—the title of this conference brings together three concepts that generally are not considered in the same phrase.

Lawyers in an adversarial justice system are in the conflict business. Many people do not see a lawyer until conflict erupts, and they often anticipate that the lawyer will escalate hostilities, not make peace. Religious disputes have been the source of conflict, both within and between religious faiths. But our religious traditions call us to peace. The prophet Isaiah said, “The work of righteousness shall be peace.” Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.” And our religious traditions have resources for resolving conflict and promoting peace. Many of our greatest cultural conflicts cut across religious lines, and religious faith could be a source of reconciliation. This conference will consider ways that lawyers and religious faith can be sources of peace.

The common image of the lawyer is that of combatant, but much of the work of lawyers serves the ends of peace. Litigation itself is an alternative to violent resolution of conflict and more than 90 percent of litigated cases are settled. Though they are not often thought of as peacemakers, good transactional lawyers avoid conflict by putting together deals in ways that are designed to avoid conflict from the beginning. Good lawyers bring important skills to the project of peacemaking, including the ability to identify the sources of conflict, organize complex situations, narrow the issues, bring law and other social norms to address emotionally driven conflicts, and creatively identify stable solutions.

At this conference we will explore some of the most difficult conflicts facing us today, at the local, national, and international levels. We will consider how lawyers can draw on their religious traditions in ways that will help to resolve conflicts.

We hope that you can join us for what we are confident will prove to be a challenging and encouraging conference.

Robert F. Cochran, Jr.

Louis D. Brandeis Professor of Law and
Director, Institute on Law, Religion, and Ethics

Peter Robinson

Associate Professor of Law and
Acting Director, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution

“THE WORK OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS
SHALL BE PEACE.”
(Isaiah 32:17)

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2006

8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Keynote Speakers

Rabbi Yitzchok Adlerstein, the Sydney M. Irmas Chair in Jewish Law and Ethics at Loyola Law School, directs the Simon Wiesenthal Center’s Project Next Step, an educational outreach in Los Angeles.

Rodolpho Carrasco, executive director, Harambee Christian Family Center, Pasadena, California, seeks racial reconciliation and develops indigenous leadership. *Christianity Today* recently named him one of “50 Leaders Under the Age of 50 to Watch.”

Rt. Reverend Archimandrite Alexei Smith, pastor of Saint Andrew Russian Greek Catholic Church in El Segundo, is the director of the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

11:00 a.m. Peacemaking in the Ordinary Practice of Law

Josh Hofheimer, partner, Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood, is a Dartmouth College and Harvard Law graduate, and practices in the technology and intellectual property areas.

William Bollard, of Julander, Brown & Bollard, handles international business and litigation matters. His work negotiating for American citizens in international crises has been featured on *Dateline NBC* and in other media.

Julie J. Shemitz, assistant United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice, Central District of California, will discuss three cases in which she as a prosecutor helped enable addicted defendants to get back on their feet.

Samuel B. Casey, the executive director of the Christian Legal Society, is a conciliation coach with Peacemaker Ministries. Previously, he served as partner with Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, and as the dean of Trinity Law School.

12:45 p.m. Lunch

A STORY OF FORGIVENESS

In June of 1991, four gunmen invaded the home of Cheryl Ward-Kaiser. They shot and killed her husband and raped her daughter in front of her, in hopes of getting Cheryl to point them to the family safe. There was no safe. The assailants got the wrong house. Join us on Saturday morning and hear Cheryl tell her story of this experience, the pain of the trial that followed, her search for the ability to forgive, and her visit in prison with one of the assailants.

2:30 p.m. Moslem/Christian Dialogue on Peacemaking

Glen H. Stassen, the Lewis B. Smedes Professor of Christian Ethics at Fuller Theological Seminary, is the author of *Just Peacemaking: Transforming Initiatives for Justice and Peace*.

Riffat Hassan is a native of Pakistan and professor of religious studies and humanities at the University of Louisville, Kentucky. She has authored eight books and has lectured throughout the world on various aspects of Islam.

3:45 p.m. Peacemaking in the Family and the Religious Congregation

Antonio Mendoza, Professor of Law, Pepperdine University, teaches international business and cross-cultural dispute resolution courses, and conducts seminars for Hispanic pastors on dispute resolution within the church.

Ronald M. Supancic practices collaborative law, a new and promising form of family dispute resolution. He was selected by fellow attorneys as one of Los Angeles' "Super Lawyers" for the 2004 edition of *LA Magazine*.

Lynn Pace graduated from Harvard Law School, practiced with Baker & McKenzie in Washington, D.C., and currently oversees dispute resolution training for Peacemaker Ministries.

5:15 p.m. Reception

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Jewish and Christian Break-out Groups

(both groups are open to all interested persons)

Torah Discussion—*Samuel Levine*

Rabbi and Associate Professor of Law, Pepperdine University

Evening Prayer—*Glandion Carney*

Chaplain, Christian Legal Society



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2006

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Crime, Punishment, and Reconciliation

Ron Claassen, a Mennonite, is director of the Center for Peacemaking and Conflict Studies at Fresno Pacific University, where he teaches restorative justice, a form of criminal alternative dispute resolution that brings victims and offenders together.

Cheryl Ward-Kaiser will tell the story of the murder of her husband and the rape of her daughter. She is now a restorative justice advocate.

11:15 a.m. Faith and Peacemaking in Family Law and Civil Litigation

Nancy Wieben Stock is the presiding judge-elect of the Orange County Superior Court. She has presided over a broad range of cases, including family, civil, and felony matters. Prior to assuming the bench, she was a federal prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles.

Francisco Firmat is the family court supervising judge in Orange County. He brings together working groups of family lawyers, clergy, and psychologists to address family conflict problems. He teaches a variety of churches on the spirituality of St. Francis.

Judith A. Williams is a mediator and collaborative law family attorney. Her practice has been the subject of articles in the *Orange County Register*, the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, and the *Los Angeles Times*.

Byron Beam is a civil litigation attorney with the firm of Beam, Brobeck & West. He is a graduate of USC and Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law.

1:00 p.m. Lunch

Luncheon Address—*Dean Kenneth W. Starr, Pepperdine University School of Law*
“The Law as Peacemaker”

2:00 p.m. Recreational Time

6:30 p.m. Optional Dinner at Beau Rivage Restaurant, Malibu, California

MCLE CREDIT

This conference has been approved by the State Bar of California for Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) credit for 6 credit hours on Friday and 3 credit hours on Saturday, which count toward the ethics requirement. Pepperdine University School of Law 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.

LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS

The conference will be held at Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, California. The weather in February is typically sunny and pleasant, in the mid-70s during the day and the 50s at night. The campus is 45 minutes up the coast from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Hotels in the area range from \$60 to \$220 per night. Visit law.pepperdine.edu/visitors. Limited free student housing is available in private homes.

REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

NONSTUDENT OPTIONS Conference fee includes breakfasts, snacks, lunches, and Friday dinner. \$125.00

Optional Saturday dinner at Beau Rivage \$65 x ____ (no. of additional guests) \$ _____

Name of Guest(s): _____

Total Amount: _____

STUDENT OPTIONS Conference fee includes breakfasts, snacks, lunches, and Friday dinner. \$50.00

Optional Saturday dinner at Beau Rivage \$65 x ____ (no. of additional guests) \$ _____

Name of Guest(s): _____

Total Amount: _____

Please check all that apply—I plan to attend: Sessions on Friday Sessions on Saturday

Friday evening Christian prayer service Friday evening Jewish Torah discussion

Please provide: vegetarian meals. *For kosher meals, please see “Note to Our Jewish Colleagues” below.

Payment by: VISA MasterCard Enclosed check (payable to Pepperdine University)

Name (as it appears on card): _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

**Note to Our Jewish Colleagues – In consultation with rabbi and law professor Samuel Levine, we have tried to address the special concerns of our Jewish colleagues. Pepperdine Law School is located one-and-a-half miles from hotel accommodations (Malibu Beach Inn and Casa Malibu), which are within a few blocks of an Orthodox worship center. Pepperdine is one-quarter mile from a Reconstructionist synagogue. To request kosher meals, contact Rabbi Levine at 310.506.6892 or samuel.levine@pepperdine.edu.*

For further conference information and updates visit law.pepperdine.edu/ilre

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