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4/23/09-- BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL HAS HELD STEADY AT 26TH IN THE 2009 U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT RANKINGS, RELEASED TODAY.

4/23/09-- Boston College Law School has held steady at 26th in the 2009 U.S. News and World Report rankings, released today. BC Law was also ranked #9 in the Legal Writing specialty list.

On newsstands now, the report ranks ABA-accredited law schools, taking into account a number of measures, including student-faculty ratio, admissions selectivity, employment rates at graduation, bar passage rate, and reputation.

"In the past few years we have put in place a number of measures to strengthen our law school," said BC Law Dean John Garvey. "These initiatives, outlined in our strategic plan, were designed with one thought in mind - to make Boston College a better place to study the law. We must retain our identity as a unique community of scholars intent on educating our students to make a difference in the world in whatever career they choose."

BC Law recently graduated its first LL.M. class, which has brought increased attention and prestige to the school. The strategic plan also calls for the addition of 10 new faculty members over the course of several years, and the school has also recently restructured its Alumni Association to improve support structures for alumni and students, help with admissions and career services, and assist in fund-raising efforts.

U.S. News uses a weighted average to determine each school's final placement. A school's score on each indicator was standardized. Then scores were weighted, totaled, and re-scaled so that the top school received 100 and other schools received a percentage of the top score. BC Law received an overall score of 64, up from 61 last year.

The full rankings for graduate schools are available online at <http://www.usnews.com>.