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Wayne Law Distinguished Professor in Residence, New York Law School Professor Nadine Strossen to Give Public Lecture at Wayne Law

DETROIT (Sept. 4, 2009) – Wayne State University Law School is pleased to present a public lecture by New York Law School Professor and Wayne Law’s Distinguished Professor in Residence Nadine Strossen at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009. The lecture, which will take place in the Law School’s Spencer M. Partrich Auditorium, is titled “Conversations with Nadine Strossen about Current Civil Liberties Challenges.”

“We are honored to welcome Professor Strossen to Wayne Law,” said Wayne Law Distinguished Professor Robert Sedler. “This lecture presents a remarkable opportunity for Wayne Law students, faculty, alumni and friends to hear from one of the nation’s leading constitutional scholars.”

Professor Strossen has written, lectured and practiced extensively in the areas of constitutional law, civil liberties and international human rights. **From 1991 through 2008 she served as president of the American Civil Liberties Union, the first woman to head the nation’s largest and oldest civil liberties organization.** Professor Strossen retains leadership positions with the ACLU as a member of its National Advisory Council and co-chair of its Campaign for the Future.

The National Law Journal has twice named Professor Strossen one of “The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America.” In 1996, *Working Woman Magazine* listed her among the “350 Women Who Changed the World 1976–1996.” In 1997, *Upside Magazine* included her in the “Elite 100: 100 Executives Leading The Digital Revolution.” In 1998, *Vanity Fair Magazine* included Professor Strossen in “America’s 200 Most Influential Women.” In 1999, *Ladies’ Home Journal* included her in “America’s 100 Most Important Women.” In 2005, Professor Strossen was honored by the University of Tulsa College of Law and the *Tulsa Law Review*, which made her scholarly work the subject of their Fifth Annual Legal Scholarship Symposium titled “Nadine Strossen: Scholar as Activist.”

Professor Strossen’s writings have been published in many scholarly and general interest publications (more than 250 published works). Her book, *Defending Pornography: Free Speech, Sex, and the Fight for Women’s Rights* (Scribner, 1995), was named by *The New York Times* as a “Notable Book” of 1995 and was republished in 2000 by NYU Press, with a new introduction by the author. Her coauthored book, *Speaking of Race, Speaking of Sex: Hate Speech, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties* (NYU Press, 1995), was named an “outstanding book” by the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights in North America.

Professor Strossen graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Harvard College and *magna cum laude* from Harvard

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Law School, where she was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. Before becoming a law professor, she practiced law for nine years in Minneapolis (her hometown) and New York City.

Professor Strossen's visit to Wayne Law also includes a lunchtime presentation to students on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009, and a lunchtime seminar for faculty on Friday, Oct. 2, 2009.

Parking for the public lecture is available in Structure #1 across from the Law School on Palmer Street (corner of Cass) for \$3.50. For more information on this event, please contact the Dean's Office at (313) 577-3933 or rhollancid@wayne.edu.

About Wayne Law

Wayne State University Law School has educated and served the Detroit metropolitan area since its inception as Detroit City Law School in 1927. Located at 471 West Palmer Street in Detroit's re-energized historic cultural center, the Law School remains committed to student success and features modern lecture and court facilities, multi-media and distance learning classrooms, a 200-seat auditorium, and the Arthur Neef Law Library, which houses one of the nation's 40 largest legal collections. Taught by an internationally recognized and expert faculty, Wayne Law students experience a high-quality legal education via a growing array of hands-on curricular offerings, client clinics, and access to well over 100 internships with local and non-profit entities each year. Its 11,000 living alumni, who work in every state of the nation and more than a dozen foreign countries, are experts in their disciplines and include leading members of the local, national and international legal communities. For more information, visit www.law.wayne.edu.

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