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1/04/05—Boston College Law School is pleased to announce that the 6th annual Owen M. Kupferschmid Human Rights Lecture will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2005 at 5 p.m. The lecture, entitled “The Search for Global Justice: From Nuremberg to the ICC” will be given by Luis Moreno Ocampo, the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court at The Hague, Netherlands, and will be held in the Law School’s East Wing Building, room 120.

"Dr. Luis Moreno Ocampo has been a leader in the development of international criminal law for many years,” said Professor Daniel Kanstroom, Director of the Law School’s Human Rights Program and advisor to HHRP. "His work as Chief Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court, one of the most important tangible developments in modern human rights law, is tremendously significant. It is essential for people in the United States to become more aware of the history, true nature, and purpose of the ICC."

Prior to serving as Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Dr. Luis Moreno Ocampo was in private practice in Buenos Aires where he specialized in corruption control programs for large organizations, as well as teaching Penal Law at the University. As assistant prosecutor he played a key role in the 1985 trials against the military junta; 1987 to 1992 he was in charge of the trials after the Falklands [Malvinas] war and the military rebellions in 1988, and prosecuted other corruption cases. He has advised the UN and the Inter-American Development Bank on corruption control, was co-founder of Poder Ciudadano, a non-governmental organization in Argentina promoting citizen responsibility & participation, is on the Advisory Committee of Transparency International, a world-wide organization seeking to reduce corruption in international business transactions, and is its President for Latin America. His books include In Self Defense, How to Avoid Corruption and When Power Lost the Trial: How to Explain the Dictatorship to Our Children. He has developed methods to teach law and conflict resolution through the daily TV show, Forum.

For more information on the lecture, please contact Nikki at mondsche@bc.edu.

The Owen M. Kupferschmid Holocaust/Human Rights Project

Named for its founder, a 1986 graduate of Boston College Law School who, with student and faculty support, launched the Holocaust/Human Rights Project in 1984, the Project and its research efforts help to ensure that the precedential value of Holocaust-related law is fully realized and applied to state-sponsored human rights violations today. Based at Boston College Law School, the Project also organizes major events, such as the annual Kupferschmid Memorial Lectures, to address specific legal issues related to human rights violations.