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Law School Places 3rd Out of Top 10 in Best Quality of Life Category

ORANGE, Calif., Oct. 4, 2005 -- Chapman University's law and business schools are among the nations best, according to annual rankings just released by The Princeton Review. The New York-based education company selected the Chapman University School of Law for inclusion in the 2006 edition of its Best 159 Law Schools (Random House/Princeton Review, \$22.95) and selected Chapman's George L. Argyros School of Business and Economics for its 2006 Best 237 Business Schools.

In the law school rankings, Chapman's School of Law ranked #3 out of the top 10 in the category Best quality of life, and #8 out of the top 10 in the category Professors rock (legally speaking). Student remarks called the Chapman School of Law the premier law school in Orange County with a surprisingly personal administration, a remarkably friendly, available, knowledgeable and approachable faculty, and a brand new, fully modernized building that is absolutely beautiful. The book's authors call Chapman's law school a very young law school whose reputation has nowhere to go but up and praised its solid academic offerings. Chapman's law school opened in 1995 and is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

The business-school rankings book, which collected the opinions of students at the best AACSB-accredited MBA programs in the nation, lauds Chapman's George L. Argyros School of Business and Economics for its personalized approach. One student is quoted as saying, This program is as rigorous as top programs, but, unlike at larger universities, you won't get lost here at Chapman you'll build a strong bond with the faculty, staff and other students. Other students praised the Argyros School's curriculum as having a strong foundation in concepts needed for today's business and especially its focus on business ethics as well as typical business topics. One MBA summed it up by saying, Chapman may be a small private university, but don't underestimate the quality here. Chapman is as good as, if not better than, many of the larger universities in the U.S.

Each book features 11 ranking lists of Top 10 schools in categories ranging from best academics to best career prospects. The rankings are based on institutional data from the schools and on surveys of students attending the schools profiled in the books (more than 15,000 students were surveyed for the law school rankings, and more than 16,000 for the business school rankings). The surveys, conducted primarily online, asked students more than 50 questions about themselves, their career plans, and their schools academics, student body and campus life.

It was announced earlier this fall that Chapman University placed #11 its highest ranking ever in the prestigious U.S. News & World Report rankings, among 123 Western-region universities offering masters programs; and that it had also been selected for inclusion in The Princeton Review's highly regarded Best 361 Colleges 2006. A key indicator of the university's commitment

to excellence is the fact that the SAT scores of Chapmans entering freshmen have risen each year for the past 14 years, with combined scores now standing at an average of 1205.