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The Russell Long Chair and CCLS Newsletter

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This Newsletter keeps you informed of the activities of the **Russell B. Long Eminent Scholars Academic Chair** and the **Center of Civil Law Studies**, as well as any related program at the **LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center**. Please e-mail comments to olivier.moreteau@law.lsu.edu or ccls@law.lsu.edu

New Chancellor of the LSU Law Center

The CCLS is delighted to welcome **Jack Weiss**, one of America's leading First Amendment (freedom of expression) experts, to his new position as Chancellor of the LSU Law Center. Prof. Weiss graduated from Yale (A.B. *cum laude*) and received his Juris Doctor (*magna cum laude*) degree from the Harvard Law School, where he served as the Managing Editor of the Harvard Law Review. In 1972, U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger appointed Jack Weiss as his senior clerk. Jack Weiss later practiced in New Orleans, before joining the New York firm of Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher in 1998. He taught at Tulane, LSU, and Columbia University.

CCLS Website

The new homepage of the CCLS is now fully accessible. It is directly accessible from the LSU Law Center homepage (<http://www.law.lsu.edu> menu 'Centers & Institutes') or from the following link: www.law.lsu.edu/civillaw.

The website will be updated regularly, and present all relevant events that occurred, and will occur, within the CCLS. Among other things, it includes information on the Tucker Lectures, Civil Law Workshops, Journal of Bijural Studies, and Bicentennial of the Louisiana Civil Code. The homepage features links towards internationally oriented programs and activities at the Law Center.

Civil Law Workshop

- On September 26th, 2007, **Mr. Agustín Parise** (Research Associate at the CCLS) will be the speaker at the fifth session of the **"Revisiting the Distinction between Persons and Things"** Workshop. He will present: *The Valladolid Debate Revisited: Looking back to the Debate on Native Americans while facing the Current Status of Embryos*.
- On October 16th, 2007, **Dr. Laura Franciosi** (Università Bocconi, Italy) will be the speaker at the sixth session of the Workshop, and will present: *Protecting Genetic Privacy: A Comparison between the U.S. and Italian Model*.

Both sessions will take place at the LSU Law Center (Tucker Room), starting at 4:30 pm.

Graduate Programs

Six graduate students from Argentina, Canada, China, France, and Spain arrived to the LSU Law Center to pursue their LLM degrees, in addition to four exchange students from Argentina and Italy. The Louisiana bi-jural system offers a unique environment to discover the American common law in a comparative perspective. For more information, visit <http://www.law.lsu.edu/> and click on 'International Programs'.