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ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU TO SPEAK AT INTERFAITH DINNER MARCH 10

CHICAGO, ILL. (February 5, 2009)--Nobel Prizewinner Archbishop Desmond Tutu will be the featured speaker at the Chicago Bar Association's Interfaith Dinner on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at The Standard Club, 320 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago, Ill. His topic will be gun violence and its effect on society. All are welcome at the event, which begins with a 5:30 p.m. reception, followed by the program/dinner at 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$125 per person. For reservations, call 312-554-2057 or reserve online at www.chicagobar.org

"We are honored to host the Archbishop," said CBA President Judge E. Kenneth Wright, Jr. "He is eminently qualified to address the issue of violence in any form. His name speaks for itself.

"We hope many Chicagoans will come out to hear his thoughts on the reasons for, and solutions to, the gun violence that plagues our society and claims so many lives, particularly young lives," said Judge Wright.

About Desmond Tutu

Archbishop Tutu, 78, is a world famous human rights activist who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 for his work to end apartheid in his homeland, South Africa. He is only the second South African to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

As the first black South African Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town and primate of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa, Tutu chaired the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Board of Elders. Now retired from the clergy, he works for human rights and uses his high profile to campaign against AIDS, poverty and racism.

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Born in Klerksdorp, Transvaal, Tutu, followed his father into the teaching profession. After earning his degree in 1954 from the University of South Africa, he spent three years teaching high school before entering seminary to become a priest. He was ordained in 1960 and spent another four years in England earning his Master of Theology degree in 1966.

Tutu returned to his country to teach theology from 1967 to 1972 and then went back to England to spend three years as the assistant director of a London theological institute. He became Dean of St. Mary's Cathedral, Johannesburg in 1975, the first black scholar to hold that position. From 1976 to 1978 he was Bishop of Lesotho, and in 1978 became the first black General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches.

Tutu has also been awarded the Albert Schweitzer Prize for Humanitarianism and the Gandhi Peace Prize, both in 2005. He has published three volumes of sermons and other writings and has been the subject of at least three biographies.

About The Chicago Bar Association

Founded in 1874, the 23,000-member CBA is one of the largest metropolitan bar associations in the country. The CBA is governed by 24 Officers and members of the Board of Managers. Its 55 Practice Committees, 23 Service Committees and 15 Special Committees provide a wide variety of services to the legal profession, the state and federal courts and the public. For more information visit the CBA web site at www.chicagobar.org.

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