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**Southern University Law Center
Fall Semester Opens August 12**

Baton Rouge, LA— Associate Justice John L. Weimer, III, of the Louisiana Supreme Court, Louisiana State Bar Association President Michael A. Patterson, and Christopher K. Jones of the LSBA Young Lawyers Section will address the 2010 incoming class of 350 entering students at the annual Law Center Orientation at 9 a.m., Thursday, August 12, in the Cotillion Ballroom of the Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union, Southern University, Baton Rouge, campus.

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., SBA president Charles Toney, and SULC faculty, staff, and alumni will greet the new students, who will participate in the Student Orientation on Professionalism, conducted by the LSBA Committee on the profession.

Elected to the Louisiana Supreme Court in 2001, Justice Weimer now serves a full ten-year term after being elected unopposed in 2002. A member of the Louisiana judiciary since 1995, Justice Weimer served as Judge pro tempore of the 17th Judicial District Court, Division D; was elected judge for the 17th Judicial District Court, Division A, in 1995 and re-elected in 1996 without

opposition, and was elected judge of the 1st Circuit Court of Appeal, District 1, Division B, in 1998.

Patterson, the 70th LSBA president, is a partner with Long Law Firm, L.L.P., in its Baton Rouge office. Patterson's practice is focused in business litigation, professional liability, discipline, mediation and settlement counsel. He has been mediating cases for more than 20 years and has handled cases in virtually every area of law. He is a panel member of the United States District Court Middle District Register of Neutrals, a panelist on the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Fee Dispute Resolution Program, and a mediation panel member of the American Arbitration Association.

Professor Donald North, a LSBA Committee representative, will give an introduction and overview of the orientation before the students attend breakout sessions conducted by volunteer alumni members of the bar.

General orientation for first-year evening students will begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, August 12, in SULC's A.A. Lenoir Hall. Orientation will continue with skills sessions at 9 a.m. Friday, August 13, at the Law Center. Registration will be held 9 a.m.- noon and 1:30-6:30 p.m., Monday, August 16, in the Law Center atrium. Classes will begin on Tuesday, August 17.

For more information, contact the Office of Records and Enrollment Management, (225) 771-5340; 1-800-552-5106 (in state) or 1-800-537-1135 (out-of-state). The fall semester textbook list is available on the Law Center website, www.sulc.edu.

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