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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### LASC TO HOST THIRD YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Thursday, March 14, 2019, the Los Angeles Superior Court will host 150 young women from L.A. County high schools for the third Young Women's Leadership Conference. The event will take place at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles.

The purpose of the conference is to provide an opportunity for young women to learn about the legal profession and possibly a career on the bench.

"We hope these young women will be inspired by the judicial officers and professionals they meet and follow in their footsteps to careers in the law and as judicial officers," said Judge Yolanda Orozco, chair of the conference. "We hope the students in attendance gain the confidence to reach for the stars and not set arbitrary limitations on their future goals."

During the invitation-only event, the students will hear from a number of distinguished speakers, participate in question and answer sessions with speakers and panelists, and take part in breakout sessions with judicial officers and attorneys. Anticipated guest speakers, in order of appearance, include: from the Los Angeles Superior Court - Presiding Judge Kevin C. Brazile, Assistant Presiding Judge Eric C. Taylor, Judge Orozco, and Judge Nicole Bershon; Laurie Levenson, professor, Loyola Law School; and L.A. City Councilmember Nury Martinez.

There will be two panel discussions: a criminal justice panel moderated by Judge Bershon, and includes LAPD Deputy Chief Regina Scott, Acting Alternate Public Defender Erika Anzoátegui, Special Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Newman Gaines, and L.A. County Chief Probation Officer Terri L. McDonald. The second panel will be moderated by Judge Beverly Bourne and includes Judge Karen Ackerson Gauff, Judge Yvette Verastegui and Judge Jana M. Seng.

"We want the students to walk away from the conference knowing they are not alone, that the judges, lawyers and community leaders they hear from came from similar circumstances or faced similar challenges on their paths to success," said Judge Bershon.

Lunch will be provided to the students in attendance.

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The conference is another of LASC's creative and dynamic community outreach programs which include Teen Court, SHADES (Stop Hate and Delinquency by Empowering Students), Power Lunch, Court-Clergy Conference, Teachers Courthouse Seminar, etc.

- WHO:** 150 female students from Los Angeles County high schools, judicial officers, justice partners, distinguished members of the community.
- WHAT:** Students will hear from distinguished speakers, participate in question and answer sessions, and take part in breakout sessions with judicial officers, attorneys and community members.
- WHEN:** 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2019.
- WHERE:** Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles 90012, Presiding Judge's Courtroom, Room 222.

Please notify the Court's Public Information Office at 213-830-0815 if you plan to attend or require further information. Note: filming opportunities will be available – please contact the Public Information Office for details.

Additional information about the Los Angeles Superior Court's community outreach efforts can be found on the Court's website at [lacourt.org](http://lacourt.org).

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