Justice Sandra Day O’Connor
To Speak at Renaming Ceremony for ASU Law School

TEMPLE, Ariz. - Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor will be the honored guest at a celebration of the renaming of the Arizona State University College of Law to Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law.

The ceremony will include remarks from Justice O’Connor; ASU President Michael M. Crow; Patricia White, Dean of the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law; Rush V. Mcrogregor, Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court; an alumnus of the College who was a clerk for Justice O’Connor; Robert Bulla, president of the Arizona Board of Regents; and third-year law student Alastair Gamble. We are happy to celebrate this permanent and living tribute to Justice O’Connor, one that will honor a native daughter who has provided extraordinary service to her state and country,” Crow said. “We are proud to associate ourselves and our school with the values that Justice O’Connor stands for, including integrity, public service, personal independence, the willingness to take risks, wonderful character and personal integrity, and an abiding commitment to justice and the rule of law.”

White praised Justice O’Connor and her exemplary career. “We are very excited about the opportunity to be the first law school named after a contemporary woman,” White said. “One cannot overestimate Justice O’Connor’s importance as a role model for women and how central her success has been to the acceptance of women in legal practice and the judiciary. “We are choosing to honor Justice O’Connor, and in so doing we honor ourselves.” White said. “We believe that our association with Justice O’Connor will help us gain recognition of the ASU College of Law, its accomplishments and what it stands for. We are confident that now and in the future, students, faculty and others will want to share in this association.”

Sandra Day O’Connor served as the first female Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States (1981 to 2006), and she was cited by Forbes magazine (2004) as the fourth most powerful woman in the United States and the sixth most powerful in the world. In her case-by-case approach to jurisprudence and her relatively moderate political views, O’Connor was the crucial swing vote of the Court for many of her final years on the bench.

O’Connor was born on March 26, 1930, in El Paso, Texas, and spent her early childhood in Drummond, Ariz., a small mining community where she was born. After reaching school age, she lived with her grandmother in El Paso. She attended Stanford University, where she received a B.A. in economics in 1950. She continued at Stanford for her law degree, completing the program in two years rather than the customary three. While in law school, she met John Jay O’Connor III, whom she married in 1952 and with whom she has three sons. O’Connor served as an Arizona assistant attorney general from 1955 to 1969, when she was appointed to a vacancy in the Arizona Senate. In 1974, she successfully ran for trial judge, a position she held until she was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals in 1979. In 1981, President Ronald Reagan nominated her to the Supreme Court. In September 1981, on a 99-0 confirmation vote, O’Connor became the Supreme Court’s 102nd justice and its first female member.

During her time on the court, O’Connor was regarded as a consummate compromiser. Her votes were generally conservative, but she frequently surprised observers with her political independence. In her later years on the Supreme Court, O’Connor’s voting record was pivotal. She joined four liberal judges on many 5-4 decisions including those of Grutter v. Bollinger (2003), which affirmed the right of state colleges and universities to use affirmative action in their admissions policies in order to promote racial diversity; and Gratz v. Bollinger (2003), which struck down the University of Michigan’s point-based affirmative action program, O’Connor’s vote was pivotal in both decisions.

Justice O’Connor won a reputation as a compromiser, increasing her political independence. In her later years on the Supreme Court, O’Connor was often critical of her colleagues’ politics.

As Associate Producer of the Academy Award winning documentary Mighty Times: The Children’s March, Andrew Ellis involved Pulitzer prize winning authors, surviving Civil Rights Movement leg, and some of the most recognizable voices in Hollywood today alongside neither before aired footage, pioneering re-enactments and previously unidentified, Movement “foot soldiers” to chronicle the shocking true story, the battle for Birmingham, Ala., in 1963. While an undergraduate at Northwestern University, Ellis was selected to spend a term in Northern Ireland working for an NGO that had a government mandate to go into the segregated Protestant and Catholic schools and produce a program designed to promote peace and reconciliation. “That was kind of a lot,” he admits, “but it was thrilling to see first-hand the life-changing impact a positive message effects. It’s essential to deliver.”

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HONORED

K Royal, Director of Pro Bono Programs and Student Life for the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, has been chosen as the Education Leader in the prestigious YWCA Tribute to Women Awards. In addition, Arizona Rep. Krysten Sinema, an alumna of the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, was chosen as the Emerging Leader. Marilyn Seymann, Associate Dean of External Affairs, was chosen Business Leader last year. The awards honor outstanding women in the community who have been inspirational role models in empowering women and eliminating racism. The awards will be presented at the YMCAs 14th Annual Tribute to Women Luncheon on March 8. Proceeds from the luncheon support a variety of programs including Heaven House, a domestic violence and homeless shelter for women and their children; and Valley West Senior Center, which provides hot meals, recreation and social programs for low-income senior; home delivered meals to impoverished elderly and disabled residents. The event is open to the public. To purchase tickets, go to www.ywca.org/maricopacounty, or call Dahlia Anderson, 602-258-0990.

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DESIGNING DOWNTOWN

Wellington Reiter, Dean of the School of Architecture and Design at Arizona State University, will speak on the revitalization of downtown Phoenix, at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14, in Armstrong Hall, Room 114. Downtown Phoenix -- home to many lawyers and law firms -- is changing at a breathtaking pace. Dean Reiter has played a key role in designing ASU’s downtown campus and shaping Phoenix’s future. He will discuss the exciting process of revitalizing our downtown, the role of lawyers in this collaborative effort, and the impact the new downtown will have on the surrounding local community. His PowerPoint presentation on visions for a renewed downtown will leave you feeling excited about living and working in Arizona’s capital city. Lunch will be served.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The results of pre-registration will be available on ASU Interactive http://www.asu.edu/interactive/?init=false on Saturday, Nov. 11. Beginning Monday, Nov. 13, drop/add will begin on ASU Interactive for students who participated in pre-registration. On Wednesday, Nov. 15, regular registration will begin for students who did not participate in pre-registration. Drop/add will continue through the first week of Spring classes for all students.

ASU Interactive hours of availability are: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m. – Noon; Sunday, Noon – 6 p.m. In addition, students wishing to change their lottery selections can do so by going to ASU Law Interactive https://www.law.asu.edu/Apps/InteractiveDefault.aspx, and selecting ‘Course Lottery’. From here you can add your name to lottery classes you did not originally select. If there are lottery classes you are no longer interested in, please drop your name from those classes. Students can make changes to their lottery choices until Tuesday, Nov. 14. Updated lottery results will be posted on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

CAREER SERVICES

Marketing Yourself to Legal Employers

First-year students encouraged to attend to learn how to “market themselves” and prepare for early opportunities and the upcoming Spring Recruitment season.

Monday, Nov. 13
12:15 - 1:15, Room 105

Preparing For Legal Interviews

All classes welcome! Interviewing from the law firm perspective. Presented by Lynne Traverse, Recruiting and Marketing Manager of Bryan Cave, LLP

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12:15 - 1:15, Room 105

Judicial Clerkships: The Judges’ Perspective

A panel of federal and Arizona state judges will discuss the judicial clerkship experience, responsibilities and projects of a judicial clerk within their respective courts, and suggestions for success in applying for judicial clerkships. All classes are welcome! The panelists will include: Judges Mary H. Murguia (U.S. District Court), W. Scott Bales (Supreme Court of Arizona) and Patricia A. Orozco (Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One).

Wednesday, Nov. 15
12:15 - 1:15, Room 105

Internships: Yuma County Legal and Public Defenders’ Office

Come learn about the paid summer internship opportunities with the Legal and Public Defenders’ Offices of Yuma County. These positions are for 1 and 2L students.

Thursday, Nov. 16
12:15 - 1:15, Room 114

Spring Recruitment & Symplicity Orientation Session

Information and procedures for first and second-year students interested in job searches and participating in the upcoming Spring Recruitment season and online software program; Symplicity.com.

Monday, November 20
12:15 - 1:15, Room 105

TRANSNATIONAL LAW IN ARIZONA

A panel on “Transnational Law in Arizona: A Conversation with Leading Practitioners” will be held at Noon on Thursday, Nov. 16 in Armstrong Hall, Room 114. The moderator will be Orde Krittie, associate professor of law, who practiced international law for 10 years at the U.S. Department of State. Panelists include: Mark Nadeau, who leads the international arbitration practice of the Squire Sanders firm, which has offices in the U.S., Europe, Asia and Latin America; Scott Crouzier, a 1978 graduate of the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, senior vice president and general counsel of Petmart, who previously served as vice president and general counsel for Phelps Dodge Corporation, a global mining and manufacturing company; Sean Bock, associate counsel, Cold Stone Creamery, who is responsible for all the company’s international legal issues and transactions, including trademark protection and international licensing and franchising issues involving Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and the Middle East; Keith Galbutt, Galbutt & Hunter, a 2003 graduate of the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, who has worked at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C.; and Shoshana Tancer, Galbutt & Hunter, whose practice is focused on international transactions and business immigration issues.

JURORS NEEDED (PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY)

The ASU Civil Justice Clinic is seeking law students to participate in two mock jury trials for the class entitled “Lawyering Theory and Practice.” The trials are from 6:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14 and Wednesday, Nov. 15 at Tempe Justice Court [on the southeast corner of Mc- Clintock and Broadway]. Participating students will sit as jurors and render a decision at the end of the trial. Each night is a complete trial, therefore volunteers need only participate in one night or the other. If interested in this pro bono activity, please contact Karen Barnett at karen.barnett@asu.edu.