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CONCORD LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES WINTER 2009 CLASS

Los Angeles, CA, March 2, 2009 – Concord Law School of Kaplan University celebrated the graduation of 141 students on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles. The graduating class included 99 graduates of the Juris Doctor program and 42 graduates who earned their Executive Juris Doctor degree.

“Concord Law School, the nation’s first fully online law school, has helped define the future of legal education by making it accessible and affordable for working professionals seeking to attain a professional law degree,” said Dean Barry Currier, JD, Concord’s President and Dean.

Nearly half of the graduates entered Concord with one or more graduate degrees, including eight medical doctors, seven PhDs, one veterinarian, and one dentist. The average Concord student is a mid-career professional who plans to use his or her legal education in their current work. For instance, the veterinarian is a regulatory agent for the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission and will use her law degree in legal research and consulting. Another graduate has a career spanning more than 20 years in the construction industry and plans to combine his legal education with that expertise. In this class, there are also a number of doctors and nurses who will mesh their legal education in health policy or related work. Others will start second or third careers as practicing attorneys.

Holly Fujie, president of the State Bar of California, served as the graduation speaker and administered the oath of admission to alumni who passed the California Bar.

“I’ve watched the development of Concord with great interest for a while now,” Fujie told the graduates. “This innovative and cutting-edge school is very impressive, and you [graduates] are lucky to be with this institution.”

Fujie, a frequent speaker on issues of diversity in the legal profession, also provided the graduates with a list of tips that she thought every good lawyer should follow.

About Concord Law School

Concord boasts an enrollment of 1,500 students across the country and around the world. Nearly 900 have completed the JD and EJD programs. A recent milestone was the school’s 10th anniversary, celebrated in 2008. The formal merger of Concord into Kaplan University in the fall of 2007 made Concord the first online law school to be part of a regionally accredited institution of higher education. Kaplan University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Concord is also accredited by the Accrediting Commission of the Distance Education and Training Council (DETC), a nationally recognized accrediting agency. Additionally, Concord is an institutional member of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the International Association of Law Schools. For more information, visit info.concordlawschool.edu.

About Kaplan Higher Education

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