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ORANGE, Calif., Jan. 24, 2005 A team from Chapman University's School of Law placed second in the American Bar Associations 2004 Tax Law Challenge, a national law student competition held during the ABA Tax Sections annual meeting Friday, Jan. 21 in San Diego.

A team from Georgetown University took first place in the competition, which included 48 teams from universities across the nation.

Coached by Law Professor Frank Doti, Chapman's team was comprised of Kevin Morriss and Jason Rednour, third-year law students in the Tax Law Emphasis program.

The accomplishment underscores the successful growth of Chapman's Tax Law Emphasis program, which was started eight years ago by Professor Doti. Back then I had high hopes for the program but never in my wildest dreams would I have thought that Chapman students would be honored only eight years later by the American Bar Association as second in the nation, Doti said.

The Tax Challenge focuses on the tax consequences of a complex business-planning problem and is intended to provide law students with the opportunity to research "real-life" tax planning issues and to demonstrate their acquired tax knowledge through their writing and oratory skills before the nation's largest single group of practicing attorneys, judges, consultants, counsels and educators specializing in federal tax law.