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Professor Sanford V. Levinson will Deliver the Inaugural Lecture in the Jewish Law Institute's Distinguished Lecture Series

Central Islip, NY—Professor Sanford V. Levinson will deliver the inaugural lecture in the Jewish Law Institute's Distinguished Lecture Series on October 10, 2011 at Touro Law Center at 12:30 pm.

Professor Levinson, who holds the W. St. John Garwood and W. St. John Garwood, Jr. Centennial Chair in Law at the University of Texas School of Law, will discuss his book *Constitutional Faith*, winner of the Scribes Award upon its publication in 1988, and soon to be reissued by Princeton University Press with additional applications to contemporary American politics. The lecture will focus, in part, on Levinson's insights into comparisons and contrasts between American constitutional interpretation and biblical interpretation, including Jewish interpretive tradition. Consistent with the work of the Jewish Law Institute, Levinson demonstrates the relevance of Jewish law and legal theory to our understanding of American law.

Sanford Levinson joined the University of Texas Law School in 1980. Previously a member of the Department of Politics at Princeton University, he is also a Professor in the Department of Government at the University of Texas. The author of over 350 articles and book reviews in professional and popular journals--and a regular contributor to the popular blog *Balkinization*—Levinson has edited and co-edited many books and is also the author of four books: *Constitutional Faith*; *Written in Stone: Public Monuments in Changing Societies*; *Wrestling With Diversity*; and, most recently, *Our Undemocratic Constitution: Where the Constitution Goes Wrong (and How We the People Can Correct It)*. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association in 2010.

He has been a visiting faculty member of the Boston University, Georgetown, Harvard, New York University, and Yale law schools in the United States and has taught abroad in programs of law in London; Paris; Jerusalem; Auckland, New Zealand; and Melbourne, Australia. He was a Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton in 1985-86 and a Member of the Ethics in the Professions Program at Harvard in 1991-92. He is also affiliated with the Shalom Hartman Institute of Jewish Philosophy in Jerusalem. A member of the American Law Institute, Levinson was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2001. He is married to Cynthia Y. Levinson, a writer of children's literature, and has two children, Meira, a member of the faculty at the Harvard Graduate School of Education (after teaching in the Atlanta and Boston public school systems), and Rachel, a lawyer with the American Association of University Professors in Washington, D.C.

Touro Law Center professor Samuel J. Levine is the director of the Jewish Law Institute. Professor Levine is a dedicated and accomplished professor of Jewish Law Studies. The Jewish Law Institute offers a scholarly and intellectual framework for the academic study of the Jewish Law experience. The Institute acts as a center for the study and teaching of Jewish law throughout the United States, bringing together leading scholars, teachers, and lawyers and acting as a clearinghouse for new ideas

and independent research. Its major goal is to make the Jewish legal tradition an active force in legal scholarship.

For additional information or to attend this lecture, please contact Courtney Klein at (631) 761-7064 or email events@tourolaw.edu.

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