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SAN FRANCISCO – Ming W. Chin, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California, will be the 1997 Commencement speaker at the Golden Gate University School of Law ceremony on May 24, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. in the Masonic Auditorium in San Francisco. Justice Chin will speak on the importance of civility and professionalism in the practice of law.

Justice Chin was appointed to the California Supreme Court in 1996 by Governor Pete Wilson. He has been in the news lately because the court is reviewing the controversial state law requiring a teenage girl to obtain parental consent before getting an abortion.

Justice Chin attended University of San Francisco where he earned his B.A. in political science in 1964 and his law degree in 1967. After law school, Justice Chin served two years in the U.S. Army, where he attained the rank of captain and won the Army Commendation Medal and the Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam. He then served three years as Deputy District Attorney for Alameda County, the first Asian American attorney in that office. He later moved to the Oakland firm of Aiken, Kramer & Cummings where he became a partner within three years.

In 1988, Governor George Deukmejian appointed Chin to the Alameda County Superior Court. He was selected as the Outstanding Judge of the Year in 1989 by the Southern Alameda County Bar Association. In 1990, Governor Deukmejian appointed Chin Associate Justice at the Court of Appeal, First District; Chin was re-appointed by Governor Wilson in 1994.

Justice Chin has served on many committees of the state and local bar associations and was the first Asian American to serve as President of the Alameda County Bar Association in its

more than 100-year history. He is a member of the Judicial Council Appellate Advisory Committee and the Advisory Committee on Racial and Ethnic Bias.

Justice Chin will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree (LL.D.) at the ceremony. The 1997 Judith G. McKelvey Award for Outstanding Achievement by an Alumna/us of the law school goes to Richard K. Grosboll, class of 1981, partner in the firm Neyhart, Anderson, Freitas, Flynn & Grosboll. The law school will award 192 J.D. degrees, 45 LL.M. in Taxation degrees, and 49 LL.M. in International Legal Studies degrees.

Founded in 1901, the Golden Gate University School of Law is located on the San Francisco Campus of Golden Gate University at 536 Mission Street. The law school is approved by the American Bar Association, and the university is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

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