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Associate Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg to Appear at Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Women and the Law Conference

This Year's Theme - "Her Honor: Women in the Judiciary"

SAN DIEGO - Thomas Jefferson School of Law is proud to welcome honored guest U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg to its 13th annual Women and the Law Conference on Friday, February 8, 2013.

The conference, Her Honor: Women in the Judiciary will celebrate women judges and examine the importance of their role and will bring together prestigious jurists and distinguished academics to discuss this year's theme and reflect on the challenges and achievements of women judges and their effect on their legal systems. The conference will also look prospectively at the part women judges will play in developing stronger legal regimes.

Justice Ginsburg will bring her perspectives as a female member of the nation's highest court during a Q & A session in the afternoon. After her 2003 visit to Thomas Jefferson School of Law, Justice Ginsburg graciously created the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture Series, which has become the keynote presentation of this annual conference that focuses exclusively on issues related to gender and the law.

The 2013 Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecturer is Susan Williams, the Walter W. Foskett Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Constitutional Democracy at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. A former clerk of Justice Ginsburg, Professor Williams is the author of *Truth, Autonomy, and Speech: Feminist Theory and the First Amendment* (NYU Press 2004). She has also written numerous articles on constitutional law and feminist legal theory. She is currently advising constitutional reforms around the world, promoting a global perspective on women's equality. She will speak about the global impact that women in the judiciary can make on this process.

Former French Supreme Court Justice and French Cabinet Minister for European Union Affairs Noëlle Lenoir will be one of the participants on the morning panel focusing on international issues related to women in the judiciary. An afternoon panel will address domestic issues.

The conference will take place at Thomas Jefferson School of Law's new campus at 1155 Island Avenue in Downtown San Diego's East Village. Registered attendees will be provided with lunch, and the conference will be followed by a reception at which attendees may meet some of the speakers.

The deadline to register for the conference is February 1. The public is invited, but seating is limited.

See the conference website: www.tjssl.edu/conferences/wlc

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