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10/17/08--BC Law is listed as one of the nation's top law schools, and appears in the top five for both Career Prospects, as well as for the category "Professors Rock (Legally Speaking)" in The Princeton Review's newly released 2008 edition of its "Best 174 Law Schools" (Random House / Princeton Review, Oct. 7, 2008, $22.95).

"We select schools for this book based on our high regard for their academic programs and offerings, institutional data we collect from the schools, and the candid opinions of students attending them who rate and report on their campus experiences at the schools," Robert Franek, Princeton Review VP-Publishing, said in a recent press release.

"Best 170 Law Schools" has two-page profiles of the schools with write-ups on their academics, student life and admissions, plus ratings for their academics, selectivity and career placement services. According to the survey, BC Law has "Great Research Resources" and a "Great Library Staff."

The ranking also comments on the social atmosphere at BC Law and the sense of community that is felt amongst the professors and students. The school is described as "interesting and enjoyable" with professors who are "truly extraordinary in their capacities as teachers, mentors, and friends." The superior professors are complimented by students who are "highly normal" and "willing to help"-- quite different from the stereotype of competitive, cutthroat law students.

The school is one of the top in the nation for Career Prospects, having a 98% rate of placement within 9 months of graduation, and an average starting salary of $103,000. The high career placement rate is bolstered by the willingness of students and faculty to use personal contacts to "help advance a students career," and numerous school-sponsored events with Boston attorneys and alumni that enable students to "get a position at a top law firm with relative ease."

The Princeton Review does not rank the schools in the book on a single hierarchical list from 1 to 174, or name one law school best overall. Instead, the book has 11 ranking lists of the top 10 law schools in various categories. Ten lists are based on The Princeton Review's surveys of 18,000 students attending the 174 law schools profiled in the book. The lists are posted at www.PrincetonReview.com.