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## **Professor Luz Herrera Appointed to Shriver Act Committee**

*Will Help Implement Programs for Low Income Client Legal Representation*

SAN DIEGO - Professor Luz Herrera of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law has been appointed to the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee.

Named for the father of California First Lady Maria Shriver, The Sargent Shriver Counsel Act "requires the California Judicial Council to develop pilot projects to provide legal representation to low-income parties on critical legal issues affecting basic human needs," according to Professor Herrera's official letter of appointment, signed by Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court Ronald George.

"I am honored by this appointment," said Professor Herrera. "The work of the Shriver Committee will help procure legal representation to thousands of low-income Californians that now obtain only legal information and guidance. I look forward to supporting the innovations that courts and legal services organizations will develop."

During the two year project, several legal services agencies will be selected to provide attorneys for low-income Californians who need representation in housing-related matters, domestic violence, civil harassment restraining orders, guardianship, conservatorship or child-custody matters. The pilot projects will be designed to address "substantial inequities in timely and effect access to justice in civil cases"...which often create an undue risk of erroneous court decisions.

Professor Herrera will serve on the committee for three years.

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**About Professor Herrera:** Professor Luz Herrera teaches Wills and Trusts, Professional Responsibility and seminars on community development, legal services delivery and professional responsibility. She is currently developing a community-based law clinic at TJSL, focusing on providing transactional legal services to low- and moderate-income clients. She serves on the ABA Standing Committee on Delivery of Legal Services and is a fellow of the Bellow Sacks Access to Civil Legal Services Program at Harvard Law School. Professor Herrera is a co-founder of Community Lawyers, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing legal service delivery in underserved communities. Her prior law practice experience includes running a solo law office in Compton, California, working on corporate real estate transactions for a large law firm, organizing for the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, and clerking at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office.

She is the recipient of the Latina Lawyers Bar Association of Los Angeles Francisca Flores Community Service Award in 2008 and the Guardian de la Justicia Award from Hispanic Bar Association in Orange County in 2009.