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March 29 Symposium at Rutgers Law School to Examine Impact of U.S. Supreme Court Decision on Race-based School Assignment Policies

NOTE: Media are invited to attend this event, which is free and open to the public.

Newark, NJ, March 11, 2008 – In June 2007, the U.S. Supreme Court held (in *Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District No. 1* and *Meredith v. Jefferson County Board of Education*) that school districts cannot use race as the sole factor in assigning students to public schools. On Saturday, March 29, *Rutgers Race and the Law Review*, a student-run publication at Rutgers School of Law–Newark, will devote its annual symposium to the broad implications of the decision and its impact on New Jersey schools.

What: “Equal Protection or Just ‘Separate but Equal’?: The future of diversity following *Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District*”

Who: **Panel 1: *Parents Involved in Community Schools*: The U.S. Supreme Court’s decision on race-based school assignment plans**

Prof. Angelo Ancheta, Santa Clara School of Law

Prof. Leslie Yalof Garfield, Pace Law School

Damon Hewitt (invited), NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund

Panel 2: *People Involved*: Implications of the Court’s Decision

Paul Beard, Pacific Legal Foundation

Anurima Bhargava (invited), NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund

Derrell Bradford, Excellent Education for Everyone

Prof. Cedric Powell, Louis D. Brandeis School of Law

Panel 3: *How are New Jersey Schools Affected?*

Patricia Bombelyn, Excellent Education for Everyone

Assemblywoman Mila Jasey (invited), Legislative District 27

Martin Perez, Latino Leadership Alliance of New Jersey

Prof. Paul Tractenberg, Rutgers School of Law-Newark and Institute for Education Law and Policy

Junius Williams (invited), Abbott Leadership Institute

When: 9 am – 3 pm, Saturday, March 29, 2008

Where: McCarter & English Lecture Hall (lower level), Rutgers School of Law-Newark

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