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**ORANGE, Calif., August 21, 2006** Chapman University School of Law student Tim Kowal topped a field of competitors from other prestigious law schools to win first prize in the Pacific Legal Foundations seventh annual writing competition.

The coveted \$5,000 award was presented to Kowal, a third-year student in the Chapman law school and editor-in-chief of the *Chapman Law Review*, after his article, Rethinking Eminent Domain: The Restitutionary Approach to Just Compensation, bested articles from students representing the William & Mary School of Law (first runner-up) and the Duke University School of Law (second runner-up). Kowal's winning article will be published in the next issue of the *Chapman Law Review*.

It is gratifying to see Chapman shine once again in national competitions, said John Eastman, Henry Salvatori Professor of Law and Community Service in the Chapman University School of Law. Tim Kowal's first-place victory in the Pacific Legal Foundations writing competition, over students from top schools around the country, is well-deserved. His insight into the law of eminent domain, and his proposals for solutions to a vexing problem of long standing, are a significant contribution to the scholarship in the area.

Tim Kowal is an outstanding student who will be a highly successful lawyer, said Parham Williams, dean of the Chapman School of Law. I have great respect for his leadership of the *Chapman Law Review* and for the intellectual strength he has demonstrated in his course work. I am very proud of him.

Since its inception, the Pacific Legal Foundations annual writing competition has challenged law students nationwide to give thoughtful consideration to and provide articulate views on relevant legal issues and the impact of those issues on contemporary American government and society. For more on the foundation, visit [www.pacificlegal.org](http://www.pacificlegal.org).

The Chapman University School of Law, the only law school in Orange County located on a university campus, is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools. Founded in 1995, the law school already has achieved unprecedented recognition in legal education and is committed to the highest standards of excellence. The Chapman School of Law offers a dynamic, personalized legal education with a firm dedication to student success. For more information about the Chapman School of Law, visit [www.chapman.edu/law](http://www.chapman.edu/law).