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Former United States Senator Olympia Snowe to Address Lawyers Club at May 12, 2015 Annual Dinner

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Lawyers Club of San Diego will mark its 43rd anniversary at its Annual Dinner on May 12, 2015, featuring keynote speaker former U.S. Senator Olympia Snowe. Snowe will also receive the Lawyers Club Icon Award, bestowed on only five prior recipients, in recognition of “exceptional achievement by individuals furthering the advancement of women in the law and in society.”

“We are pleased and honored that Senator Snowe will be the keynote speaker at our 2015 Annual Dinner, ‘Building a Legacy,’” Lawyers Club president Patricia P. Hollenbeck said. “Senator Snowe’s distinguished career in public service, her dedication to women’s issues, and her role as a leader in bipartisan cooperation, makes her the perfect choice to address our members and guests.”

A renowned moderate Republican with a reputation for courageously crossing the aisle, Snowe served in the legislative branch at the state and federal level for 40 years. She has a proven track record of supporting women, including a pro-choice voting record that spans over three decades in Congress.

Snowe was elected to the Maine House of Representatives in 1973 and, three years later, to the Maine State Senate. From 1979 to 1995, she served as representative of Maine’s 2nd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Snowe served as a senator for nearly two decades, from 1995 to 2013. During her time in Congress, Snowe worked with the last six Presidents, from Carter to Obama.

While in the U.S. Senate, Snowe was a member of numerous powerful and high profile committees, including the Finance Committee, Committee on Commerce, and Committee on Intelligence. As a result, she was directly involved with some of the most difficult challenges faced by legislatures in recent decades, including the country’s response to 9/11, the 2008 financial crisis, and passage of the Affordable Healthcare Act.

During her tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives, Snowe also served on several notable committees, including co-chairing the Congressional Caucus on Women’s Issues for 10 years and providing leadership in establishing the Office of Women’s Health at the National

Institutes of Health.

“Senator Snowe’s inclusive approach to achieve progress is directly in line with Lawyers Club’s belief that both men and women must come together to advance the status of women in law and society,” Lawyers Club board member Shalini Kedia said. “She was a natural choice as our keynote speaker.” Lawyers Club board member Amanda Allen echoed this sentiment, “Senator Snowe’s leadership at the highest levels of Congress resonates with our members who strive to be leaders in both the legal community and their careers.” Kedia and Allen co-chair the 2015 Annual Dinner.

The dinner is set for Tuesday, May 12, at the Manchester Grand Hyatt, 1 Market Place, downtown San Diego. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., and the dinner and program are set for 6:30-8 p.m. Individual tickets go on sale on March 2 exclusively for Lawyers Club members, and on March 16 for the general public.

Founded in 1972, Lawyers Club is the largest specialty bar association comprised of a diverse, nonpartisan, and inclusive membership of more than 1,300 men and women who embrace the mission to advance the status of women in law and society. For more information regarding Lawyers Club, go to www.lawyersclubsandiego.com.

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