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**ORANGE, Calif., Jan. 2, 2007** – William Scott Johns, formerly assistant director of the Institute for Student and Graduate Academic Success at the Whittier Law School, has been appointed assistant professor of academic achievement in the Chapman University School of Law. Professor Johns will oversee the law school's Academic Fellows and Early Bar Examination Preparation Program as director of academic achievement.

The Chapman law school's academic achievement program is designed to help students make the transition from undergraduate school to law school and achieve their academic potential. The early bar examination preparation program assists graduating students in review of the law tested on the bar examination, as well as assisting them in the development of writing skills needed for success on the examination.

“Scott's academic honors and his experience teaching in a similar position at the Whittier Law School will enable him to provide excellent guidance to our students from the ‘get-go,’” said Parham Williams, dean of the Chapman law school. “We are delighted to have him as part of the Chapman University School of Law in this vital area of legal education.”

Johns holds a doctorate of jurisprudence from the University of Colorado School of Law, and his B.A. from Miami University of Ohio. At the Whittier Law School, he was responsible for developing the first-year legal analysis curriculum, taught refresher courses on property law and constitutional law for bar examination students, and instructed legal analysis classes and advanced seminars on privacy law and human rights laws.

Prior to Whittier, he served as assistant chief counsel and a special assistant U.S. attorney's for the Department of Homeland Security, in Denver, Colorado, where he provided legal advice to federal agents and successfully litigated several national security cases.

Johns also holds a flight safety and aircraft accident analysis certificate from the University of Southern California, and served as a pilot and flight safety officer in the U.S. Air Force and with Northwest Airlines. Most recently, he has been appointed as a member serving on the Orange County Human Relations Commission.