



Dr. Joseph Aoun, left, receiving a book from Dr. H. Richard Dekmejian. Aoun will be President of Northeastern University USC Institute of Armenian Studies Bids Farewell to Dean Joseph Aoun

LOS ANGELES --The USC Institute of Armenian Studies bid farewell to Dean Joseph Aoun at an elegant dinner at The Beverly Hills hotel, on Tuesday, June 20.

Dr. Aoun, of Lebanese descent, has been the Dean of the USC College of Letters, Arts and Sciences for the past six years. After two decades of being an integral member of USC family, he has been appointed president of Northeastern University in Boston.

Chair of the Institute's Leadership Council and host of

quently about the Dean's many outstanding achievements and presented him the magnificent book *Treasures of Etchmiadzin*.

On behalf of the Institute's leadership Mr. Harut Sasounian thanked the Dean and offered him wishes for continued success in Boston. Mr. Edward Zohrabian presented the Dean a pair of hand-crafted gold cufflinks and Mrs. Elizabeth Agbabian presented Mrs. Zeina Aoun an exquisite Hermes scarf with an Armenian design.

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Armenian Bar Association to Present Panel of Outstanding Legal Scholars in Las Vegas July 29

LAS VEGAS - The elegant, five-star Bellagio Hotel and Casino will be the venue, as the Armenian Bar Association (Armenbar) will present an outstanding group of Armenian legal experts on July 29, 2006, for a mandatory continuing legal education (MCLE) seminar.

The event is scheduled for 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., in Tower Ballroom 5, and will include a reception at the Armenbar hospitality suite following the lectures.

Federal Judge Dickran Tevrizian will join preeminent attorneys Mark Geragos, Garo Mardirossian, Craig Missakian and Frank Zerunyan for the event. Three topics will be presented as part of the program, including criminal trials in the state and federal systems, litigating a catastrophic injury case, and legal ethics. Attorneys attending the event will receive three units of MCLE credit, including one for ethics.

"We are extremely proud to present such a distinguished group of legal scholars to our membership," said Betty Jam-

gotchian, Executive Director of Armenbar.

The criminal trials discussion will be moderated by Judge Tevrizian, who will give the view from the bench. Geragos will present the defense perspective, and Missakian the prosecution perspective. Tevrizian, who sits in the Central District Court in Los Angeles is a veteran of the Federal court system, and was the first person of Armenian heritage to be appointed to the Federal Bench.

Mark Geragos is perhaps the best known attorney in the country. In addition to being the Managing Partner of the prestigious law firm of Geragos and Geragos, and a regular commentator on nationally television programs such as Larry King Live and CNN.

Missakian is a veteran attorney with the US Attorney's office and a prosecutor. He is a current adjunct professor of law at USC School of Law in criminal advocacy.

Garo Mardirossian is the Managing Partner of Mardirossian and Associates, and the Consumer Attorneys of Los

Angeles' "Trial Lawyer of the Year" in 2000. In 1991, Mardirossian obtained the largest jury verdict in a police brutality case ever recorded in the United States in the case of Dole v. County of Los Angeles. He has obtained numerous multimillion dollar verdicts in catastrophic injury cases, and will discuss the topic of litigating a catastrophic injury case, highlighting the use of demonstrative evidence.

Frank Zerunyan is the current Chairman of Armenbar, and a City Councilman for the City of Rolling Hills Estates. Zerunyan is a principal partner in the real estate development firm of Public Private Community Development, LLC, and a former partner of the prestigious law firm of Sulmever Kuznetz, PC.

The fee for attending is \$75.00 if registration occurs by July 14, 2006, and \$90.00 for late registration or for non-members.

For more information about the event, visit the Armenian Bar Association website at <http://www.armenianbar.org/>.

