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Chapman and Cutler Ranked 8th Nationally in Summer Associate Survey by *American Lawyer*

Chapman ranks among top 10 firms nationwide in American Lawyer's Annual Survey of Summer Associate Satisfaction; ranks 2nd in Chicago

Chicago (October 12, 2009) – Financial services law firm Chapman and Cutler LLP has been ranked 8th nationally in *American Lawyer's* annual survey on summer associate satisfaction, which measured 124 law firms nationwide on quality of work and life issues, according to the perspective of summer associates. Chapman was also rated 2nd out of 19 law firms in Chicago; with an overall score of 4.867 out of 5.

The firm earned a perfect score in two categories concerning firm culture: “firm seemed the right size” and “humane approach to billable hours.” In addition, the firm received a near-perfect score of 4.90 in several areas, including “overall rating as a place to work,” “partner-summer associate interactions” and “inclination to accept a full-time associateship.”

“Chapman is very pleased with the results of the survey,” said Rick Cosgrove, Chapman’s Chief Executive Partner. “We consider our summer associate program an opportunity to invest in promising law students’ training and development.”

While many firms eliminated their 2009 summer programs due to the economy, Chapman maintained its 2009 summer program but shortened it from twelve to eight weeks.

“We focused on maximizing the mentoring and training opportunities summer associates received in eight weeks,” notes Partner Rose Gallagher, Chair of Chapman’s employment committee. “We were able to provide a nurturing program and create many opportunities for summer associates to interact with both associates and partners, even within a shortened period.”

Chapman’s program pairs each summer associate with an associate advisor (typically a first or second year attorney) as well as a training partner practicing in an area the summer associate expressed interest in. The firm also provides training partners with a list of typical tasks that each summer associate should experience, such as legal research, drafting a memo or document, participating in a conference call and sitting in on a client meeting.

Each of the 2009 summer associates in Chapman’s Chicago and San Francisco offices completed the survey.

About Chapman and Cutler

Chapman and Cutler LLP is a national law firm with a practice that is focused on financial services transactions and clients. Founded in 1913, the firm has more than 200 attorneys with offices in Chicago, New York, Salt Lake City and San Francisco. For more information, go to chapman.com.