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Acclaimed Trial Attorney Therese Lawless to Address Lawyers Club of San Diego at Annual Equal Pay Day Luncheon

*** Interview opportunities available***

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SAN DIEGO – Renowned plaintiff’s employment attorney and women’s advocate Therese Lawless will tackle the issue of pay disparity for women at the Lawyers Club of San Diego’s fourth annual Equal Pay Day luncheon from 12 – 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12 at the U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway in downtown San Diego.

Lawless, who represented ousted Reddit CEO Ellen Pao in her well-publicized discrimination case against Pao’s former venture capital firm Kleiner Perkins, has taken on the pay and employment practices of Silicon Valley giants Facebook and Microsoft in recent months. Her firm, San Francisco-based Lawless & Lawless, is one of the nation’s premier gender discrimination law firms.

Equal Pay Day represents the date in the current year through which women must work to earn the same amount their male counterparts earned in the previous year. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, women earned approximately 78 cents for every dollar paid to men in 2013, the most recent year for which statistics are available.

“This day and event is important to educate our community and raise awareness,” Lawyers Club President Deborah Dixon said “Women should not be paid less for doing equal work, yet this is exactly what is happening across our nation and in San Diego County. It is time to stop this wage gap.”

Lawless holds a bachelor’s degree from Cornell University and is a 1986 graduate of George Washington University School of Law. A former clerk with the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, Lawless was named San Francisco Trial Lawyer of the Year in 2000 and has served as the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association’s president.

Interview opportunities are available with Lawless and Dixon immediately before the luncheon and upon the program's conclusion at 1:15 p.m. Members of the press who wish to schedule an interview should use the media contact above.

About Lawyers Club of San Diego

Lawyers Club, founded in 1972 with the mission "to advance the status of women in the law and society," has more than 1,300 members comprised of female and male attorneys, judges, elected officials, business owners, law students and others in the San Diego community who share Lawyers Club's interests and goals. For more information about Lawyers Club and the Equality and Action Committee, visit www.lawyersclubsandiego.com.

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