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ORANGE, Calif., Dec. 17, 2004 - The Orange County Legal Education Foundation (OCLEF) has approved a \$5,000 scholarship in the name of Marjorie Day to be given to a Chapman University law student starting in spring 2005. At least one scholarship will be awarded each year, with a possibility of additional scholarships in the future.

The Chapman University School of Law is honored to have a scholarship bearing the name of one of the most significant members of the legal profession, said Law School Dean Parham Williams. Marjorie Day was a wonderful human being whose life serves as a role model for the young men and women who are the law students of today.

The scholarship is funded by the California chapters of the American Board of Trial Advocates (CAL-ABOTA) and the family of Marjorie Day, one of Orange County's first female trial attorneys.

A renowned trial attorney and former Tustin school board president, Day was one of only a few female trial attorneys in Orange County during the 1970s and 80s. Later she became the fourth woman invited to join the prestigious ABOTA organization, and in 1989 she was elected president of its California chapters. Day passed away Jan. 1, 2003 at the age of 79.

The scholarship will aid a deserving student to obtain a legal education at Chapman, said Dean Williams. The establishment of such a prestigious scholarship at Chapman also speaks well for the Law Schools growing reputation for academic excellence.