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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Las Vegas comes to San Diego, Saturday, March 5, as the Women's Legal Center presents Casino Night. The University of San Diego School of Law will host this entertainment from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight in More Hall on the campus. Everyone is invited to come and contribute to the on-going success of the Women's Legal Center. This benefit is sponsored by the University of San Diego School of Law, the University of San Diego Law School Alumni, the University of San Diego Student Bar Association and YWCA. All proceeds will go to the Women's Legal Center. Tickets go on sale Wednesday, February 16, in More Hall, USD Law School.

The Women's Legal Center performs a vital service in providing low-income San Diegans, particularly women, with the information, advocacy and support they need to utilize the legal system. Individual case work is accepted only for indigent persons. No potentially fee generating cases are taken. legal information may be given where no concrete legal problem has developed. Cases not accepted by the Center may be referred to private attorneys through the Center's Lawyer Referral Service or through the Center's modified-fee referral panel. All sex discrimination cases are referred to Equal Rights Advisors.

Moreover, there is a public education component of the Center's program which extends to the public as well as to the legal community. Despite lack of funds, a series of workshops in areas of substantive law have been presented each semester for law students and the public.

In an attempt to reach a wider community audience, the Center has joined with Lawyers' Club and California Women Lawyers to offer a twelve session course on Basic Legal Rights through the Feminist Free University beginning in November, 1976. It is anticipated that these materials can be used repeatedly and adapted to different contexts.

Funding for the Center is obtained from the Student Bar Association of the USD School of Law, Lawyers Club, individual donations and community fund raising events. A student director is paid by Federal Work Study through the USD Legal Clinic Program. It is hoped that the Casino Night Benefit will result in more community awareness and in some financial security.

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