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**ORANGE, Calif., Nov. 8, 2006** – The Chapman University School of Law has been climbing steadily for the past few months in an important objective measurement of scholarly achievement. In September, the school broke into the Top 100 of scholarly papers downloaded from SSRN.com, the Social Science Research Network, a key online distribution network for legal scholarship. In October that ranking – an indication of the interest that the Chapman law school’s scholarship is generating among peers – rose to the top tier as Chapman reached SSRN’s top 50. For November, that ranking has risen to #38 out of all law schools that have posted papers on the online law school research network.

“This puts the Chapman law school in some pretty heady company, and ahead of some very strong schools, such as the University of Arizona (#39), Iowa (#44), Notre Dame (#45) and Wisconsin (#48),” said John Eastman, Chapman professor of law. “We also fared extremely well among California schools, as we ranked 7th in the state, with only Stanford (#5 overall), UCLA (#6), Boalt Hall (#16), USC (#20), USD (#22) and Loyola (#31) ahead of us.”

Eastman added that among others, the California law schools Chapman beat include UC Davis (#52), Thomas Jefferson (#66), Hastings (#81), Southwestern (#82), McGeorge (#91), Pepperdine (#128), USF (#143), Whittier (#152), La Verne (#159), California Western (#168), Golden Gate (#169), and Western State (#190).

“Our entire law faculty deserves congratulations for contributing to this effort and for the serious scholarly output that has made this strong showing possible,” Eastman said.