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Touro Law and the Suffolk Bar Sponsor the Foreclosure Project

Students Members of the Local Community in Need While Gaining Hands-on Training Working With Volunteer Suffolk Bar Attorneys

Central Islip, NY – Touro Law students are assisting members of the local community while gaining hands-on experience in foreclosure and bankruptcy law through the Foreclosure Project, developed by Touro Law Center’s Real Estate Society and operated in conjunction with the Suffolk County Bar Association.

On Monday and Wednesday afternoons and evenings, volunteer Suffolk County attorneys and Touro Law students meet with local homeowners at the law school, up to 60 clients per week on average, to provide legal representation to community members. The goal of the meetings is to help familiarize homeowners with the foreclosure process, explain to them their legal rights, counsel them on their individual situations and, ultimately, help them save their homes. The program involves more than 100 volunteer attorneys and approximately 60 Touro Law students.

“This program is a great opportunity for our students to learn the law first-hand and make a real difference in the community,” said Thomas Maligno, Director of Public Service at Touro Law Center and Executive Director of the Public Advocacy Center. “The students are learning how to work with clients in crisis while learning the intricacies of foreclosure law. The program has helped students realize that the foreclosure crisis can happen to anyone – including people just like them and their family members. It also helps them to realize that lawyers can make a difference in people’s lives and individuals can work for positive changes.”

For more information about the Foreclosure Project, please Melissa McManaman at the Suffolk County Bar Association at (631) 234-5511.

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Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center’s 185,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility is located adjacent to both a state and a federal courthouse in Central Islip, New York. Touro Law’s proximity to the courthouses, coupled with programming developed to integrate the courtroom into the classroom, provide a one-of-a kind learning model for law students, combining a rigorous curriculum taught by expert faculty with a practical courtroom experience. Touro Law, which has a student body of approximately 750 and an alumni base of more than 5,000, offers full- and part-time J.D. programs, several dual degree programs and graduate law programs for US and foreign law graduates. Touro Law Center is part of the Touro College system.

Touro is a system of Jewish-sponsored non-profit institutions of higher and professional education. Touro College was established in 1971 primarily to enrich the Jewish heritage, and to serve the larger American community. Approximately 17,500 students are currently enrolled in its various schools and divisions. Touro College has branch campuses, locations and instructional sites in the New York area, as well as branch campuses and programs in Berlin, Jerusalem, Moscow, Paris and Florida. Touro University California and its Nevada branch campus, as well as Touro College Los Angeles, are separately accredited institutions governed in common by the same Board of Trustees as Touro College.