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ORANGE, Calif., Feb. 28, 2007  The third and final debate of the Immigration Reform: Hard Choices Facing America series at the Chapman University School of Law will be presented on Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m. in room 237 Kennedy Hall on the Chapman campus.

The topic will be Solutions: Where Do We Go From Here? and will feature Dr. Wayne Cornelius, Gildred Professor of Political Science and U.S.-Mexican Relations and director of the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies at UC San Diego; Dr. Frank Bean, Chancellors Professor in the School of Social Sciences and director of the Center for Research on Immigration, Population and Public Policy at UCI; and David Hirson, Esq., of Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP, past chair of the State Bar of California, International Law Section and the State Bars Immigration Law subcommittee. The debate will be moderated by Marshall Kaplan, executive director of the Merage Foundations and former dean of the University of Colorados Graduate School of Public Affairs.

The event is open to the public; general admission at the door is $20 (or free with Chapman student, faculty or staff I.D.). The debate series is presented by the Chapman School of Law and the Anti-Defamation League of Orange County. For more information, the public can call (714) 979-4733.

The three-part Immigration Reform debate series kicked off on December 14, 2006 with a standing-room-only forum between the Hon. Richard Lamm, former governor of Colorado, and the Hon. Jeffrey Davidow, former U.S. ambassador to Mexico, on the topic Can America Find an Effective and Fair Immigration Policy? The second debate, held Feb. 13, 2007 in front of an even bigger crowd, featured Orange County Sheriff Michael Carona facing off against Joseph Polisar, Chief of Police of the City of Garden Grove, on the topic Should Local Police Enforce Federal Law? At both debates, audience members participated in a lengthy question and answer session that demonstrated the divisiveness of the immigration issue. Both debates were covered by television, print and radio news outlets.

Each debate has been approved by the State Bar of California for Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) credit in the amount of 2 hours per debate.