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ORANGE, Calif., May 7, 2004 Chapman University's School of Law recently received an \$85,000 grant from the Internal Revenue Service to fund its Low Income Taxpayer Clinic program, said Nina Olson, national taxpayer advocate.

Chapman is one of only eleven other institutions to receive the maximum grant amount for the clinics it provides to those who may not be able to afford the services of a tax professional. The IRS matching grant program, which is in its sixth year, encourages the creation and growth of Low Income Taxpayer Clinics across the nation.

"I am pleased that, again this year, we are able to provide needed funding for these low income tax clinics," said Treasury Secretary John W. Snow. "Low income tax clinics are crucial to this Administration's efforts to ensure that all taxpayers, regardless of their resources, can understand their tax obligations. I would like to compliment the National Taxpayer Advocate on her devotion to these clinics."

LITCs represent low income tax payers who are involved in disputes with the IRS as well as inform individuals for whom English is a second language of their tax rights and responsibilities. As part of the Tax Law Program offered at Chapman, the LITCs complement the U.S. Tax Court Clinic at the school by providing students with additional clinical opportunities.

Although the law school is only in its fourth year, the LTC program has received \$500,000 in grants to date.