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President of the League of Women Voters of the United States to Speak at Judicial Institute Event

Denver, CO— The Colorado Judicial Institute is pleased to announce that **Mary G. Wilson, President of the League of Women Voters of the United States** will deliver the **keynote address at the Seventh Annual Judicial Excellence for Colorado Dinner on November 5, 2009**. In remarks entitled “*Merit Selection in the States: The Jury is Still Out*”, Ms. Wilson will review recent developments and challenges to non-partisan judicial selection programs in the country.

Mary G. Wilson is the 17th president of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) and chair of the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF). A longtime resident of New Mexico, Ms. Wilson has been a League member since 1986.

During her 20 years of service with the League of Women Voters, Ms. Wilson has held leadership positions at the national, state and local levels. In 2004, she was elected to a two-year term on the LWVUS and LWVEF Boards. During this tenure, she served as LWVUS Board Advocacy Chair, and helped guide the League to its Democracy Agenda, an advocacy and public education effort to strengthen and renew the basic tenets of American democracy. From 1999-2001, Ms. Wilson was president of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico. She also served in various capacities on the local and state League Boards – state action, voter service and study committees.

Professionally, Ms. Wilson is an attorney with 30 years of experience in diverse fields of practice including estate planning, litigation, regulatory compliance, commercialization and privatization, corporate and environmental law, and employment law.

The Judicial Excellence for Colorado Dinner, hosted by the Colorado Judicial Institute, recognizes outstanding Colorado jurists and raises funds for the Judicial Education Fund at the Denver Foundation, the Our Courts public education program, and the many activities of the Colorado Judicial Institute. The dinner will be held on Thursday, November 5th at the Denver Marriot City Center Hotel. For more information, please contact CJI at 303-766-7501 or visit www.ColoradoJudicialInstitute.org.

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