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9:00–10:00 a.m.   Plenary session  Peace and Justice Theatre

“Why Is Religious Liberty Important Anyway?” (1.0 CLE)
Deano C. Ware, Attorney, Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church and School
Michael D. Frandsen, Director, Public Affairs, The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints
Robert E. Snyder, Attorney at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Moderator: Jeffrey W. Shields, Chair, J. Reuben Clark Law Society
Religious Freedom Committee; Principal, Shields Law Office

10:10–11:10 a.m.   Plenary session  Peace and Justice Theatre

“Establishing the Rule of Law and Independent Judiciaries
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Hon. J. Clifford Wallace, Senior Judge, United States Court of Appeals
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As an associate general counsel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Bill Atkin is responsible for the international legal affairs of the Church, working closely with four regional legal counsel and 13 area legal counsel. Atkin was formerly an international partner in the law firm of Baker & McKenzie for almost 18 years. He was the managing partner of the firm’s offices in Taipei, Taiwan; San Francisco, California; Palo Alto, California; and Moscow, Russia. He also worked in the firm’s Chicago, Illinois, and Caracas, Venezuela, offices. Prior to joining Baker & McKenzie, Atkin was a trial attorney with the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice from 1976 to 1979, representing the government in the Court of International Trade. Prior to that he worked as a law clerk for the Honorable David T. Lewis, then chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Atkin received an LLM from Columbia Law School in 1979 with emphasis on international and comparative law. He graduated magna cum laude with a JD from Arizona State University College of Law in 1975, where he served as editor in chief of the Arizona State Law Journal. He received his BA from Brigham Young University in 1972. Atkin has been a member of the International Board of the Reuben Clark Law Society since 2000, serving as the international chair from 2003 to 2003. He was the recipient of the Franklin S. Richards Pro Bono Community Service Award in 2010. Atkin now serves as a member of the Executive Advisory Board of the BYU Law School’s International Center for Law and Religion Studies and was presented the center’s Distinguished Service Award in 2008.

Jeff Benedict
Author and Producer; Professor, Southern Virginia University
Jeff Benedict is an author, a special features writer for Sports Illustrated, and a television and film producer. His feature stories and essays have appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated and in the pages of the New York Times and Los Angeles Times. They have also inspired segments on 60 Minutes, 20/20, 48 Hours, Good Morning America, and Discovery Channel. Benedict is a New York Times best-selling author who has written 15 books on topics ranging from violence against women to a deadly E. coli outbreak to the discovery of a 10,000-year-old skeleton in North America. Benedict’s most recent book, The System: The Glory and Scandal of Big-Time College Football, is being developed into a television drama by Starz. Benedict is a producer and writer for the series. He is also an executive producer on the forthcoming motion-picture film Little Pink House, starring Catherine Keener and Jeanine Tripplehorn. The movie is based on Benedict’s book by the same title. In 2007 Benedict published The Mormon Way of Doing Business: How Eight Western Boys Reached the Top of Corporate America (Warner Business Books). For the book Benedict conducted interviews with the CEOs at jetBlue Airways, Madison Square Garden, Dell, and Deloitte & Touche, along with the CFO of American Express and the dean of Harvard Business School. Benedict also wrote and coproduced his first television documentary based on the book. It aired on BYU TV and on the PBS and CBS affiliates in Utah. He produced television commercials with Glenn Beck to promote the show. After the release of the book and the film, Benedict teamed up with the executives he had profiled for a series of leadership forums at Yale, Harvard, Wharton, Columbia, and Brigham Young University. Benedict has also written numerous biographies. My Name Used to Be Muhammad—the biography of Muslim-turned-Christian Tito Momo—was a Book of the Year finalist in 2013. Benedict also wrote the forthcoming biography of Hall of Fame quarterback Steve Young (Houghton Mifflin; October 2016). NFL Films is producing a documentary based on this biography, and Benedict is a writer and creative consultant for the film, which will air on the NFL Network in fall 2016. Currently, Benedict is writing a biography on Tiger Woods for Simon & Schuster. His popular blog can be read at www.jeffbenedict.com. He is licensed to practice law in Connecticut and is a distinguished professor of writing and mass media at Southern Virginia University. Benedict is represented by Richard Pine at Inkwell Management in New York City.

Elder L. Whitney Clayton
Senior President of the Seventy and General Authority, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Elder L. Whitney Clayton was named the Senior President of the Presidency of the Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on October 6, 2015. He was sustained a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy on March 31, 2001. He has served as a member of the Presidency of the Seventy since 2008 and has supervisory responsibility for the U.S. territory west of the Rocky Mountains, the states of Salt Lake City, and Utah South Areas. He assisted Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in supervising the Africa Southeast and Africa West Areas. He also serves as a member of the Public Affairs Committee. Elder Clayton served as a counselor in the South America South Area Presidency from 2002 to 2003 and as president from 2003 to 2006, while living in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He previously served as an Area Seventy for the North America West Area for six years. Elder Clayton was a business litigation attorney with Call, Clayton & Jensen in Newport Beach, California, from 1981 to 2001. He earned a bachelor’s degree in finance at the University of Utah and a law degree at the University of the Pacific. He has served the Church as a regional representative, mission president’s counselor, stake high councilor, bishop, stake mission president, and gospel docking mission president. He served in full-time missionary service in Peru from 1970 to 1971. Elder Clayton was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1950. He married Kathy Ann Kipp on August 9, 1973, in the Salt Lake Temple. They are the parents of seven and the grandparents of 18.

John C. Eastman
Professor and Former Dean, Dale E. Fowler School of Law, Chapman University. Director, Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence
John Eastman is the founding director of the Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence, a public interest law firm affiliated with the Claremont Institute. Prior to joining the Fowler School of Law faculty in August 2010, he served as a law clerk with Justice Clarence Thomas at the Supreme Court of the United States and with Judge J. Michael Luttig at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. After his clerkships, Dr. Eastman practiced with the national law firm of Kirkland & Ellis, specializing in major civil and constitutional litigation at both the trial and appellate levels. He earned his JD from the University of Chicago Law School, where he graduated with high honors in 1997. He was selected for a clerkship at the NFL Network in fall 2016. Currently, Benedict is writing a biography on Tiger Woods for Simon & Schuster. His popular blog can be read at www.jeffbenedict.com. He is licensed to practice law in Connecticut and is a distinguished professor of writing and mass media at Southern Virginia University. Benedict is represented by Richard Pine at InkWell Management in New York City.

Jeffrey C. Neibaur
Military Historian, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Jeffrey C. Neibaur is a military historian who has written numerous articles on military frontier army, Mexican War, and Civil War history. He retired from the U.S. Army in 2002 after a 25-year career. He served as a navigator, Special Forces officer, and enlisted armor crewman, ending his career as chief historian of the National Guard Bureau. Lt. Col. Neibaur began his military service in 1975, serving in Mainz, Germany. Commissioned from the ROTC in 1981, he has also served in air cavalry, air assault, and fixed-wing support units. He was commander of several units, selected two joint tours, and served in combat arms units from platoon through division. A native of Layton, Utah, he holds a BA in English from Brigham Young University and an MA in American history from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. As a historian he has more than 30 articles published in national periodicals and historical journals. His first book, the award-winning History May Be Searched in Vain: A Military History of the Mormon Battalion, was published in 2006. His second book, Place the Headstones Where They Belong, a biography of Thomas Neibaur, a World War I recipient of the Medal of Honor, was published in 2008. Lt. Col. Neibaur’s latest monograph, historical novels on the Mexican War in the Far West. His latest book, Saints of Valor. Mormon Medal of Honor Recipients, was published in late 2011 and again in 2013. He served from 2002 to 2005 as historian for a Civil War preservation foundation, telling the Civil War story in the Shenandoah Valley. In 2005 the U.S. Army appointed him as the historian to record and write the army’s official history of the reconstruction efforts in Iraq. He thereafter served in Iraq in early 2007. In 2007 he became the first-ever historian for Walter Reed Army Medical Center. In early 2009 he was appointed the command historian for the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Lt. Col. Neibaur’s awards include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and eight other decorations, including the Master Aviator Badge, being qualified in several rotary and fixed-wing aircraft, with more than 2,700 flying hours. He also received the Army Parachutist Badge, Special Forces Tab, and Air Assault Badge.

Michael D. Frandsen
Director, Public Affairs, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Michael D. Frandsen has been the director of public affairs for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since August 2015. He is a writer at heart and, throughout his career, has helped senior executives give voice to ideas that clarify and inspire. He draws from extensive experience in both external and internal communications. Most of his career has been focused on public affairs, issues management, and consumer PR. He began his career in broadcast journalism but early on served as press secretary to a U.S. senator in Washington, DC. He has developed significant experience in the legislative and public policy areas and working in challenging and high-pressure environments. He worked as director of global communications for eBay, where he led executive communications, community engagement, and employee communications on a global scale and served as spokesperson for the company with state and national media. He has held similar roles with companies such as Ritz Tinto, Mrs. Fields, Cigina, and Qwest Communications.

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Susan R. Madsen
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Dr. Susan Madsen is the Orin R. Woodbury Professor of Leadership and Ethics in the Woodbury School of Business at Utah Valley University. She has been heavily involved for more than a decade in researching the lifetime development of prominent women leaders, and she has personally interviewed a host of female university presidents, U.S. governors, and international leaders. Many books and articles have been published on her work. In the past year Dr. Madsen released six briefs through the Utah Women and Leadership Project, which she founded on Utah women and leadership in all sectors and settings. Overall, Dr. Madsen has worked on five books and published more than 100 articles, chapters, and reports. She also presents often in local, national, and international settings. In 2012 she presented in sessions of the United Nations in New York and Geneva on women, leadership, and education, and she was also an invited panelist at the New York Times. In recent years she has done extensive research in the United States, China, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe. Dr. Madsen has been recognized as the 2014 Women and Leadership Scholar of the Year for the International Leadership Association, the 2014 Woodbury School of Business Scholar of the Year, one of the 2014 Fabulous Forty in Utah Valley Magazine, one of the 30 Women to Watch in 2013 in Utah Business Magazine, and a 2012 Salt Lake Chamber Pathfinder Award winner. She also founded the Utah Women and Education Project for the state of Utah in 2009, which aims to get more Utah women to graduate from college, and she is currently the director of this statewide initiative. In recent years Dr. Madsen also founded the International Leadership Association’s Women and Leadership Affinity Group, the Utah Women in Higher Education Network, and the Academy of Human Resource Development’s special interest group on leadership. Dr. Madsen received her doctorate from the University of Minnesota in work, community, and family education with a specialization in human resource development.

Margaret Oak
LMFT, The Mission Oak Group

Margaret Oak is principal of the Mission Oak Group and has a passion for helping families and individuals, which she has done in a professional capacity for more than 20 years. After earning her master’s degree in marriage and family therapy, she began practicing therapy in a private not-for-profit group, helping children, adolescents, young adults, and women for nearly a decade. She regularly presented parenting and therapeutic workshops and classes to groups throughout the community and at national professional conferences. After that she worked as a primary therapist in a premier residential treatment center, working with adolescents in substance abuse issues to help families resolve significant emotional and behavioral challenges. Her passion for working directly with families led her to begin private consultation, and she currently maintains a private practice while consulting. She served in the Italy Rome Mission and currently serves in her ward Relief Society presidency and in the Newport Beach California Temple. In her spare time she loves to cook Italian food, travel, sing, kayak, read, teach, and spend time with her family.

Clifford B. Parkinson
Attorney, Lear & Lear LLP

Clifford Parkinson was raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. He earned a BA in classics from Brigham Young University in 2005, graduating sum laude. He then attended BYU’s J. Reuben Clark Law School, graduating with his JD in 2010. During his legal education, Parkinson gained hands-on experience dealing with complex legal issues by serving as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Dee V. Benson of the United States District Court for the District of Utah. After clerking for Judge Benson, Parkinson served as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Monroe G. McKay on the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Parkinson joined Lear & Lear LLP after his graduation from Florida State. His time at the firm was brief interrupted by a two-year hiatus in which he served his federal clerkships. Since returning to the firm, he has engaged in varied natural resources and energy law practice.

Hon. Todd J. Plewe
District Court Judge, 22nd Judicial District, Montezuma and Dolores Counties, State of Colorado; Vice Chair, JCRCLS Judicial Section

Judge Plewe was appointed to the district court bench for the 22nd district of the Colorado Judicial Branch in 2010. He served as the Montezuma County Court judge from 2002 to 2010. On the bench, he maintained a private practice. Judge Plewe received his JD from the University of Colorado School of Law. He resides in Cortez, Colorado, with his wife and five children.

James R. Rasband
Dean and Hugh W. Colton Professor of Law, BYU Law School

Dean James Rasband joined the BYU Law School faculty in 1995. Prior to entering academia, he served as a law clerk to Judge J. Clifford Wallace of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and practiced law at Perkins Coie LLP in Seattle, Washington, where he focused on Indian treaty litigation. Immediately prior to his appointment as dean, he taught in cardiology and served in university administration as the associate academic vice president for faculty at BYU. Dean Rasband’s research and teaching has centered on public land and natural resources law and policy. Professor Rasband has published many articles and book chapters on these subjects and is a co-author, along with James Salzman at Duke University and Mark Squillace at the University of Colorado, of Natural Resources Law and Policy, an important textbook in the field. He has taught courses on water law, wildlife law, public lands and natural resources law, torts, and international environmental law. He has also taught as a visiting professor at Murdoch University School of Law in Perth, Australia, and as a visiting fellow at T C Beirne School of Law at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.

Matthew K. Richards
Attorney, Kirton McConkie

Matthew Richards is a member of two sections at Kirton McConkie: First Amendment and Religious Organizations as well as Litigation. In addition to litigating cases, he provides general counsel services to clients, advising them on diverse matters, such as regulatory compliance, electronic discovery, and providing records maintenance, historical preservation, and contract management. Richards has an extensive background in appeals and complex litigation in both federal and state courts. He has particular expertise in domestic and international religious liberty issues and has published articles and presented at international conferences on these topics. Richards is recognized as one of Utah’s 2015 Legal Elite for corporate law and a 2015 Mountain States Super Lawyer for business litigation. He has published numerous articles on the topics of religious-based employment practices of churches, the status of and threats to international law regarding freedom of religion and belief, the future of religious freedom in the face of religiously motivated challenges with religious freedom, the need for legislation to enshrine free exercise in the land-use context, and technology and medical tort issues.

Jeffrey W. Shields
Chair, JCRCLS Religious Freedom Committee; Principal, Shields Law Office

Jeffrey Shields practices business litigation exclusively, resolving both international and domestic disputes. He is a member of the State Bar of California and currently serves as an advisor emeritus to its international law section (also chair, 1996–1997; vice chair, 1995–1996; and treasurer, 1994–1995). He currently serves on the International Board of the Reuben Clark Law Society chair of its Religious Freedom Committee (also chair of the Orange County Chapter, 2005–2006; immediate past chair, 2006–2007; chair elect, 2004–2005; and recipient of the J. Reuben Clark Award, 2009). In 2002 Shields was president of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers, Orange County Chapter (also vice president, 2001; secretary, 2000; treasurer, 1999; and program director, 1997–1998). In 2001–2002 he was president of the Warren J. Ferguson American Inn of Court (also vice president, 2000–2001). From 1998 to 2001 Shields was a lawyer representative appointed to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. From 1997 to 1999 he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Bar Association, and in 1995, served as chair of its Business Litigation section (also chair elect, 1994). He currently sits on the advisory council of the Japan Bar Association, among others.

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Senior Counsel, The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty

Hannah Smith joined the Becket Fund in 2007 following two clerkships at the U.S Supreme Court: Justice Clarence Thomas and Samuel A. Alito Jr. She was a member of the Becket Fund legal team that secured victories in key U.S. Supreme Court religious liberty cases, including Holland v. Hood (requiring prison officials to accommodate peaceful expressions of religious devotion), Burtwholl v. Hobby Lobby (holding that family-owned businesses enjoy religious liberty rights under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act); and Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School’s EEOC (holding that the “ministerial exception” under the First Amendment protects a church’s right to choose its own ministers). Smith has also contributed to numerous other Supreme Court filings Court by the Becket Fund. She has been featured on many radio and television shows and in many publications, such as CNN, the Wall Street Journal, U.S. News and World Report, Bloomberg News, NPR, and the New York Times. Smith has been invited to speak on religious liberty at several law schools, including Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, and BYU, and she has given briefings on religious liberty issues at the U.S. Capitol, the State Department, the Heritage Foundation, the Ethics and Public Policy Center, the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies, the American Bar Association, and the National Constitution Center.

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Smith holds a BA from Brigham Young University and a JD from Yale University. He has taught at the University of Notre Dame Law School, the University of Colorado Law School, and the University of Idaho. He was a visiting professor at the University of Michigan and the University of Virginia, and he joined the USD School of Law faculty in 2002. His publications include “Freedom of Religious Expression in the Church?“ in Legal Responses to Religious Practices in the United States (Sarat, ed., Cambridge University Press, 2014), The Rise and Decline of American Religious Freedom (Harvard University Press, 2014); “That OATime Originalism,” in The Challenge of Originalism: Theories of Constitutional Interpretation (Huscroft and Miller, eds., Cambridge University Press, 2013); The Disenchantment of Secular Discourse (Harvard University Press, 2010), and Forbidnated Failure The 981st for a Constitutional Principle (Oxford University Press, 1995).

Robert E. Snyder
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Robert Snyder works for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Previous to his employment with the Church, he was an associate attorney with the law firm of Kirton McConkie. He received his bachelor’s degree in accounting from Brigham Young University and a juris doctor from the Boston University School of Law. He completed a master
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Hon. J. Clifford Wallace
Senior Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Judge J. Clifford Wallace is a native of San Diego, a navy veteran, and a 1953 graduate of the University of California, Berkeley. Boalt Hall School of Law. He has devoted more than 60 years to the law as a partner in the San Diego law firm Gray Carey Ames & Frye, a United States district judge for the Southern District of California, and a member of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, where he also served as chief judge from 1991 to 1996. Since assuming senior status in 1996, Judge Wallace has spent much of his time traveling the world to promote the role of law in developing countries. His support for the “rule of law” movement—which seeks to instill the concepts and ideals of an independent judiciary and impartial judicial system—dates back to 1972, when he began using his personal vacation time to visit jurisdictions overseas. He has worked with jurisdicties in more than 50 countries and on every continent. He was featured on the cover of the August 2009 edition of California Lawyer for this work. A prolific writer, lecturer, and teacher, he has taught courses in judicial administration in the United States and throughout the world and has consulted with more than 50 jurisdictions worldwide. He developed the concept of the Conference of Chief Justices of Asia and the Pacific. He also originated the idea and developed the concept for the American Inns of Court. Judge Wallace and his wife, Dr. Jenee Wallace, have a blended family of 15 children and 51 grandchildren. Throughout his long and distinguished career of professional, church, and community service, Judge Wallace has received a great many honors, recognitions, and awards, including the 2005 Edward J. Devitt Distinguished Service to Justice Award, generally regarded as “the most prestigious honor conferred on a member of the federal judiciary.” The International Center for Law and Religion Studies bestowed its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award for Religious Freedom, upon Judge Wallace in 2009.

Deano C. Ware
Attorney, Representing Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School

Deano Ware is an attorney in Redmond, Michigan, who was thrust into the limelight when asked to defend the Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School against a suit brought by a former teacher and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commissions alleging unlawful dismissal under the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act. After Mr. Ware secured a victory for his client at the district court level, the case was reversed by the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, which held that the ministerial exception did not bar the plaintiff’s claims. The case was ultimately taken to the U.S. Supreme Court in what the Becker Fund for Religious Liberty calls “the most significant religious liberty decision of the past half-century.” There, following briefing and argument by the Becker Fund, along with Professor Douglas Laycock of the UVA Law School, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously upheld the right of religious organizations to choose their own ministers and declared that “the church must be free to choose those who will guide it on its way.” The early trial court victory won by Ware was reinstated and a major victory for religious liberty was won.

John W. Welch
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John Welch is the Robert K. Thomas Professor of Law and editor in chief of BYU Studies, the premier Latter-day Saint scholarly journal. He practiced law in Los Angeles with O’Melveny & Myers, at which time he founded the Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies. From 1988 to 1991 he served as one of the editors for Macmillan’s Encyclopedia of Mormonism, and he served as the general editor of the Collected Works of Hugh Nibley. He organized the bicentennial conference for Joseph Smith at the Library of Congress and has served on the executive committee of the Biblical Law Section of the Society of Biblical Literature. Welch is among the most prominent pupils of Hugh Nibley, having made several important discoveries and advances regarding biblical studies. LDS scholarship, history, culture, and thought. His publications cover a wide range of topics, including Roman and Jewish law in the trial of Jesus, the use of biblical laws in colonial America, chiasmus in antiquity, and the Sermon on the Mount and King Benjamin’s speech.
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The J. Reuben Clark Law Society was conceived in 1987 by Bruce C. Hafen, dean of J. Reuben Clark Law School, and Ralph J. Hardy, a prominent lawyer in Washington, DC. Dean Hafen was seeking ideas from distinguished LDS attorneys for how to strengthen the Law School. Hardy opined that all LDS lawyers, regardless of where they had graduated, would be affected by the quality of a law school sponsored by BYU. The two men discussed the creation of an association that would benefit LDS attorneys throughout the country, envisioning an organization that would provide many advantages to its members, including mentoring opportunities, a referral network, and moral support for the challenges unique to being an active LDS law student or attorney.

Hardy proceeded to organize a major dinner in Washington, DC, under the name of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society. At the dinner, held November 16, 1987, Elder Jeffrey R. Holland, who was then serving as president of BYU, offered some remarks. Bruce C. Hafen also spoke, as did Rex E. Lee. The next year the J. Reuben Clark Law Society was officially formed. The initial national board members were Wilford Andersen of Mesa, Arizona; Gary Anderson and William Mussman of San Francisco; Evrett Benton of Houston; Joseph Cannon of Provo; Val Christensen, Dale Kimball, and Michele Mitchell of Salt Lake City; Paul Gilbert of Phoenix; Ralph Hardy; William Ingersoll, and Brent Israelson of Washington, DC; Douglas Higham of Newport Beach, California; Nancy Stevenson (Van Slooten) of Downey, California; Monte Stewart of Las Vegas; Judith Thomas of Schaumburg, Illinois; and John Welch of Los Angeles.

CHAPTER FORMATION

Individual chapters were soon organized in Washington, DC; Phoenix; San Francisco; and Los Angeles. By 1995 there were 16 chapters in cities around the United States and Canada and over 4,000 members. By 2001 there were 28 chapters, with the number of member attorneys who had not graduated from BYU Law School increasing in percentage. The biggest increase in membership occurred after 2006, when student chapters were formally added to the society.

There are now approximately 200 chapters of the Law Society, with student chapters at approximately 100 law schools. These vibrant chapters are found throughout the United States and in Africa, South and Central America, Europe, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and island nations such as the Philippines and American Samoa.

INTERNATIONAL CHAIRS

The society owes a great debt of gratitude to the inspired vision of Ralph Hardy, who served as the first chair of the board. He has been followed in that capacity by Gary Anderson, Charles E. “Bud” Jones, Ralph R. Mabey, Marshall Tanner, William F. Atkin, Lew W. Cramer, Joseph Bentley, Brent J. Belnap, Nancy S. Van Slooten, Douglas R. Bush, Jeremiah J. Morgan, and Virginia T. Isaacson.

The society has been supported from its inception by an executive director and later by an assistant executive director, both appointed by the dean of the Law School and funded by the Law School. Scott Cameron and Mary Hoagland have served for many years in these leadership roles. The General Counsel’s Office of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has been a constant supporter of the society from the beginning.

WORK OF THE SOCIETY

In cooperation with BYU Law School, the society has published the Clark Memorandum since 1988. The society has also held a leadership conference at BYU each fall since 1990; sponsored an annual fireside since 2003, which originates at the LDS Conference Center in Salt Lake City and is broadcast over the LDS Church satellite network; and organized an annual conference since 2006.

The attorney and student chapters of the Law Society conduct their own activities for the benefit of their members. These include CLE presentations, sponsoring and promoting pro bono and other service activities, institute and similar classes for student chapter members, mentoring and employment-related events, as well as a host of events and awards that promote the mission statement of the Law Society, which states: “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.”

Ralph Hardy, a former Area Seventy for the LDS Church, has stated that the society fulfilled the vision he had in the 1980s, but its inspired purposes were much larger than he could then see. Today the Law Society strives to strengthen its members in many ways. As Hardy has said, “All of these events and associations through the Law Society have helped refine valuable insight, tailored for my chosen profession, so that I know better what is expected of me and how I can meet the challenge.”
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