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Orange, Calif., May 1, 2007 -- The annual rankings from *U.S. News and World Reports* America's Best Graduate Schools 2008 have been released. The Chapman University School of Law has gained ground in key U.S. News voting categories. Here's where the movement has occurred.

1. Chapman is one of the top 51 most diverse law schools in the country.
2. The LSAT scores of Chapman students are 2nd-Tier caliber, higher than any other 4th-Tier school and all but one 3rd-Tier school.
3. Chapman's 2006 bar pass rate of 64% (which compares favorably to California's overall bar pass rate of 67%), is already five percentage points stronger than the 2005 rate that was utilized for this *U.S. News* ranking, and Chapman continues to gain ground in a state that is reputed to have the toughest bar exam in the country.
4. Peer reputation scores (from practicing lawyers and administrators from other law schools) increased over the 2007 scores.

Dean Parham Williams who is retiring this year after 42 years in legal education, including 35 years as a dean, the last 10 of which have been at Chapman noted how strongly Chapman fares with the objective statistics reported by *U.S. News*. Our student body's LSAT qualifications continue to rank in the top one-third of all law student applicants in the country. Our bar pass rate, student employment statistics, and the scholarly productivity of our faculty continue to be quite strong, he said. Only more than a decade old, Chapman's law school remains one of the best-kept secrets in legal education. We look forward to the increased reputation that will undoubtedly follow as more and more people around the country come to see the wonderful things we are accomplishing here at the Chapman University School of Law.