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LACBA to Present its Shattuck-Price Outstanding Lawyer Award to Patrick M. Kelly and the Outstanding Jurist Award to Administrative Presiding Justice Elwood G. Lui

The awards will be presented during LACBA's Installation and Awards Dinner on Thursday, June 27, 2019

LOS ANGELES – APRIL 15, 2019 – The Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) will present its two highest honors – the Shattuck-Price Outstanding Lawyer Award to Patrick M. Kelly and the Outstanding Jurist Award to Administrative Presiding Justice Elwood G. Lui – during its 2019 Installation and Awards Dinner on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel.

The Shattuck-Price Outstanding Lawyer Award

Established in 1968 to honor two past presidents, Edward S. Shattuck and Ira M. Price II, who died in office, the Shattuck-Price Outstanding Lawyer Award is presented to a lawyer who has shown extraordinary dedication to the high principles of the legal profession and to improving the administration of justice.

This year's Shattuck-Price Outstanding Lawyer Award is being presented to Patrick M. Kelly in recognition of his dedication and service to the legal profession and the law. Among his many accomplishments, he served as LACBA President, a Trustee on two separate occasions, Chair of the Special Committee that developed *Los Angeles Lawyer* and the inaugural Chair of the magazine's editorial board. He is also a past President of Dispute Resolution Services, Chair of the Delegation to the Conference of Delegates and Chair of the Litigation Section, among numerous other section and committee positions he has held since joining LACBA in 1971. He was also a member of the Boards of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles and the Constitutional Rights Foundation and served as a Commissioner of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

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Mr. Kelly is also past President of the State Bar of California, a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and former President of the Professional Liability Underwriting Society. A frequent author and columnist, Mr. Kelly was an original co-author of the California Insurance Litigation Guide, the most-cited insurance treatise in the state.

While State Bar President, working with the American Board of Trial Advocates, Mr. Kelly led the effort to urge the Supreme Court to add the now familiar civility commitment to the Attorney Oath, and as a member of the Open Courts Coalition, urged better access to justice through improved court funding.

Mr. Kelly was also appointed by then California Governor Pete Wilson to serve as one of 11 members of the Commission on Judicial Performance, which disciplines California state judges and has the power to remove them from the bench. He served as Chair of the rules committee that rewrote the rules that guide the Commission. For his leadership in the courts, Mr. Kelly was elected to the California Judicial Council, the board chaired by the Chief Justice that oversees the California Judicial Branch, including all California courts.

Mr. Kelly has been with the law firm of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman and Dicker LLP since 1980, where from 1980 to 2013 he served as the firm's Western Region Manager and member of the firm's Executive Committee. He is now a Senior Counsel at Wilson Elser, focusing on defending individuals, companies, insurers and ski resorts in high-stakes professional, general, product, automotive, commercial liability and insurance coverage cases. He also represents insurance carriers in coverage and bad faith matters.

The Outstanding Jurist Award

LACBA will also present its Outstanding Jurist Award to Justice Elwood G. Lui, Administrative Presiding Justice of the Second Appellate District, in recognition of his contributions from the bench through judicial ability and experience, temperament and demeanor, knowledge of the law, improvement and education of the legal community and the practice of law.

Justice Lui has a long history of public service while engaged in the private practice of law. He is the Prison Compliance Officer in federal litigation concerning the overcrowded conditions in California state prisons; served as the Special Master of the State Bar Disciplinary System on two occasions; and as Interim Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services.

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He has also served on a number of nonprofit boards, including Advancing Justice, Los Angeles; Public Counsel; and Children Now. He has been active in the selection process for federal and state judicial positions at the request of the White House, California Senator Dianne Feinstein and several Governors.

Justice Lui has served on LACBA's Appellate Courts Committee/Section for over 30 years, was a founding member of the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association and received the Judge Delbert E. Wong Distinguished Service Award. He was a member of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and the California Academy of Appellate Lawyers. Chambers has listed him as a "Senior Statesman" of the California appellate bar and he was named to the *Daily Journal's* "Top 100 Lawyers in California" list on eight occasions.

Justice Lui previously served as a judicial officer between 1975 and 1987, as a member of the Los Angeles Municipal Court, the Los Angeles Superior Court, and as an Associate Justice in Division Three of this District. He also served as a member of the Judicial Council of California and as President of the California Judges Association.

He has been a LACBA member for nearly 40 years.

To purchase tickets to the 2019 Installation and Awards Dinner, please visit

www.lacba.org/Installation-2019.

About the Los Angeles County Bar Association

The Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) is one of the largest voluntary metropolitan bar associations in the nation and has nearly 20,000 members. LACBA is engaged in advancing the administration of justice and meeting the professional needs of lawyers. For more information on LACBA, visit www.lacba.org.

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