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Grant from the Fletcher Jones Foundation funds an endowed visiting professorship.

ORANGE, Calif., April 1, 2004 The Los Angeles-based Fletcher Jones Foundation has awarded Chapman University \$500,000 to endow a professorship in its ABA-accredited School of Law.

The grant establishes the Fletcher Jones Foundation Distinguished Visiting Professorship, which will bring to the law school a nationally respected legal scholar for one semester each year.

Scholars eligible for the professorship reflect the highest ethical standards, and are able to imbue their students with a strong sense of moral responsibility in their subsequent careers, said Parham Williams, dean of the Chapman University School of Law.

Thanks to the Fletcher Jones Foundation, we'll be going after the top people in the nation, Williams said. I believe this has the potential of becoming one of the more prestigious visiting professorships offered in American legal education. It allows us to build on the energy and momentum that have characterized the Chapman law school since its inception.

This is the third endowed professorship established at the Chapman University School of Law, which is in only its ninth year of existence. The law school also has three endowed chairs. The focus of the professorship is to advance the teaching of emerging areas of law. Courses will build upon traditional classroom coursework to enable students to interact and learn from a teacher of the highest ethical and professional standards.

The Fletcher Jones Foundation was established in July 1969. Its primary purpose is to support private colleges and universities, particularly those in California.

Since 1992 the Fletcher Jones Foundation has supported a range of disciplines at Chapman, including a grant to establish an endowed chair in international business. It also has funded other programs in the law school as well as awarded grants for science, athletics and the library.