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**The University of Connecticut Law School Alumni Association, Inc.  
Announces Annual Award Winners**

Hartford, CT – September 29, 2008– The University of Connecticut Law School Alumni Association, Inc. will honor three individuals at their Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on October 7 at the Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville.

Kevin J. O'Connor '92 will receive the Distinguished Graduate Award. O'Connor is the associate attorney general of the United States. He was appointed to the position by President George W. Bush and was confirmed by the United States Senate in 2008.

Rafael A. Santiago '83 will receive the Public Service Award. Santiago is the managing member of the Santiago Law Group, LLC, Hartford. He is a former president of the Hispanic National Bar Association and has been named as one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics by *Hispanic Business Magazine*.

William F. Gallagher '63 will received the Association's Medal of Excellence. Gallagher is a board certified trial lawyer with over 40 years of experience in injury and death claims. He was admitted to the Connecticut bar in 1963 and has been counsel in cases that have generated 425 reported decisions.

Blessed with a spectacular campus and conveniently located within an increasingly vibrant urban capital, the University of Connecticut School of Law is recognized for is rigorous academic programs and collegial, supportive community. The faculty includes path-breaking scholars in many areas including intellectual property, taxation, international law and human rights, family law, banking, corporate groups, environmental law and Indian law.

Special emphasis is placed to ensure that each student has an opportunity to put skills learned in the classroom into practice, and clinical opportunities focus on criminal law, human rights and asylum law, tax, intellectual property and entrepreneurship law, children's advocacy, urban issues and mediation. The Law School hosts the only Insurance Law Center in the nation.

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