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## Chapman School of Law Hits #1 in Key Scholarly Output Ranking

### Chapman Bests Harvard, NYU, Yale and Other Top Law Schools

**ORANGE, Calif., Sept. 8, 2006** In an increasingly important objective measure of scholarly productivity, the Chapman University School of Law has been ranked #1 in the nation in terms of the number of scholarly articles posted in the past 12 months on the Social Sciences Research Network, or SSRN ([www.ssrn.com](http://www.ssrn.com)), a key online distribution network for legal scholarship.

The rankings, which became available this week based on data through September 1, 2006, list Harvard Law School at #2, New York University at #3 and the University of Minnesota at #4. Rounding out the top ten were UCLA (#5), Yale (#6), Duke (#7), and the University of Chicago, University of Illinois and George Washington University (tied at #8). Chapman law professors also took top honors in the number of scholarly articles posted by author, out of 1,500 professors listed nationwide: Professor Jeremy Miller was #1, Professor John Eastman was #3, and Professor Donald Kochan was #21.

The Chapman law faculty also broke into the Top 100 on SSRN in terms of the number of articles downloaded over the past 12 months, an indication of the interest that the Chapman School of Law's scholarship is generating among peers. Chapman ranked #71 out of more than 350 law schools worldwide in this important objective measure. In August, the Chapman tax law faculty ranked #8 in the nation in terms of SSRN downloads.

Parham Williams, dean of the Chapman School of Law, noted that the accomplishment was even more impressive than it first appeared, as the majority of Chapman faculty only began posting their scholarship on SSRN this past summer. This is further proof, Dean Williams noted, that the Chapman law school is truly a community of scholars. That, combined with our commitment to small class size and student-focused personalized education, which resulted in a top ten ranking by the Princeton Review this past year in the 'Faculty Rocks' category, makes Chapman an exciting place for cutting-edge legal education and scholarship.

Links to the SSRN data are available below:

[#1 Ranking, Number of New Papers Posted](#)

[#71 Ranking, Number of Recent Downloads](#)