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ORANGE, Calif., Feb. 26, 2007 The Chapman University School of Law has received acquiescence from the American Bar Associations accreditation committee upon the law schools application for the establishment of an LL.M. (Master of Law) program in prosecutorial science. With the ABAs acquiescence, the Chapman law school is expected to begin teaching its first classes in the specialized field this summer. The program will be the only one in the nation that provides an advanced degree specifically for prosecuting attorneys.

This is truly a unique and much-needed advanced legal degree program, said Parham Williams, dean of the Chapman School of Law. While there are a number of programs nationwide currently providing advanced training for the criminal defense bar, Chapmans new LL.M. program is the first one targeted to prosecutors.

The program is being developed in collaboration with the California District Attorneys Association. Up to 20 scholarships per year will be provided by the Institute for Advancement of Criminal Justice. In conjunction with the new program, the Chapman law school will publish the *Chapman Journal of Criminal Justice*, its third law journal. Courses will be taught at the campus in Orange, and plans are also in the works to offer live distance learning via videoconferencing centers throughout the country. We are putting the final touches on the curriculum for the planned summer 2007 launch, said Dean Williams, who will serve as the programs inaugural director.

Additional information is available by contacting Associate Dean John Eastman at the Chapman University School of Law, at jeastman@chapman.edu or (714) 628-2587, or Roy Huber at the California District Attorneys Association, at roy@cdaa.org.