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ORANGE, Calif. Dr. John C. Eastman of the Chapman University School of Law faculty, a well-known champion of Constitutional law and a frequent expert commentator on television and radio, has been chosen as the new dean of the Chapman law school and Donald P. Kennedy Chair in Law, stepping into the position left by retiring Dean Parham Williams. Dr. Eastman, formerly the Henry Salvatori Professor of Law and Community Service at Chapman, also has served for the past 10 months as the Interim Associate Dean for Administration in the law school.

The best law schools provide opportunities for their students to interact with leaders who possess tremendous energy and vision, and John Eastman has always brought those qualities to the Chapman School of Law, said James L. Doti, president of Chapman University. I know he will do an outstanding job building upon this schools already noteworthy strengths. The Chapman School of Law has made significant progress in just a little more than a decade it is a young, vital school that has accomplished much and has nothing but promise ahead of it. Dean Eastman is the man who will seize that potential and lead us to greater heights.

Dr. Eastman said, Parham Williams shoes will be hard to fill. His 35 years as a dean brought us the wealth of experience necessary for the very solid foundation of a premier law school. Chapman's School of Law has now come of age. I am honored to have the confidence and support of my colleagues at the law school and of President Doti, Chancellor Struppa, and the rest of the university administration and trustees as we enter the next chapter of the Chapman law school's story.

Across the country, news of Dr. Eastmans appointment sparked praise. This is incredible news. I am excited for Chapman, said Clarence Thomas, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, for whom Dr. Eastman served as a law clerk earlier in his career. John Eastman is an outstanding person, scholar and a fantastic choice to be dean. Edwin Meese III, former U.S. Attorney General, said, Chapman University is fortunate to have John Eastman as dean of its excellent law school. He is one of the outstanding legal scholars in the country as well as a dedicated educator. Richard Epstein, James Parker Hall Distinguished Service Professor of Law at the University of Chicago, stated, John Eastman was one of the most articulate and forceful students that I have had in the 35 years that I have taught at the University of Chicago. His academic rigor and personal integrity give me every confidence that he will lead the Chapman School of Law to a higher level of excellence.

On the other side of the political spectrum, Nadine Strossen, president of the American Civil Liberties Union and professor of law at New York Law School, stated, Congratulations to Chapman University for a superb choice of John Eastman as dean of the School of Law, and to John for this important and well-deserved milestone in his career. I have had the pleasure of sharing the dais with John at national conferences, and while we usually have quite different perspectives on constitutional issues, I have always found him to be a thoughtful scholar, engaging adversary and important contributor to the national debate on the major constitutional

issues of our day." Erwin Chemerinsky, Alston & Bird Professor of Law and Professor of Political Science at the Duke University School of Law, said, John Eastman is one of the most respected and outstanding Constitutional law professors in the country, and I am absolutely sure that he will be a superb dean. Chapman could not possibly have made a better choice than they did.

Dr. Eastman joined the faculty of the Chapman University School of Law in August 1999, specializing in Constitutional law, legal history and property. He was named Interim Associate Dean of Administration in August 2006. He is also the Director of the Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence, a public interest law firm affiliated with the Claremont Institute. He has a Ph.D. in government from the Claremont Graduate School and a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, and is chairman of the national executive committee of the Federalist Societys Federalism & Separation of Powers practice groups.

Prior to joining the Chapman law faculty, Dr. Eastman served as a law clerk to the Honorable Clarence Thomas, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, and to the Honorable J. Michael Luttig, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. He practiced law with the national law firm of Kirkland & Ellis, representing major corporate clients in federal and state courts and, with respect to State Attorneys General investigations, in complex commercial contract litigation and in consumer litigation. Dr. Eastman has also represented numerous clients in important constitutional law matters, including Nevada state legislators and taxpayers in *Angle v. The Legislature of the State of Nevada* and *Guinn v. The Legislature of the State of Nevada*, challenging the validity of the Nevada Supreme Courts mandamus to the legislature to ignore the 2/3 vote requirement for tax increases contained in the Nevada Constitution; The Lincoln Club of Orange Countys successful First Amendment challenge to the City of Irvines campaign finance ordinance in *The Lincoln Club v. Irvine*; Pastor Rick Warrens successful defense of the parsonage exemption against an Establishment Clause challenge in *Warren v. Commissioner*; the Building Industry Legal Defense Foundation in its successful appeal in *Southwest Center v. Berg* reversing a district court denial of its motion to intervene in environmental litigation involving the property rights of its members; and the Town of Castle Rock, Colorado before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Castle Rock v. Gonzales*, defending against a claim that government officials can be held constitutionally liable for failure to prevent private violence by others. On behalf of the Claremont Institute Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence, he has participated as amicus curiae before the Supreme Court of the United States, U.S. Courts of Appeals, and State Supreme Courts in numerous cases of constitutional significance, including *Boy Scouts of America v. Dale*, *United States v. Morrison*, *Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*, *Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Mineta*, *Zelman v. Simmons-Harris* (the school vouchers case), *Grutter v. Bollinger* and *Gratz v. Bollinger* (the Michigan affirmative action cases), *Newdow v. U.S. Congress* (the Pledge of Allegiance case), *Hamdi v. Rumsfeld* and *Van Orden v. Perry* (the 10 Commandments case).

Dr. Eastman has appeared as an expert legal commentator on numerous television and radio programs, including C-SPAN, Fox News, The O'Reilly Factor, OCN, NPR, KNX in Los Angeles, KFWB in Los Angeles, WABC in New York, the Michael Reagan Show, the Jane Chastain Show, the Michael Jackson show, Airtalk with Larry Mantle and LA Live with Duffy, and has presented testimony before the U.S. Congress, including before the House Permanent Select

Committee on Intelligence regarding news media liability for publication of classified information. His November 2000 testimony before the Florida Select Joint Committee on the Manner of Appointment of Presidential Electors was carried live by C-SPAN, CNN, MSNBC, and numerous other networks throughout the world. He provided commentary on the Supreme Courts decision in the Boy Scouts case that was carried by CBS Radio in New York, CNS Radio, The Associated Press, The Philadelphia Inquirer, Fox Television and Reuters News Service, among others. He has a weekly segment on the nationally-syndicated Hugh Hewitt show debating current legal issues with Duke law professor Erwin Chemerinsky, publishes an occasional column entitled First Principles in the Los Angeles and San Francisco Daily Journals, and has published numerous op-eds in newspapers around the country, including The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, The Washington Times, the Los Angeles Times and the Orange County Register.