



Loyola Law School Establishes Distinguished Professor of Law Chair

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The William H. Hannon Foundation has awarded a gift of \$3 million to Loyola Law School Los Angeles for the William H. Hannon Distinguished Professor of Law Chair, held by Richard L. Hasen. The Chair was announced at a ceremony held at the California Club in downtown Los Angeles on March 29, 2005.

Richard Hasen, a professor at Loyola Law School since 1998 and a William M. Rains fellow, is a nationally recognized expert on election law, campaign finance and voting rights. He is frequently involved in analyzing hot button issues at the intersection of law and politics, and has become a well known national advocate for reforming election



administration. He was a frequent commentator on the contested Florida recount in 2000 and on legal issues surrounding many other elections since then, both nationally and in the greater Los Angeles region. His writings on these topics have been published by major media outlets like the Los Angeles Times, Slate and Roll Call, and he is frequently cited in The New York Times, the Wall Street Journal and the Los Angeles Times.

Hasen is also the author *The Supreme Court and Election Law*, and the co-author of *Election Law: Cases and Materials*. Named one of the top 20 lawyers in California under 40, Hasen writes the widely-read and cited Election Law Blog (electionlawblog.org). He has a JD and PhD in political science from UCLA.

On the gift of the chair, David W. Burcham, Fritz B. Burns Dean at Loyola Law School, said, "We are exceedingly grateful to the William H. Hannon Foundation

for this important gift. Great law schools are built around great faculty and students, and this chair will help keep our faculty strong."

Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, president of the William H. Hannon Foundation, added, "My late uncle was passionate about education. Whether it's a child in kindergarten or a graduate student in law school, my uncle believed in focusing resources on the classroom. This chair, named in his honor, will continue his legacy. Our Foundation's board is pleased that the first recipient of the chair is Richard Hasen. His work, in the election arena, is fostering new debate on critical issues important to democracy. Loyola Law School is an exemplary institution and we are proud to support its growth through the William H. Hannon Distinguished Professor of Law Chair."