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## **Anti-Defamation League To Present 2017 Jurisprudence Award To Three Outstanding Attorneys and Civil Rights Advocates**

ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, February 16, 2017 – Three outstanding attorneys and civil rights advocates will be the recipients of the 2017 Marcus Kaufman Jurisprudence Award to be presented by the Orange County/Long Beach region of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). The dinner and presentation ceremony is slated for April 6 at the Island Hotel, Newport Beach, starting at 6 PM.

This year's honorees are Andra B. Greene, partner at Irell & Manella LLP in Newport Beach; Michael Ray, executive vice president, chief legal officer and secretary for Western Digital Corporation in Irvine; and Gary Singer, Senior VP & General Counsel of RSI Holding LLC and Chair of the Simon Foundation for Education and Housing, of Newport Beach.

Greene heads her firm's class action defense practice group. She previously served as managing partner of the firm's Newport Beach office. A seasoned trial lawyer; she has a practice that encompasses a wide range of complex business litigation with an emphasis on class action defense and professional liability defense. Her extensive trial and appellate experience in state and federal courts also extends to commercial, wage and hour, employment, business torts, real estate, lender liability, executive compensation, environmental issues, securities litigation, insurance coverage, trade secrets, white-collar criminal claims and intellectual property. She frequently represents other lawyers and major law firms when they need counsel.

Greene's victories on behalf of some of the country's most recognized companies have led to such accolades as being named one of the 2016 Top Women Lawyers in California by the Daily Journal and being named among the 2016 Top 50 Women Lawyers in the nation by the National Diversity Council. In 2016, she was also recognized as the Orange County Bet-the-Company "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers for her successful defense of cases including class actions. She was also honored as one of the 2014 Women Worth Watching by Diversity Journal.

Ms. Greene received the 2011 Learned Hand Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Jewish Committee. In 2010, the ACLU Foundation of Southern California awarded Ms. Greene and her team the 2010 Social Justice Award for their outstanding pro bono work on *Sippelle v. City of Laguna Beach*, securing a major victory on behalf of the homeless community in Laguna Beach, California. Ms. Greene regularly publishes and speaks on issues related to women in the law, diversity and advancement for younger lawyers. She dedicates considerable time to pro bono work, serving on the boards of non-profits and mentoring the firm's next generation of female leaders. She earned her law degree from Harvard Law School.

Ray was appointed as executive vice president, chief legal officer and secretary in November 2015. Prior to that, he served as senior vice president, general counsel and secretary since October 2010. He has held a number of positions at Western Digital Corporation since joining the company in 2000, including senior counsel, assistant general counsel and vice president, Legal Services.

Currently, Ray is responsible for the company's worldwide legal, risk management, compliance and government relations functions. He serves as a member of the company's executive management team and provides strategic advice to the team and the members of the company's Board of Directors. He oversees teams responsible for supporting the company's efforts to develop, manufacture, market and sell storage products globally through the company's independent subsidiaries. He also leads teams responsible for protecting the company's

significant intellectual property, strengthening and defending the company's brands worldwide, and complying with regulatory and public-company obligations.

Prior to joining Western Digital, Ray was corporate counsel for Wynn's International, Inc., an NYSE-listed manufacturer of automotive parts and chemicals; served the U.S. District Court, Central District of California as judicial clerk; and practiced trial law, law and motion and labor/employment law at O'Melveny & Myers, LLP.

Since 2001, Ray has served as a director of Mercy House Transitional Living Center, based in Santa Ana, one of California's largest providers of services and housing for homeless men, women and children. He is also a director of the United Way of Orange County, and has co-chaired the Orange County United Way Tocqueville Society Bench & Bar affinity group since 2013. He has received numerous awards and citations, including being honored as the Orange County Business Journal's Public Company General Counsel of the Year for 2012. He holds a law degree, with honors, from Harvard Law School.

Singer serves as chair of the Simon Foundation for Education and Housing. Prior to January 2014, he was a partner with the law firm of O'Melveny & Myers LLP and held various positions at the firm, including chair of the Transactions Department, managing partner of the Newport Beach office, and a member of the Policy Committee. Singer practiced corporate, business and securities law, with a focus on public offerings, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate finance matters.

He is the former chair of the Orange County Bar Association, Corporate and Business Law Section and the California Chamber of Commerce, Committee on Product Liability and Tort Reform. He has lectured for the California Bar, UC Irvine MBA Program, Forum for Corporate Directors and the USC Corporate Governance Summit.

Singer has also served as a director on a number of corporate and nonprofit boards, including Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc.; Rich Uncles LLC; UC Irvine Foundation; Irvine Barclay Theatre; California Chamber of Commerce; Human Options; Orange County Business Committee of the Arts; Dean's Advisory Council, UC Irvine School of Law and Loyola Law School; and the Board of the UC Irvine Alumni Association. He is also the former chair of Irvine Barclay Theatre and UC Irvine Chancellor's Club. He earned his law degree from Loyola Marymount University.

ADL Regional Director Peter Levi said, "We are privileged to honor three such accomplished lawyers and leaders in our community. More than just being consummate professionals each fosters a deep commitment to creating a better world through their various and many communal involvements. Their accepting this honor from one of our country's premier civil rights organizations over the past century will help raise important funds for ADL to continue our work right here in Orange County/Long Beach."

The prize is named after Justice Marcus Kaufman, the 103rd Justice of the California Supreme Court and a champion of civil rights. It is given annually to those attorneys who have made significant contributions to their communities and to the legal profession and embody ADL's mission to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment for all.

Founded more than one hundred years ago, the ADL is the world's leading organization fighting anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry and discrimination through programs and services that counteract hatred and prejudice.

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