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University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law welcomes Capitol Seminars to Sacramento Campus

Capitol Seminars, a unique Sacramento-based training firm that provides professional development courses in governmental advocacy, will take up residence at University of the Pacific's Sacramento Campus, in affiliation with McGeorge School of Law's Capital Center for Law & Policy, effective with its Aug. 17-18 seminars.

"We are delighted to enter into this partnership with Capitol Seminars," said Leslie Gielow Jacobs, director of McGeorge's Capital Center for Law and Policy. "As the university's presence in Sacramento grows and we offer a broader selection of graduate degree programs, Capitol Seminars is a natural fit in terms of supporting that evolution. Its presence on campus will help expose our students to opportunities in the growing profession of governmental advocacy, while Capitol Seminars participants will gain more awareness of the academic and professional development opportunities available on our campus."

"Since we began operations in 2006, Capitol Seminars has enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship with McGeorge School of Law," said Capitol Seminars founder and President Ray LeBov. "McGeorge students regularly attend our classes, which help advance their careers if they intend to work in governmental advocacy, public policy or state government, and we draw guest instructors and in-kind support from McGeorge. This move to the Sacramento Campus further strengthens the relationship and will also offer added benefits to our seminar attendees on several fronts."

Capitol Seminars has traditionally offered six pairs of seminars a year in Sacramento, and custom training programs for government and professional organizations throughout the state of California. Its Lobbying 101 seminar focuses on the Legislative Process and best practices in Legislative Advocacy, while its Lobbying 201 seminar covers the equally critical but often overlooked areas of Budget Advocacy, Lobbying the Administration, Regulatory Agency Advocacy and Media Strategies.

"In just two days, at a very modest price, we introduce our participants to the people, processes and best practices essential to success in the key areas of governmental advocacy," said LeBov. "As a result, established lobbying firms, government entities, trade and professional associations, nonprofits and private sector organizations have come to rely on us as their primary training resource. Our classes attract both new and veteran lobbyists, their support staff, and executives who hire and manage both in-house and contract lobbyists. To date we have trained some 2,000 participants in the basics of governmental advocacy, including a substantial number of the capitol lobbying corps."

"Hosting Capitol Seminars on the Sacramento Campus meshes well with the law, policy, and governmental advocacy training offered by the law school through its JD Capital Lawyering Concentration, its Master of Science in Law degree for working professionals, and its master's degrees in Public Policy and Public Administration," said Jacobs. "Pacific, McGeorge, and the Capital Center are pleased to offer a growing range of law and policy education and training opportunities here, in the heart of California's capital city."

For more information about Capitol Seminars: <http://www.capitolseminars.net>.

For more information about University of the Pacific's Sacramento Campus at McGeorge School of Law: <http://www.pacific.edu/Sacramento-Campus.html>

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About University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law

McGeorge School of Law is the only ABA approved law school campus located in Sacramento. The law school has grown into an internationally recognized leader in the field of legal education since was founded in 1924, and it joined University of the Pacific in 1966. McGeorge has 42 full-time and 63 part-time faculty who have attained national and international renown in their fields. It has more than 13,000 alumni practicing in all 50 states and 58 countries. McGeorge is nationally recognized for trial advocacy, international law and experiential learning.

About the McGeorge Capital Center for Law and Public Policy, and Capital Lawyering Concentration

The McGeorge Capital Center for Law & Policy gives students opportunities to examine critical government and public policy issues. The McGeorge Capital Lawyering J.D. concentration is one of few such programs in the nation, offering exclusive classes, externships, public presentations, networking activities, and the Legislative and Public Policy Clinic where students draft bills and lobby them into law. For more information, visit McGeorge.edu.

About Ray LeBov and Capitol Seminars

Ray LeBov founded Capitol Seminars in 2006 to provide training in the legislative process and governmental advocacy. Some 2000 governmental advocacy and public affairs professionals have since taken Capitol Seminars courses in Sacramento and elsewhere in California. Mr. LeBov began his capitol career in 1975 as counsel to the Legislature's Joint Committee on the Structure of the Judiciary, and served as counsel to the Assembly Committee on the Judiciary for his last twelve years in the Legislature. In 1991 he joined the Judicial Council of California and was its Director of Governmental Affairs from 1992 until 2004. As Director, he was the chief lobbyist for the state court system. Upon his retirement from state service in 2004, he founded Ray LeBov & Associates, a contract lobbying and consulting firm and the parent of Capitol Seminars. Its advocacy clients have included the California Appellate Defense Counsel and the Federal Prison Healthcare Receiver. Mr. LeBov holds a B.A. degree from Yale University and a J.D. from University of Southern California.