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BC Law Welcomes Class of 2005

8/29/02--Boston College Law School is pleased to welcome the entering class of 2005, one of the most competitive and impressive in the history of the Law School. A number of records were broken this year, including an all-time high 7,232 applications received for just 265 places, or over 27 candidates for every seat in the entering class. The number of applications received puts BC Law among the top 6 schools in the country in application volume.

"We're tremendously pleased to have received such overwhelming interest in our program," said BC Law Dean John H. Garvey. "The best and brightest in the country continue to come to Boston College Law School. They recognize what kind of training we give our graduates, and the number of talented faculty, staff, and students we have here."

This year was the most difficult ever to gain admission to BC Law, and the class of 2005 is one of the most diverse in the school's history. The class is split evenly between men and women, with an average age of 24. Entering students represent 32 states and 119 different colleges and universities. Twenty-five percent are students of color, while 28 students in the entering class hold a Master's Degree and 4 hold PhD.'s. Median LSAT scores increased to 163, and median undergraduate GPA increased to 3.60. Thirty five students graduated Phi Beta Kappa from their undergraduate program.

"Our admissions committee, composed of faculty and administrators as well as student readers, is the largest standing committee in the law school," said Elizabeth Rosselot, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid. "That reflects the importance we place on "looking beyond the numbers" as we shape the entering class. This year's class is impressive in many different ways. It is incredibly fulfilling to see the class take shape after having read thousands of admission files last winter and spring."

The class of 2005 includes a former United States Foreign Service Officer, a former Section Chief in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the government of Japan, a Professor of Mathematics and a professor of Psychology. A number of students have served in Americorps, the Peace Corps and Jesuit Volunteer Corps.