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COOLEY LAW SCHOOL ELECTS THREE NEW MEMBERS OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LANSING, MICH. (Nov. 5, 2009) — The Thomas M. Cooley Law School today announced the election of three new members of its board of directors: Thomas W. Cranmer, Edward H. Pappas and Dennis A. Swan, who will each serve a four-year term.

“These three professionals epitomize the exemplary knowledge, commitment to ethics, legal skills, and service to the community that we strive to instill in our students at Cooley,” said President and Dean Don LeDuc. “Having these great leaders at the helm as Cooley continues to grow will be a tremendous advantage.”

Cooley Law School is governed by a 14-member board of directors that includes judges, attorneys and business professionals.

About Cooley Law School’s newly elected board members:

Thomas W. Cranmer is a principal and deputy practice group leader at Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone, PLC in Troy, Mich., where he specializes in civil and criminal litigation. He is a former principal in Miro Weiner & Kramer and served as an assistant prosecuting attorney with the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Cranmer served as president of the State Bar of Michigan from 2005 to 2006. He currently serves on the Michigan State Bar Foundation’s board of trustees and the Oakland County Bar Association’s board of directors. He is a mediator for the Oakland County Circuit and District Courts, an American Arbitration Association hearing panel member, and a founding and Master Emeritus member of the Oakland County Bar Association’s chapter of the American Inns of Court. He is an adjunct professor at Cooley’s Auburn Hills campus.

Cranmer earned a juris doctor from Ohio Northern University and a bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan.

Edward H. Pappas, member, Dickinson Wright PLLC in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. specializes in commercial and business litigation and is the client service director for the firm. Pappas is the immediate past-president of the State Bar of Michigan (SBM). Under his leadership, the SBM piloted the state’s first law student professionalism program at Cooley, which is designed to impart the importance of ethics to students beginning at their orientation.

Pappas currently serves as co-chairperson of the Judicial Crossroads Task Force, whose membership includes 30 prominent lawyers and judges whose mission is to identify how Michigan’s judicial system can meet the needs of the public in the face of transformational changes evolving in the State’s economy.

Pappas also serves on the American Constitution Society board of directors and as a chairperson for a Michigan Attorney Discipline Board Hearing Panel. Additionally, Pappas is also a mediator, arbitrator and a Master

Emeritus member of the Oakland County Bar Association's chapter of the American Inns of Court.

Pappas earned a juris doctor and a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.

Dennis A. Swan is president and chief executive officer at Sparrow Hospital & Health System in Lansing, Mich. In addition to serving on Sparrow Hospital & Health System's board of directors, he is a board member for the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, the Lansing Economic Area Partnership, the Capital Area United Way, Value Health Partners, the Lansing Chamber of Commerce, and the Ingham Health Plan.

Swan earned a juris doctor from Cooley Law School and a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University.

Editor's note: Photos of Cranmer, Pappas and Swan are attached.

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