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**JAMES E. BLANCARTE APPOINTED TO
CLAREMONT UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM BOARD OF OVERSEERS**

CLAREMONT, Calif. – The appointment of **James E. Blancarte** to the Claremont University Consortium (CUC) Board of Overseers was announced today by Robert Walton, CEO, and Bryant Danner, Board Chairman.

Mr. Blancarte graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Pomona College. He received his Juris Doctorate from UCLA.

In announcing his appointment, Bryant Danner stated, “James E. Blancarte brings to the CUC Board impressive experience in the legal profession and civic involvement. In addition, as a Pomona College graduate, Mr. Blancarte has a special and personal understanding of The Claremont Colleges. Jim will be a tremendous asset and will provide wise counsel as the Board of Overseers plans for the future.”

Mr. Blancarte is presently a Partner with the law firm of AlvaradoSmith, and is a member of the Firms’ Litigation, Employment, Entertainment and Sports Law practice groups. Mr. Blancarte has over 30 years of business and intellectual property litigation experience. As a litigation and trial lawyer he has earned national and international recognition for representing clients in high profile cases. He also handles a select number of white collar criminal defense matters in both state and federal court.

James E. Blancarte's professional experience includes serving as a Judge Pro-Tem, Los Angeles Superior Courts, and a Member of the American Bar Association, the LA County Bar Association, the Mexican American Bar Association (MABA), and the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA). In addition, Mr. Blancarte served as Chairman, Board of Governors of the City Club on Bunker Hill, President of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the LAFD, a Presidential Appointee to the Hispanic Alliance for Free Trade and a California Governor’s Appointee to California State Bar Lawyers' Assistance Program and the State Bar's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. Jim is the recipient of numerous awards for his professional and civic involvement, including Lawyer of the Year Awards from HNBA and MABA, and he has been recognized by *Hispanic Business Inc.*

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Magazine as one of its "100 Most Influential Hispanics". Jim is also a founding member of the Latino Business Chamber of Greater Los Angeles and a member of the Board of the Latino Theater Company.

In reflecting on joining the CUC Board of Overseers, Blancarte stated, "I look forward to serving on the Claremont University Consortium Board of Overseers. As a graduate of Pomona College, I have a continued and very special personal interest in the diversity, quality of life and excellence of educational experience at The Claremont Colleges. Over the years, I have watched the Claremont Colleges continue to build on their collective, premier status as private colleges, while making constant improvement of campus facilities and operations a priority. I look forward to working with fellow CUC Board members to gain a broader understanding of how this unique consortium of some of the best colleges in the nation operates to meet the needs of today's students and needs of students yet to come as they prepare to be among our country's future leaders."

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Claremont University Consortium is a service company that is a national leader in providing academic and business services. CUC provides common services for The Claremont Colleges, the internationally renowned cluster of five undergraduate colleges and two graduate institutions serving more than 6,000 students. The Consortium offers the expansive physical facilities and wide selection of courses, faculty, student services and extracurricular activities of a university, and the personalized education of small private colleges. The Consortium includes Pomona College (established in 1887), Claremont Graduate University (1925), Scripps College (1926), Claremont McKenna College (1946), Harvey Mudd College (1955), Pitzer College (1963), the Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Science (1997) and Claremont University Consortium (1925).

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