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The opportunities afforded us at this conference are the result of more than a year of planning by members of the local organizing committee and the Law Society’s Conference and Events Committee. These selfless Law Society members have devoted untold hours to preparing the unique and uplifting experiences that we will enjoy. Please join with me in thanking them for their service.

The conference organizers have chosen the theme “Do Justice, Love Mercy, and Walk Humbly” (see Micah 6:8). This theme is particularly fitting and aspirational for those in the legal profession. Justice, love, and mercy are often considered disassociated, opposing principles. However, as people of faith who understand the strength brought to the law by living according to one’s personal religious convictions, we know that application of these principles is often critical to obtaining fair, reasonable outcomes for ourselves, our colleagues, our clients, and all those we serve. The strength of the Law Society arises from the work of individual members who look for ways to apply their legal skills to good causes wherever they may live. Worthy influence is our ultimate goal—the kind of influence that can only come from a combination of justice, mercy, and humility, in addition to the cornerstones of professional excellence, personal integrity, and courageous effort.

I thank each of you for your efforts to continue the great work of so many who have come before us. May we each do our part to help the Law Society become an even more powerful influence for good in the world. Please enjoy the conference!

With warm regards,

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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

2:30 p.m.   Early Registration for JRCLS Leadership

3:00 p.m.   Preconference International Leadership Meetings

6:00 p.m.   General Registration

7:00 p.m.   Evening Keynote

Welcome: Douglas Sylvester, ASU Law School Dean

Women in Law Service Award Presentation—
Recipient: Angel Zimmerman

Keynote Speaker: Katrina Lantos Swett,
“‘Walking the Walk’: Why We Must Defend Freedom of
Religion, Conscience, and Belief for All People”

8:30 p.m.   Dessert

ASU Law School

Great Hall

Plaza and Great Hall
7:15 a.m. Breakfast  
General Breakfast  
Plaza and Great Hall  
Women in Law Breakfast  
Room 544
8:15 a.m. Welcome and Announcements  
Great Hall
8:30–9:30 a.m. Plenary Session  
Great Hall  
Speaker: Elder Lawrence E. Corbridge, “No Other Gods Before Me: The Influence of Righteous Lawyers and Judges”
9:30–9:45 a.m. Break
9:45–10:45 a.m. Breakout Session 1  
a. Dilley Detention Center JRCLS/Women in Law Service Project Report  
Room 544  
WIL Committee: Rana Lehr-Lehnardt and Rebecca van Uitert
b. “Balancing Religious Freedom and LGBT Rights at the Municipal Level”  
Religious Freedom Committee: Steve Collis, Tanner Bean, and Eric Johnson
c. “Privilege and Confidentiality in the Ward Council”  
Room 644  
Nathan Smith
d. Student Panel  
Room 601
10:50–11:50 a.m. Breakout Session 2  
a. In-House Counsel Panel  
Room 544  
Sam Cowley (Insight), David Colten (Phelps Dodge (fmr.)), and Greg Slater (Intel); moderator: Ryan Hamilton (Meritage)
b. “James Madison, the Father of Religious Liberty, and the Public Meaning of the 1st Amendment”  
Great Hall  
Dr. Rodney Smith
c. “Making the Bible Treason: Joseph Smith’s 1839 Grand Jury Proceeding in Daviess County, Missouri”  
Room 644  
Stephen Davis
11:50 a.m. Lunch  
Plaza and Great Hall
12:15–1:15 p.m. Plenary Lunch Session  
Great Hall  
Speaker: Hon. Murray Snow, “That They Might Be Free”
1:15–1:30 p.m. Break
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1:30–2:30 p.m.  Plenary Session  
Speaker: Elder Wilford W. Andersen, “Christian Lawyering Within the Adversarial System”  
Great Hall

2:30–2:45 p.m.  Break

2:45–3:45 p.m.  Breakout Session 3 (repeats at 4:00 p.m.)

a.  “What the Book of Mormon Teaches Us About Law, Justice, Mercy, and Humility”  
   Prof. Jack Welch  
   Room 544

b.  “Judging the Brethren: Lessons from the Reed Smoot Hearing”  
   Dr. Kathleen Flake  
   Great Hall

c.  “Joseph Smith and the Beginnings of Modernism”  
   Dr. Richard Bushman  
   Room 644

3:45–4:00 p.m.  Break

4:00–5:00 p.m.  Breakout Session 4

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5:00 p.m.  Dinner on your own; sign up in advance for dine-around groups

7:30 p.m.  Fireside  
Thomas L. Kane Religious Freedom Award—Recipient: Dr. James Sonne  
Speaker: Elder Tad R. Callister, “What Place Do Morals and Religion Have in the Law?”  
Refreshments  
Plaza and Great Hall
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7:30 a.m. Breakfast
General Breakfast Plaza and Great Hall
Judges Prayer Breakfast Room 544

8:30–9:30 a.m. Plenary Session Great Hall
Ethics Panel, “Answering the Call: The Ethics of Providing Pro Bono Services”
Hon. Michael Brown, Prof. Ann Ching, and Nancy Greenlee

9:30–9:45 a.m. Break

9:45–10:45 a.m. Breakout Session 5
a. “Ethical Issues Faced by the Church in South America” Room 644
   Brent Gardner, Gaylene Vonnie Gomez Vera, and Doug McAllister
b. Law School Deans Panel Great Hall
   Gordon Smith (BYU), Elizabeth Kronk Warner (U of U),
   and Douglas Sylvester (ASU); moderator: Brian Furuya
   c. “Now Trending: Religious Liberty at the US Supreme Court” Room 544
      Eric Baxter
d. Student Panel Room 601

10:50–11:50 a.m. Plenary Session Great Hall
Speaker: Hon. Thomas Lee, “Impartialism: Judging and the Rule of Law”

Noon–1:15 p.m. Plenary Lunch Session Great Hall
J. Clifford Wallace Award Presentation—
Recipient: Hon. Tassaduq Hussain Jillani

1:15–1:30 p.m. Break

1:30–2:30 p.m. Office of General Counsel Presentation Great Hall

2:30 p.m. Conference Concludes
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Wilford W. Andersen

Elder Wilford W. Andersen was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 4, 2009. He was released October 5, 2019. At the time of his call, he had been serving as a member of the Sixth Quorum of the Seventy in the North America Southwest Area. Elder Andersen served in the Caribbean Area Presidency for five years, serving as Area President for the last two years. He also served in the Temple Department at Church headquarters and had leadership responsibilities for the Middle East/Africa North Area and the Idaho and North America Central Areas of the Church. Elder Andersen received a bachelor’s degree in business management in 1973 and a juris doctor degree in 1976, both from Brigham Young University. He was a managing partner of Andersen Investments at the time of his call as a General Authority. Elder Andersen has served in a number of Church callings, including full-time missionary in the intersecting areas of religious and LGBT discrimination through his involvement with the Fairness for All Initiative, the JRCFLS Religious Freedom Committee, and the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty. He has published several pieces and made a number of presentations regarding religious freedom and LGBT nondiscrimination. Bean also serves with the JRCFLS Young Lawyers Student Chapters Committee and is the founder of the Workplace Religious Accommodations Database (WRAD) Pro Bono Project and the Idaho Interfaith & LGBT Summit on Religious Liberty and Nondiscrimination. Apart from his law practice, Bean balances his affinities for the outdoors with his love of ice cream.

Tanner Bean

Tanner Bean is an attorney at Fabian VanCott who focuses on employment, litigation, and appellate matters. He joined Fabian VanCott after completing a clerkship at the Idaho Court of Appeals. Bean has particular experience in the intersecting areas of religious and LGBT discrimination through his involvement with the Fairness for All Initiative, the JRCFLS Religious Freedom Committee, and the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty. He has published several pieces and made a number of presentations regarding religious freedom and LGBT nondiscrimination. Bean also serves with the JRCFLS Young Lawyers Student Chapters Committee and is the founder of the Workplace Religious Accommodations Database (WRAD) Pro Bono Project and the Idaho Interfaith & LGBT Summit on Religious Liberty and Nondiscrimination. Apart from his law practice, Bean balances his affinities for the outdoors with his love of ice cream.

Michael J. Brown

Judge Michael J. Brown was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals in 2007. He served as the Chief Judge of Division One from 2015 to 2017 after serving the prior two years as the Vice Chief Judge. During his tenure as a judge, Judge Brown has also served on various committees, including the Arizona Judicial Council, Commission on Technology, Judicial Ethics Working Group, Appellate Case Processing Standards, and Connecting with the Community. Judge Brown graduated from Brigham Young University in 1989 and received his JD from Arizona State University in 1992. Following graduation from law school, he clerked for the Honorable Thomas C. Kleinschmidt at the Arizona Court of Appeals. From 1993 to 2006 Judge Brown worked as an attorney with Brown & Brown Law Offices PC in northeastern Arizona. His primary areas of practice included municipal law, civil litigation, real estate law, general business matters, and water law.

Richard Bushman

Richard Bushman was born in Salt Lake City in 1931 and brought up in Portland, Oregon. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Harvard University and taught at Brigham Young University, Boston University, and the University of Delaware. He retired as Gouverneur Morris Professor of History at Columbia University in 2001 and was visiting Howard W. Hunter Chair of Mormon Studies at Claremont Graduate University from 2008 to 2011. He is the author of a number of books, including Joseph Smith: Rough Stone Rolling. He served as co-general editor of the Joseph Smith Papers until 2012 and in 1997 founded the Mormon Scholars Foundation, which fosters the development of young Latter-day Saint scholars. He is now codirector of the Center for Latter-day Saint Arts in New York City. With his wife, Claudia Bushman, he is the father of six children and 20 grandchildren. He has served as a bishop and stake president and currently is patriarch of the New York Young Single Adult Stake.

Tad R. Callister

Elder Tad R. Callister was serving in the Presidency of the Seventy and as a member of the Second Quorum of the Seventy when he was called as Sunday School general president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He has served in a number of Church callings, including full-time missionary in the Eastern Atlantic States mission, bishop, stake president, regional representative, mission president, and Area Seventy. Elder Callister received his bachelor’s degree in accounting from Brigham Young University, his juris doctor degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and his master’s degree in tax law from New York University Law School. He spent most of his professional career practicing tax law. He and his wife, Kathryne Louise Saporiti, are the parents of six children.

Eric Baxter

Eric Baxter is Vice President and Senior Counsel at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. His work defending people of all faiths has included defending a statue of Jesus on government property in Montana, persuading the army to let Sikhs serve with their articles of faith, and defending student groups kicked off campus because of their religious beliefs. Baxter also appears frequently in national media to discuss religious liberty concerns. Before joining Becket, he was a partner at Arent Fox in Washington, DC. He clerked in the Eastern District of Michigan and is a graduate of the J. Reuben Clark Law School.

Jay Bybee

Judge Jay Bybee was appointed to the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 2003 by President George W. Bush. Prior to joining the court, he served as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel at the Department of Justice. Previously, he was professor of law at the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University. Judge Bybee has served as Associate Counsel to the president at the White House, as an attorney at the Department of Justice in the Appellate Section of the Civil Division and in the Office of Legal Policy, and as an associate at Sidley & Austin in Washington, DC. He clerked for Judge Donald Russell of the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Judge Bybee did his undergraduate work in economics at Brigham Young University and received his JD from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at BYU.

Ann Ching

Ann Ching is an Associate Clinical Professor of Law at Arizona State University and a graduate of the University of Arizona (BA), the University of North Carolina (JD), the Judge Advocate General’s School of the Army (LLM), and Pepperdine University (MBA). She began her legal career in the US Army, where she served nearly 12 years as an army lawyer and achieved the rank of Major. Her military awards include the Bronze Star for combat service in Iraq and the Humanitarian Assistance Award for disaster relief operations.
in Japan. Following her army career, she was an assistant professor of law at Pepperdine University (2013–2015) and Ethics Counsel for the State Bar of Arizona (2016–2019). Ching’s volunteer work includes serving on the State Bar of Arizona Ethics Advisory Group, as a board member of the Arizona Asian American Bar Association (AAABA), and as an ombudsman for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR).

**Steven T. Collis**


**S. David Colton**

S. David Colton is currently working part-time at the J. Reuben Clark Law School as a student coach, a utility outfielder, and Chairman of the International Advisory Council at the International Center for Law and Religion Studies and on special projects for Dean Smith. He has served as a Government Relations Service Missionary with his wife, assigned to the United Nations in New York City from 2015 to 2017. He served as Europe Area Legal Counsel for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 2009 to 2013. He was employed by Phelps Dodge Corporation for almost 20 years starting in 1988 and held various positions, culminating with the appointment as its Senior Vice President and General Counsel. He was employed in the same position for a short time for Freeport-McMoRan as he assisted in the integration of the two companies. He retired in 2008. Prior to working at Phelps Dodge, Colton was a partner at Van Cott, Bagley, Cornwall & McCarthy. Colton graduated from the J. Reuben Clark Law School in 1982 and was a member of the *BYU Law Review*. While living in the Phoenix area, Colton was active in civic affairs and was on multiple boards for not-for-profit organizations.

**Lawrence E. Corbridge**

Elder Lawrence E. Corbridge served as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from April 5, 2008, to October 5, 2019. He served in Chile for seven years, first as mission president and later as president of the Chile Area Presidency, having previously served as counselor. He also served in many capacities at Church headquarters. During his childhood and adolescent years Elder Corbridge worked on his family’s cattle ranch in Idaho, where he learned the “cowboy way”—integrity, humility, hard work, and tenacity. He ultimately chose a career in law to help people solve problems they could not solve on their own. He received a bachelor’s degree in finance from Brigham Young University in 1973. In 1976, he received a juris doctor degree from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University as a member of its charter class. He was a founding member of Corbridge, Baird & Christensen, a Salt Lake City law firm specializing in commercial and business law. He practiced law for approximately 30 years until his call to serve as a General Authority Seventy. Lawrence Edward Corbridge was born in Moscow, Idaho, on April 6, 1949. He married Jacquelyn Gayle Shamo in December 1974. They are the proud parents of five sons and enjoy 15 grandchildren.

**Sam Cowley**

Sam Cowley has served as the Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Insight Enterprises since June 2015. Insight is a Fortune 500 company that provides technology solutions, products, and services. Prior to joining Insight, Cowley served as General Counsel and Vice President, Business Development of Prestige Brands Holdings Inc., a NYSE listed company in New York that markets and distributes over-the-counter healthcare products, from February 2012 to June 2016. He previously served as Executive Vice President, Business Development, and General Counsel of Matrixx Initiatives Inc. and Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Swift Transportation Co. Inc. Prior to that, he practiced law in the business and finance groups of the law firms of Snell & WIlmer in Phoenix and Reid & Priest in New York City. He is a graduate of Brigham Young University (1984) and Cornell Law School (1987).

**Stephen S. Davis**

Stephen S. Davis graduated from Brigham Young University and the University of Missouri School of Law. Prior to law school, Davis worked for Senator Orrin Hatch in Washington, DC, where he met his wife, Cara. During law school, he served as a law clerk for the US Senate Judiciary Committee, working with Shawn Bentley. After law school, Davis was twice elected as the Chief Clerk and Administrator of the Missouri House of Representatives. Steve left the Missouri House to become an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri. Currently, Steve is a partner at True North Law, LLC, litigating federal properties rights and election law cases. Steve has been a member of the Law Society for 20 years and founded the St. Louis chapter. He is a great-grandson of J. Reuben Clark, Jr., and wrote a biographical sketch of President Clark for the book, *Counselors to the Prophets* (Michael K. Winder, ed., 2001). Davis live in St. Louis with Cara and their four children.

**Kathleen Flake**

Kathleen Flake is the Richard L. Bushman Professor of Mormon Studies at the University of Virginia. Appointed to the Religious Studies faculty, she teaches courses in American religious history, with an emphasis on religious adaptation and the interaction of American religion and law. She is the author of *The Politics of Religious Identity: The Seating of Senator Reed Smoot, Mormon Apostle*, as well as articles in several scholarly journals. Her current project is “Mormon Matriarchy, a Study of Gendered Power in Antebellum America.” She has held office in the American Academy of Religion, the American Society of Church History, and the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion and served on editorial boards of the *Journal of Religion and American Culture, BYU Studies*; and the *Mormon Studies Review*. Prior to her appointment at Virginia, she taught at Vanderbilt University in both the Divinity School and Graduate Department of Religion. Flake received her PhD in history of Christianity from the University of Chicago; MA in religious studies from Catholic University of America; and JD from the University of Utah. Before becoming an academic, she was a litigation attorney for the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights and for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Washington, DC.

**Brian Y. Furuya**

Brian Y. Furuya currently serves as president of the State Bar of Arizona and has been on the board of governors since 2014, representing Mohave, Coconino, Navajo, and Apache Counties. He is a civil deputy county attorney for Coconino County and was previously in private practice with the firm of Aspey, Watkins & Diesel PLLC, where he worked on business, real estate, personal injury, and appellate cases, as well as general civil litigation. Residing with his family in Flagstaff, Arizona, Furuya is active in his church and the community, volunteering for focus groups with the City of Flagstaff and serving as President of the Coconino County Bar Association.
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and is a Flagstaff Leadership Program graduate. In law school, he was managing editor of articles for the BYU Journal of Public Law. He also worked as adjunct professor with the J. Reuben Clark Law School, teaching legal interviewing and counseling until 2010.

**Brent C. Gardner**

After graduating from BYU Law School in 1981, Brent C. Gardner worked as an associate attorney at Gorsuch Kirgis in Denver and later became a partner at Lewis and Roca in Phoenix, where his practice focused on representing financial institutions in commercial workouts and bankruptcies. In 2015 he was asked to serve as Area Legal Counsel for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, managing legal affairs for the Church in Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, and Paraguay. In July 2019 Gardner and his wife, Kristine, returned from Buenos Aires to their home in Mesa, Arizona, and their 8 children and 20 grandchildren.

**Nancy A. Greenlee**

Nancy A. Greenlee, sole practitioner, was a member of the State Bar of Arizona Ethics Committee from 2007 to 2016. She is the chair of the newly formed State Bar of Arizona Ethics Advisory Group. She is a former member of the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct and a former board member of the Young Lawyer’s Division of the Maricopa County Bar Association. Greenlee graduated, with distinction, from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1986. She worked in private practice, handling primarily plaintiff’s personal injury cases and general litigation matters, including some dissolution cases. From 1990 to 1996 she served as a State Bar of Arizona staff bar counsel and was responsible for investigation and prosecution of matters involving violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct. After leaving the State Bar, she started her own practice limited to representing lawyers in disciplinary proceedings. Greenlee frequently serves as a panel member for CLE seminars dealing with professional conduct and ethics.

**Ryan Hamilton**

Ryan Hamilton is Vice President and Regional Counsel at Meritage Homes Corporation, a national homebuilder headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona. He is responsible for all legal functions in the company’s southeast region. Prior to joining Meritage, Hamilton was a shareholder in the real estate practice group of the Phoenix-based firm Gallagher & Kennedy and an associate in the Phoenix office of Greenberg Traurig. Hamilton graduated from Arizona State University with a BA in history and received his law degree from the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. In addition to his membership in the J. Reuben Clark Law Society, Hamilton serves as a Commissioner on the Town of Gilbert Redevelopment Commission. He lives in Gilbert, Arizona, with his wife, Becky, and three children.

**Eric Johnson**

Eric Johnson has been a municipal attorney for more than 20 years, advising communities on a wide range of issues, including religious freedom issues. Johnson has served on the JRCLS Religious Freedom Committee for a number of years.

**Elizabeth Kronk Warner**

Elizabeth Kronk Warner is dean and professor of law at the S. J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah. Dean Kronk Warner was formerly associate dean and professor of law at the University of Kansas School of Law, where she was also the Director of the Tribal Law and Government Center. She was appointed associate dean in 2015, overseeing operational issues and coordinating on admissions, career services, and administration of 12 joint degree and 8 certificate programs. Dean Kronk Warner was responsible for all matters related to academic compliance and student affairs; she served as acting dean for a four-month period in 2016. She also chaired the school’s faculty and staff diversity and inclusion committee, was an ex-officio member of the student Dean’s Diversity Leadership Council, and was president of the university’s Native Faculty and Staff Council. Dean Kronk Warner previously was an active member of the Federal Bar Association, serving on its national board of directors. She is currently active in the American Bar Association, where she is co-chair of the Native American Resources Committee.

**Dean Kronk Warner**

Dean Kronk Warner is a nationally recognized expert in the intersection of environmental and Indian law. She has taught courses in property, Native American, environmental, and natural resources law and supervised the school’s Tribal Judicial Support Clinic. Dean Kronk Warner has received several teaching excellence awards, has coauthored several books on environmental issues and Native Americans, and has 40 articles and book chapters to her credit. Dean Kronk Warner, a citizen of the Sauk Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, served as an appellate judge for the tribe and as a district judge for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe. She received her juris doctor from the University of Michigan Law School; she received her undergraduate degree in communication from Cornell University and also studied at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. She worked in private practice for several years before entering academia. Prior to joining the University of Kansas, Dean Kronk Warner was a law professor at the University of Montana and Texas Tech.

**Rana R. Lehr-Lehnardt**

Rana R. Lehr-Lehnardt is an associate teaching professor of law at the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, where she has taught for nine years. She teaches international human rights law, global legal systems (comparative law), professional responsibility, Spanish for lawyers and multicultural lawyering, film and human rights, and common law and legal analysis for international LLM students. She is the president-elect of the Kansas City chapter of the JRCLS and is a member of the national Women in Law Committee of the JRCLS. Lehr-Lehnardt traveled to Dilley, Texas, with other members of the JRCLS to provide service to asylum seekers in Dilley, Texas. Over the past several years, Lehr-Lehnardt has become interested in immigration and asylum issues and has presented several times on the changing laws in these areas. She is also interested in tensions between competing human rights, the intersection between women’s rights and religious rights, and the use of comparative legal approaches to better understand the recognition of rights and the
development of the law. Lehr-Lehnardt earned her LLM with an emphasis in international human rights and comparative law from Columbia Law School, where she graduated as a Harlan Fiske Stone scholar and received the Parker School Certificate in foreign and comparative law. She earned her JD from BYU J. Reuben Clark Law School, where she graduated magna cum laude. Lehr-Lehnardt was editor in chief of the Journal of Public Law, president of the Women’s Law Students Association, and recipient of the National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Student Award for exhibiting motivation, tenacity, and academic achievement and for contributing to the advancement of women in society. Lehr-Lehnardt was the legal advisor and coordinator for the Program on Freedom of Religion and Belief at the American Civil Liberties Union. She was a researcher for the Oslo Coalition on Freedom of Religion and Belief. Her human rights experiences are diverse, including interviewing inmates convicted as juveniles without possibility of parole, working on a complaint against the United States that was submitted to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, creating a domestic violence program with a Bosnian NGO, and promoting the family in United Nations documents.

Doug McAllister

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D. Gordon Smith

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Nathan M. Smith

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Rodney K. Smith

Rodney K. (Rod) Smith is a distinguished scholar in residence and directs the Center for Constitutional Studies at Utah Valley University. Smith came to Utah Valley University from the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State, where he served as a Distinguished Professor of Practice and founding director of the sports law and business program. Smith holds a BA from Western Colorado State College, a JD from BYU, and an LLM and SJD from the University of Pennsylvania. His dissertation was published as a book, Public Prayer and the Constitution: A Case Study in Constitutional Interpretation. He previously served as the president at Southern Virginia University. While at SVU, he taught at the College of Law at Washington and Lee University. He previously served as a law school dean at Capital University, the University of Montana, and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He also held the Herff Chair of Excellence in Law at the University of Memphis, where he emphasized constitutional law, sports law, and ethics. Rod has authored or coauthored 7 books and more than 30 articles in law journals, which have been widely cited in scholarly journals and by courts, including the Supreme Court. Smith is driven to write to help make a better world for his grandchildren.

G. Murray Snow

Judge G. Murray Snow is a former partner with Osborn Maledon PA in Phoenix, Arizona. He has been an adjunct professor of law and political science at Arizona State University, a member of the Arizona State Bar Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct, and a member of the working group that revised the Arizona Code of Professional Conduct in 2002. In 2002 Judge Snow was appointed to Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals by Governor Jane D. Hull. While a member of the Court of Appeals, Judge Snow was the Dean of the Judicial College of Arizona and the chair of the Arizona Task Force on the Code of Judicial Conduct, which revised the Arizona Canons of Judicial Conduct in 2008. In July 2008 the United States Senate approved President George W. Bush’s nomination of Judge Snow to serve as a judge of the US District Court for the District of Arizona. Judge Snow is a member of the Ninth Circuit Education Committee. He became Chief Judge for the District of Arizona on September 4, 2018. Judge Snow and his wife, Cheri, have 4 children and 11 grandchildren.

Katrina Lantos Swett

Katrina Lantos Swett serves as President of the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice. The foundation was established in 2008 to continue the legacy of her father, the late Congressman Tom Lantos, who served as chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and was the only Holocaust survivor ever elected to the US Congress. Congressman Lantos was the founder of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus and was widely acknowledged as one of the nation’s most eloquent and forceful leaders on
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Douglas J. Sylvester

Douglas J. Sylvester is the eighth dean of the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. Under his leadership, ASU Law reached historic heights, ranked 27th in the nation (up from 40th in 2012 and 58th in 2008) and 9th among public law schools. From 2012 to 2017 the law school placed in the top 20 for employment (rising as high as 11th in 2014), hired more than 30 faculty members, and raised more than $80 million—twice the amount raised in the prior 45 years combined. Dean Sylvester was also a driving force for the conceptualization and creation of the Beus Center for Law and Society in downtown Phoenix, which is now home to ASU Law and a number of other legal-related organizations, including the innovative ASU Law Group and the Arizona Legal Center. Before becoming dean, he served as associate dean for faculty research and development, responsible for building an environment that fosters faculty scholarship, organizing speaker series, mentoring junior faculty, and seeking innovative ways to increase the faculty’s visibility. In 2007 Dean Sylvester was appointed special consultant to a National Academy of Sciences panel charged with reforming the US Census. He was the founding faculty director of the innovative Technology Ventures Clinic, which introduces students to transactional legal practice in high-technology sectors. He also has been an expert witness in cases involving licensing, intellectual property, and technology and has advised numerous entrepreneurs in building their businesses. Dean Sylvester has published, taught, and lectured on issues of intellectual property law and commercialization, international law, emerging technologies, and privacy. In 2006 he taught nanotechnology and the law, the first time such a course was offered in the country by full-time law faculty. Prior to joining the ASU, Dean Sylvester was a Bigelow Fellow and lecturer-in-law at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University, an attorney in the Global e-Commerce Practice Group at Baker & McKenzie in Chicago, and a law clerk for US District Judge C. Clyde Atkins in Florida.

Rebecca van Uitert

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Gaylene Vonnie Gomez Vera

Gaylene Vonnie Gomez Vera was born in Callao, Peru. She grew up in the north of Peru in Piura. Gomez Vera received her bachelor and juris doctor degrees from the University of Piura. During her university studies, she created a society of university law students who helped people with their legal problems by giving talks in schools and human settlements. In 2019, she earned a master’s degree in business law with a minor in corporate law, graduating first in her class and being recognized for her outstanding thesis. Gomez Vera was chosen as a publicity image for the 50 years of the University of Piura. She has held many positions in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-days Saints, including seminary teacher, Relief Society president, and Primary teacher. Gomez Vera is married to David Sanchez, and they have two young children. She has worked as a judicial secretary of the Superior Court of Justice of Piura since 2012. In June 2019 she led a group of lawyers in Piura to request the opening of the Piura chapter of the JRCLS, which obtained a quality recognition at the October 2019 JRCLS Leadership Conference.

John W. “Jack” Welch

John W. “Jack” Welch has been a law professor at BYU since 1980. He currently is teaching a class on law in the Book of Mormon. He and his wife, Jeannie, received master’s degrees at BYU in 1970 and then lived in England and North Carolina, where he did graduate work at Oxford and received his JD from Duke University. Over the years, Welch’s work on the chiasmus, as well as the legal cases in the Book of Mormon, has become widely known in scholarly circles as well as in the Church. His work on biblical law, the trial of Jesus, and the Sermon on the Mount has been presented at academic and popular conferences and published in scholarly books and journals. His insights into the Good Samaritan stained glass windows in the cathedrals of France have been published in BYU Studies and in the Ensign. He founded the Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies (FARMS) 40 years ago. Currently he is the chair and editor in chief of Book of Mormon Central, a vast new web presence and internet center for the Book of Mormon, in English and Spanish. Welch and Jeannie’s latest book, The Parables of Jesus: Revealing the Plan of Salvation, features commissioned paintings by Jorge Cocco Sántangelo. They have 4 children and 17 grandchildren. They both work in the Provo Temple and in the Provo YSA Fourth Stake.
Founding
The J. Reuben Clark Law Society was conceived in 1987 by Bruce C. Hafen, dean of the J. Reuben Clark Law School, and Ralph J. Hardy, a prominent lawyer in Washington, DC. Dean Hafen was seeking ideas from distinguished Latter-day Saint attorneys for how to strengthen the Law School. Hardy opined that all Latter-day Saint lawyers, regardless of where they had graduated, would be affected by the quality of a law school sponsored by Brigham Young University. The two men discussed the creation of an association that would benefit Latter-day Saint attorneys throughout the country and envisioned 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 Latter-day Saint 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, then president of BYU, offered some remarks. Dean 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, Gary Anderson, Evrett Benton, Joseph Cannon, Val Christiansen, Paul Gilbert, Ralph Hardy, Douglas Higham, William Ingersoll, Brent Israelsen, Dale Kimball, Michele Mitchell, William Mussman, Nancy Stevenson (Van Slooten), Monte Stewart, Judith Thomas, and John Welch.

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 more than 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 growth in membership occurred after 2006, when student chapters were formally added to the society.

Professional and student chapters form a global network of individuals focused on fulfilling the mission of the Law Society. 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 JRCLS 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, Virginia T. Isaacson, Stephen L. West, and Joshua Randall. The society has been supported from its inception by an executive director appointed by the dean of the Law School and funded by the Law School. Scott Cameron and Mary Hoagland served for many years in these leadership roles, and Gayla Sorenson now serves as the executive director. The Office of General Counsel 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 the 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 that originates at the Conference Center in Salt Lake City and is broadcast over the Church’s satellite network, and organized an annual conference since 2006. Additional committees were formed over the years to better serve Law Society members and further the mission of the society, such as the Women in Law Committee (formed in 2007), the Media Committee (formed in 2010), and the Religious Freedom Committee (formed in 2014). The attorney and student chapters of the Law Society conduct their own activities for the benefit of their members. These include CLE presentations, sponsorship and promotion of pro bono and other service activities, institute and similar classes for student chapter members, mentoring and employment-related events, and 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.”
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**WOMEN IN LAW PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**

The Women in Law Public Service Award was first presented at the J. Reuben Clark Law Society Annual Conference in 2015 and has been presented during every subsequent annual conference. This award is given to a female member of the JRCLS who has performed service of note within the Law Society, her community, or the Church.

A major goal of Women in Law is to encourage the full participation of women lawyers in the JRCLS—whether they are practicing full-time or part-time, working in a nonlegal role, or not currently practicing—and to help them feel welcome and safe in such participation.

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We are very pleased to announce that the 2020 recipient of the J. Clifford Wallace Award is retired Chief Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jillani. Born in 1949 in Multan, Punjab Province, Pakistan, Justice Jillani earned a BA in political science from Government Emerson College in Multan and an MA in political science from Forman Christian College in Lahore. He earned an LLB from Punjab University Law College in Lahore and an LLM in constitutional law from the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies at the University of London.

For many years Justice Jillani served in the Office of the Advocate General of Punjab, becoming in 1993 the advocate general, the chief law enforcement officer of the province (equivalent in the US to being attorney general). The following year he was appointed as a judge on the Lahore High Court. In 2004 he was appointed to the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

In 2007 the Supreme Court came under enormous political pressure from General Pervez Musharraf, who had taken control of Pakistan in a 1999 military coup and desired to remain in power as president. Justice Jillani resigned from the Supreme Court rather than sign the oath of loyalty demanded by the general. His stand for judicial independence—even in the face of threats to him and his family—inspired other judges to refuse the loyalty oath as well, and General Musharraf eventually resigned rather than face impeachment, in part as a result of his attempt to control the judiciary. This victory for judicial independence strengthened the courts of Pakistan and the country’s respect for the rule of law.

Justice Jillani was reappointed to the Supreme Court after General Musharraf’s departure and served as chief justice from 2013 to 2014. He also served as acting chief election commissioner for Pakistan.

Justice Jillani has issued a number of groundbreaking decisions. Perhaps his best-known decision was issued in June 2014 while he served as chief justice. In 2013 a Hindu temple in Peshawar was bombed and, according to reports, 127 people were killed and more than 250 others were wounded. This was only one of several acts of persecution against religious minorities that had occurred recently in Pakistan, and law enforcement authorities were not acting to stem the violence. Exercising his court’s *suo moto* power—the power of courts to initiate actions on their own—Justice Jillani initiated an action to address the growing religious persecution. In a lengthy opinion authored by Justice Jillani, the court ordered compensation for the victims of the blast and took the opportunity to issue a much broader order addressing religious liberty for the minorities in Pakistan.

The court’s judgment took notice of the desecration of other Hindu temples, of reports of forcible conversion to Islam, of the government’s failure to register Hindu and Christian marriages, and of the government’s failure to follow a 2009 law guaranteeing minority representation in government jobs. The court observed that although “the Pakistan Movement was the creation of a separate nation state for the protection of the interests of the Muslim minority in India . . . these freedoms were not limited to the protection of the Muslim minority but all religious minorities.” Citing liberally from various legal and religious texts, including the Holy Quran, the court stated that “the right of religious conscience conferred on every citizen is a right . . . not only to profess and practice his own religion but to have the right to propagate his or her religion to others.” Quoting Voltaire, Justice Jillani wrote, “Religion is instituted to make us happy in this life and the next. But what is required to make us happy in the life to come? To be just.”
The court issued eight instructions to the Pakistani government concerning the treatment of religious minorities, including the creation of special court procedures for hearing cases on religious persecution, of a special police force to protect places of worship, and of new curricula on religious and social tolerance for the public schools of Pakistan. Four years later, in May 2018, the National Commission for Human Rights held a national convention to discuss the progress on the instructions given in the court’s judgment. One Pakistani commentator, suggesting that Justice Jillani be appointed as chair of a commission to address the rights of religious minorities, stated, “I believe that the minorities have more trust in him than any politician.”

Since he retired from the bench, Justice Jillani has been involved in various projects. He acts as an arbitrator on international commercial disputes and continues to provide leadership for the courts of Pakistan, particularly in the development of alternative dispute resolution techniques to help ease congested court dockets.

Justice Jillani has been honored by a number of institutions. In 2008 he received the Rule of Law Award from the American Bar Association. He holds an honorary doctorate from Southern Virginia University and a key to the city of Detroit. He was appointed by the Hague Conference as co-chair of the Working Party on Mediation in Family International Law and serves as honorary co-chair for the World Justice Project. In 2019 Justice Jillani received the International Justice Excellence Award from the International Institute for Justice.

Justice Jillani is married to Khalida Jillani. They have one daughter and three sons, one of whom is a graduate of Brigham Young University, and they have several grandchildren.

Notes
1 S.M.C. No. 1 of 2014 (S. Ct. Pakistan June 19, 2014), slip op. at 12.
2 Id. at 19.
3 Id. at 21 (quoting Voltaire, Treatise on Tolerance (1763)).

J. CLIFFORD WALLACE AWARD

In 2018 the J. Reuben Clark Law Society created the J. Clifford Wallace Award to honor distinguished jurists who have contributed to the cause of justice beyond their office. The award is named for Judge Cliff Wallace of San Diego. Judge Wallace was appointed to the US District Court for the Southern District of California in 1970 and to the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 1972. He served as chief judge of the court of appeals from 1991 to 1996 and continues to serve as a senior circuit judge on that court. Judge Wallace has worked with judges in more than 70 countries around the world to foster judicial independence, improve judicial administration, and promote the rule of law.

A recipient of the J. Clifford Wallace Award must exemplify the mission statement of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society and the Judges Committee: “We are dedicated to promoting the rule of law and the independence of the judiciary as a cornerstone of government. We strive to assist each other and all judges everywhere in upholding and promoting these ideals.” The award seeks to recognize jurists who have demonstrated professional distinction, personal integrity, and service to administration and justice beyond the judge’s ordinary responsibilities.

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**The J. Reuben Clark Law Society’s Thomas L. Kane Religious Freedom Award**

The J. Reuben Clark Law Society’s Thomas L. Kane Religious Freedom Award is presented to an individual who exemplifies the character and traits of its namesake in upholding and defending religious freedom. Although a Presbyterian, General Thomas L. Kane nonetheless was an influential and powerful advocate for the religious freedom of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints during the important early days of the faith’s history.

For example, in 1846 General Kane was instrumental in helping persuade President James K. Polk to form the Mormon Battalion to serve in the Mexican-American War. Not only did the formation of the Mormon Battalion provide the Latter-day Saints with a degree of much-needed recognition to a skeptical nation, but it also provided them with a source of vital funds to help support their emigration west. General Kane himself led the Mormon Battalion’s famous march, which covered roughly 2,000 miles from Council Bluffs, Iowa, to San Diego, California. In addition, General Kane helped obtain US government permission for Latter-day Saint refugees to occupy lands along the Missouri River in Iowa.

In March 1850, in the midst of debate over establishing the Utah Territory, General Kane delivered an important speech and positive recommendations about the Utah Saints to the Philadelphia Historical Society. One thousand copies of that speech were printed, and many were delivered to members of Congress and leaders in the executive branch. Six months later General Kane defended Brigham Young in eastern newspapers and further provided recommendations and information about the Latter-day Saints to President Millard Fillmore. When Utah was granted territorial status on September 9, 1850, President Fillmore offered General Kane the governorship. He declined and recommended Brigham Young, who was then appointed.

In 1857, when the United States, under President James Buchanan, commenced the Utah War against the Latter-day Saints, General Kane was distressed by the hostilities and offered to mediate a resolution. During the heavy winter of 1857–1858, General Kane traveled more than 3,000 miles via Panama to Salt Lake City to help broker the end of the conflict.

There are many memorials to General Kane and his many acts of service to members of other faiths. A statue of General Kane stands in the Utah Capitol Building and is inscribed with the words "Friend of the Mormons." Kane County, Utah, is named after General Kane, as is Kanesville, Iowa. Further, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints today maintains a historic site named after General Kane in Kane, Pennsylvania.
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