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California Attorney General Bill Lockyer to Join U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia at Chapman Law School Event Aug. 29

- Both will take part in centennial re-enactment of landmark Lochner v. New York Case.

Orange, Calif, August 1, 2005 California Attorney General Bill Lockyer announced today that he will join the cast of the Chapman University School of Laws re-enactment of a landmark U.S. Supreme Court case on Monday, Aug. 29 at 3:30 p.m. The event celebrates Chapman law schools 10th anniversary and is also part of the school's annual Madison Lecture event.

Lockyer joins U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia in the centennial re-enactment of the 1905 Lochner v. State of New York case. Scalia will take the role of Chief Justice Melville Warren Fuller, and Lockyer will act as counsel for the State of New York. Chapman law school professor John Eastman will argue on behalf of Joseph Lochner. Sitting as Associate Justices will be five senior Chapman law students and three senior legal studies undergraduates.

Seating for the re-enactment is in Memorial Hall's Chapman Auditorium; seating is not reserved and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Admission is free and open to the public. A live webcast is also planned, with details to be announced later.

A reception will follow the re-enactment, at 5 p.m in the Kennedy Hall lobby. At that time, the School of Laws new Milestones on the Road to Freedom Wall will be unveiled. A gift from Chapmans Town & Gown support group, the marble wall features texts of signal documents relating to law and freedom, from the Ten Commandments to the U.S. Bill of Rights.

At 7:30 p.m. Justice Scalia will give the annual Madison Lecture in Chapmans Memorial Hall. His topic will also revolve around the historic Lochner case. Admission is free and open to the public, and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The public can call (714) 628-2610 for more information.

The Case:

One hundred years ago, the outcome of the Lochner v. New York case in which the Court ruled that a law limiting bakers working hours violated bakery owners property rights and interfered with a right to contract implicit in the due process clause had repercussions that still echo today. Known for what some legal scholars consider to be the judicial activism of the majority, as well as the famous dissents by Oliver Wendell Holmes and John Marshall Harlan, Lochner which was overturned in 1937 remains central to current ideological battles over the Court's role in the conflict between the free-market and the regulatory state.

Attorney General Bill Lockyer:

Bill Lockyer became Californias 30th attorney general in 2002. A native Californian and graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, he earned his law degree from McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento while serving in the State Senate. He also received a teaching credential from California State University, Hayward. Lockyer's wife, Nadia, is a civil rights and public education attorney. Lockyer has a daughter, Lisa, an attorney who works at NASA Ames Research Center, and a son, Diego.