



## J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SOCIETY

Religious Liberty Fellowship

October 9, 2020 — Washington, D.C.

**\*\*NEWLY UPDATED INFORMATION REGARDING ONLINE FORMAT\*\***

The J. Reuben Clark Law Society Religious Liberty Fellowship promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Among other things, the Fellowship will:

- Instruct Fellows on the basics of religious liberty and the legal and social challenges religious liberty faces
- Equip Fellows with advocacy skills and practical know-how
- Prepare Fellows to implement changes in their local communities

Instructors will include:

- Federal judges
- Congressional staffers
- Nationally-recognized religious liberty advocates
- Religious liberty scholars
- Interfaith representatives

Because of safety concerns around COVID-19, the JRCLS Religious Liberty Fellowship this year will be conducted online on October 9, 2020. Special care is being taken to provide fellows with an interactive and personal experience despite the online format. Fellows can expect both medium and small group sessions, Q&As, opportunities to network with professionals and other fellows, as well as the receipt of a special Fellowship package containing swag, literature, and other useful materials.

Preference will be given to law students and recent law graduates. However, undergraduate students may also apply. There is no religious requirement to become a Fellow, just a requirement that Fellows be actively interested in religious liberty and have plans to better their communities. The JRCLS, while affiliated with the J. Reuben Clark Law School and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, maintains the following motto and welcomes attorneys of all faiths:

*We affirm the strength brought to the law by a lawyer's personal religious conviction. We strive through public service and professional excellence to promote fairness and virtue founded upon the rule of law.*

For questions or to obtain more information about the JRCLS Religious Liberty Fellowship, please send an email to [tbean@fabianvancott.com](mailto:tbean@fabianvancott.com).

Otherwise, please see the attached application.

### Highlights from the 2019 JRCLS Religious Liberty Fellows



"I really enjoyed the fellowship. It was a very valuable experience to see how you can advocate for religious freedoms in various ways, many of which I didn't realize. I really enjoyed a chance to meet with a federal judge. The panel, speakers, and networking opportunities were invaluable experiences! Overall, it was an amazing opportunity."

-Austin Blessing, Michigan State University College of Law



"My experience with the fellowship was incredible! It really helped me to think about how so many people are doing so many different things in religious freedom and that there is a way for all of us to contribute. I am also amazed at the community and their willingness to help others get involved. I was most inspired by the fact that everyone can do something to help promote freedom of religion and belief using your own gifts and talents."

-Brady Earley, Brigham Young University



"I thoroughly enjoyed the JRCLS fellowship. The fellows were wonderful, and I enjoyed networking with like-minded law students from other schools. I did my undergrad in Religious Studies and was excited to see this fellowship opportunity because I want to become better connected to the religious liberty network. This fellowship helps those wishing to enter the field. There is a place for everyone in the work of religious liberty."

-Kristen Beck, S. J. Quinney College of Law



*2019 JRCLS Religious Liberty Fellows*



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### Religious Liberty Fellowship Application

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending/Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date (Mo/Yr): \_\_\_/\_\_\_

Career or Further Education Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a student member of JRCLS? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_ If so, what chapter? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you enter the JRCLS Religious Liberty Writing Competition?

- Yes. Please attach a copy of your submission with this application.
- No. See attached page for how you can submit an award-winning submission.

Please attach a current copy of your resume.

What is your T-shirt size? \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach answers to the following questions, with no more than a 100-word response per question.

- Why is religious liberty important to you?
- What sorts of challenges to religious liberty do you see in our society?
- What can be done to improve the condition of religious liberty in our society?
- JRCLS Fellows will be asked to complete a post-fellowship religious liberty project in their communities. What can you do to make an impact in your community?

## Travel & Lodging Scholarship

- In lieu of a travel and lodging scholarship, because this year's fellowship will be conducted online, Fellows will be receiving a Fellowship package containing swag, literature, and other useful materials.

Please send your application, attached as a single PDF file, to [tbean@fabianvancott.com](mailto:tbean@fabianvancott.com).

Applications must be received by **September 1, 2020, before 11:59pm**.

All applicants will be notified of the Fellowship Committee's decisions by September 10, 2019.