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International Lawyers and Judges Take Part in UC Davis Mock Trial and Constitutional Law Project

DAVIS, CALIF.—They spend their summers in Davis learning about the U.S. legal system—its constitution, the Bill of Rights, and such pressing human rights issues as discrimination, free speech and other controversial legal matters. These 104 lawyers and judges come from around the world, 15 of them are Fulbright students, and their governments and employers have invested heavily in them so that they can come to the U.S. and study our dynamic and flexible legal system—a model in terms of equal protection and personal freedom. They are the best and brightest their countries have to offer.

They come from a wide spectrum of countries—the Czech Republic, Thailand, Brazil, the Philippines, Japan, Denmark, Jordan, Mexico, Taiwan, Korea, Denmark, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, New Zealand, Haiti, Macedonia, Chile, Estonia and other places around the globe—to participate in the annual Summer International Law Programs, and the Summer Master's in International Commercial Law, presented by UC Davis Extension in association with the UC Davis School of Law's King Hall, internationally-recognized for its outstanding faculty and focus on civil rights issues. These students will have the opportunity to participate in a mock murder trial and argue constitutional law issues before UC Davis Law School faculty later this month.

- **The Mock Trial** takes place on July 27th from 7-10 p.m. (Room 1100 of the Social Science and Humanities Building, UC Davis campus) and provides international students with the opportunity to actually sit on a jury panel and learn first hand about U.S. jurisprudence. The presiding judge will be Edward J. Imwinkelried, J.D., who

literally and figuratively wrote the book on scientific evidence. In fact the Supreme Court recently cited his book, *Scientific Evidence*, in its decision on expert testimony. Representing the Defense will be Michael Barth, Senior Counsel with the California Department of General Services. The prosecutor will be Christopher Carlson, Deputy District Attorney with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office. Participants of the Orientation in U.S.A. Law Program will be serving as members of the jury and acting as witnesses.

- **The Constitutional Law Project**, held on Friday, July 29th from 9-11:00 a.m. (Room 1100, Social Science and Humanities Building, UC Davis campus), provides international law students with the opportunity of arguing a U.S. Supreme Court case before a constitutional law judge. The focus will be on Bill of Rights issues. Students who come from other countries view the U.S. as a beacon for human rights issues, and in this project they have a chance to explore particular aspects of those liberties. Presiders will be Alan Brownstein, J.D., who specializes in First Amendment law and Rob Mikos, J.D., who served as law clerk for Chief Judge Michael Boudin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and was the John M. Olin Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in Law and Economics at the University of Michigan Law School.

All media are welcome.

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