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**Orange County Bar Association to Present
League of Women Voters–OC Chapters with the 2008 Liberty Bell Award**

Newport Beach: On Thursday, May 1, 2008 the Orange County Bar Association will present the League of Women Voters – Orange County Chapters with the celebrated Liberty Bell Award. The award will be presented at the annual Law Day Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Turnip Rose in Orange. The Liberty Bell Award is presented annually to recognize a community service that has strengthened the American system of freedom under law. This honor is bestowed upon a non-lawyer or organization that has performed outstanding service to his or her community.

This year's recipients, The League of Women Voters, Orange County Chapters are comprised of four groups: Capistrano Bay, Central Orange County, North Orange County and Orange Coast. The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization open to men and women, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy. They do not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

The League has spent many hours committed to making a difference by providing community forums such as, "Judicial Independence: Is Our Democracy in Danger?" In addition to voter education projects like "Know Your Judges." The League has also developed a "Voters Guide to Judicial Elections" for distribution to the public. For their dedication to the community and their many accomplishments, they will be awarded the 2008 Liberty Bell Award by the Orange County Bar Association.

The Orange County Bar Association, established in 1901, is one of the largest voluntary bars in California. The mission of the Orange County Bar Association is to enhance the system of

justice, to support the lawyers who serve it and to assist the community served by it.