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Steven S. Goldberg Award for Distinguished Scholarship To Be Presented at the 2007 ELA Annual Conference

DAYTON, Ohio—October 19, 2007—The Education Law Association (ELA) will present its inaugural *Steven S. Goldberg Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Education Law* at its Annual Conference in November of 2007. The award will be presented to Dr. Goodwin Liu of the University of California in Berkeley, California, at the ELA annual business meeting on November 16, 2007.

Goodwin Liu is an assistant professor of law at Boalt Hall, University of California. His primary areas of expertise are constitutional law, education policy, civil rights, and the Supreme Court. He has published widely on these subjects in books, law reviews, and general media including the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *Washington Post*. Along with Boalt Dean, Christopher Edley, Jr., Professor Liu is Co-Director of the Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute on Race, Ethnicity, and Diversity, a multidisciplinary think tank on civil rights law and policy. Professor Liu is the author of "Education, Equality, and National Citizenship," published in the *Yale Law Journal* (2006), which seeks to anchor a federal legislative duty to remedy educational inadequacy and inequality in the Fourteenth Amendment's Citizenship Clause. Before joining the Boalt faculty in 2003, Liu was an appellate litigator at O'Melveny & Myers in Washington. He clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg during the October 2000 Term and for Judge David Tatel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit from 1998 to 1999. He also served as Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education from 1999 to 2000 and as Senior Program Officer for Higher Education at the Corporation for National Service (AmeriCorps) from 1993 to 1995. Liu, a Rhodes Scholar, earned his B.S. from Stanford, M.A. from Oxford, and J.D. from Yale.

Christopher Borreca, Partner at Bracewell & Giuliani, LLP, in Houston, Texas, and President-Elect of ELA, comments, "The Education Law Association is extremely pleased with Professor Liu's selection as the inaugural recipient of the Goldberg award. As past president and committee member Philip T.K. Daniel stated, Liu's, 'Education, Equality, and National Citizenship,' provides a 'clear outline of the relationship between Constitutional intention and congressional interpretation and he does so through an elaboration of significant and recognizable federal case law.'"

The *Steven S. Goldberg Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Education Law* is intended to be presented annually in recognition of an outstanding article, book, book chapter, or other form of scholarly legal writing in the field of education law and recognizes a work of scholarly excellence that has an impact on education law. The award was established in memory of one of ELA's long-term members, Steven S. Goldberg, who taught education law for many years at Arcadia University and Rutgers University. Before he passed away in 2006, Steve expressed a desire to see the organization recognize exceptional talent and scholarly writing in the field of education law. Steve not only proposed this award, but he also endowed the award.

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