



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Good questions to ask in an interview

1. What is the structure of your law firm?
2. What are common responsibilities for new associates?
3. What type of interaction does a new associate have with clients?
4. What is the environment like at the office?
5. What are the firm's plan for growth?
6. Does the firm have a mentor program?

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Providing New Connections for JRCLS Members

J. Reuben Clark Law Society Members:

On behalf of the JRCLS Student Chapters Board, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new and returning members of the JRCLS. It is an exciting time to be part of the JRCLS. The organization is rapidly expanding. Currently, there are 82 student chapters at law schools in the United States and New Zealand, 12 U.S. regions and a number of student chapters at schools around the globe that are working toward formal recognition. There are attorney chapters in over 70 cities worldwide, including in Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Europe, and New Zealand. We welcome anyone who subscribes to its inspired mission statement:

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.

As students, the Student Chapters Board is cognizant of the many difficulties that law students face while in school and after graduation. In an effort to provide

support and resources to the members of the JRCLS to surmount these challenges, this year we will focus on: (1) making the resources of the JRCLS more accessible and more robust; (2) strengthening and supporting our members through improved programming and communications; (3) fostering relationships between students and attorneys; and (4) providing local student chapter leadership better support and training.

We hope this newsletter will provide a new connection to the JRCLS for our members. We will periodically publish this newsletter to inform our member of JRCLS happenings, events, and networking opportunities around the globe.

We hope you will look to this newsletter as a resource. If there is anything that we can do better as an organization, we welcome your feedback. I hope that you will use the JRCLS as a vehicle to expand and enrich your law school and professional experience.

Sincerely,

Jason Croft
Chair, 2009-2010 Student Chapters Board

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Leadership Conference 2009

The annual leadership conference this year will be held in part at the J. Reuben Clark Law School in Provo, Utah and continuing at Aspen Grove up Provo canyon from October 1 – 2, 2009.

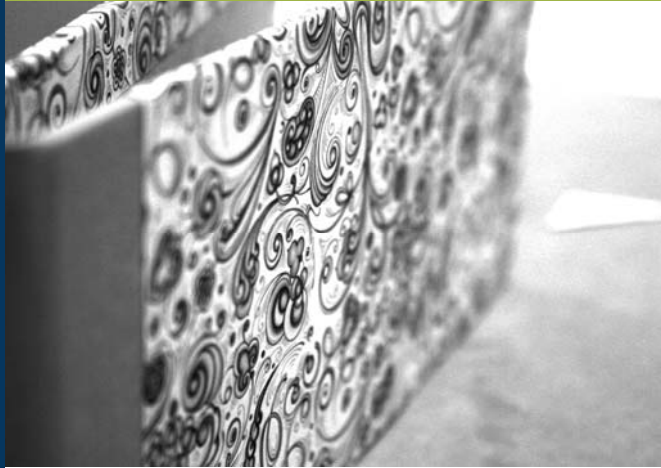
During this conference, the National Student Chapters Board and its members will collaborate with the attorney leadership in addressing past successes and failures while focusing on planning the future of the law society. One item in particular to be addressed, will be the upcoming National Conference to be held in Salt Lake City.

Speakers for the leadership conference will include International Counsel for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Dean James R. Rasband of the J. Reuben Clark Law School, as well as other leaders.

We encourage all present JRCLS members to apply to serve on next year's Board so that they can attend the annual conference.

For more information, see http://jrcls.org/leadership_conference/.

*Article written by
Travis Johnson*



What first-year law students need to know.

We asked a current 3L to reflect on the law school experience

A current 3L, when asked to reflect on those first few weeks of law school, said he repeatedly asked himself “am I going to make it through this year?” Another 3L, kept thinking, “what have I gotten myself into,” and “is it too late to turn back?” Though very real and personal, their anxiety is not unique to those starting to pour through the countless pages of case law and never-ending libretto. Of course, you will be fine. Thousands have ventured through your very path before. At least this mind trick worked for me long enough to get through that surprise attack of a second semester.

Through submissions of

your fellow peers we will be compiling, sharing, laughing about and secretly mimicking, some of the many ‘tips ‘n tricks’ others used to make it through the first year.

Soon enough you will feel the immense satisfaction of having survived the gauntlet. You may even venture down a path of describing certain law school exams as ‘awesome;’ realizing of course, there is no other word even in legalese that sufficiently describes what you have just witnessed. Not to mention, trying to decide whether that test was a good or bad awesome.

So for all you upper class-

men, who have been peeking down here into the 1L corner, start divulging onto some electronic format words of wisdom and pass it our way. Consider this your first step into becoming a great mentor. You may even pull out some of that great advice you ignored from those that attempted to mentor you before. Send submissions to jrcslpublicity@gmail.com.

Finally, we commend the current 1L class for starting down this path of awesomeness. And, yes that is the good kind of awesomeness.

*Article written by
Travis Johnson*

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National Day of Service, January 22, 2010

This nation wide event will reflect the JRCLS mission statement. It is anticipated that chapters will come up with service projects where they can use their legal skills, or assist the legal/law school community. The National Public Service Committee Co-Chairs will be contacting their respective Regional Representatives with further details. Regional representatives in turn will coordinate with their Chapter Presidents. Please begin planning now to make the National Day of Service a success.

“Take the Pro Bono Plunge”



2nd Annual D.C. Area Interviewing Workshop

On July 23, 2009 the Mid-Atlantic Region of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society hosted the 2nd Annual DC-Area Interviewing Workshop at the law offices of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP in Washington, D.C. The event was attended by approximately 25 students with eight attorney volunteers conducting mock job interviews. The goal of the workshop was to help prepare students for upcoming on-campus interviews and job fair events taking place during the fall. Students were also addressed by John Waters, Executive Director of Covington and Burling about the current hiring climate. Mr. Waters's

presentation provided helpful suggestions on preparing for interviews and what to expect in offers from potential employers.

Students were divided into two groups. While one group was cycling through the interviewing schedule the second group met with Alex Dahl, Shareholder at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck to participate in a presentation and discussion on resume writing and presentation. Mr. Dahl focused his suggestions on how students can best utilize their resumes to market themselves to potential employers.

The groups rotated after the 45 completed. Students were given at least two opportunities to participate in a mock interview with the attorney volunteers. Refreshments were provided by the Washington DC LDS Institute of Religion.

*Article written by
Brett Barrus*

This Month's Technology Tips

Time-saving Tips:

When copying and pasting Text, always choose "paste special" and then "unformatted text" under the Edit menu. Your inserted text will automatically be formatted to match the rest of your document. This works well also when pasting from LexisNexis or Westlaw.



To easily multi-task between open windows:

1. use the Alt + Tab key to switch from one application to another
2. Press WINDOWS + M to minimize all open working windows. To return focus to where you were last working, press SHIFT + WINDOWS + M. You can also use WINDOWS + D to minimize and return function.

Meet this year's JRCLS Committee Chairs:



Jason Croft
Chair, Student Chapter Board
3L at Santa Clara Law

Jason served a mission in Mongolia, studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Utah, and worked as an engineer in high speed robotics and medical devices. He is interested in practicing patent law. In his free time, Jason likes to spend time with his wife, snow ski, play racquetball (and just about any other sport) and spend time outdoors.



Dallin Lykins
SCB Vice Chair
3L at Indiana-Bloomington Law

Dallin is interested in business litigation, criminal defense, and constitutional law. Dallin is a native of Columbus, Indiana, but graduated from BYU with a degree in Public Relations. He also served in the Costa Rica-San Jose Mission. He enjoys playing sports and spending time with his wife Aimee and their two boys, two-year-old Luke and one-year-old Owen.

Megan Woodhouse
SCB Vice Chair
3L at Georgetown Law

Megan is from Los Angeles, CA and is interested in practicing patent law. She studied Chemical Engineering at BYU and loves going to plays, sightseeing, and planning events and trips.



Britten Sessions
Chair, Membership/Finance/Tech
2L at Santa Clara Law

Britten loves to mountain bike, hike, read, and play a variety of instruments. He studied chemical engineering at BYU and researched in integrative biology for four years. Britten and his wife had the chance to study in Munich this past summer which was a wonderful experience. He looks forward to working with all of you.



Natalie Greaves
Chair of Publicity
3L at Arizona State Law

Natalie met her husband on a blind date while attending school at Utah State, but received her English undergrad degree at the University of Utah. Before law school, she was a stay-at-home mom to her three kids. Favorite law school experiences have included judicial externships for three different judges, including her current position with 9th Circuit Judge Michael D. Hawkins. In real life though, she just loves being a soccer and volleyball mom.



Kaycee Hulet
Co-Chair of Annual Conference
3L at Brigham Young Law

Kaycee hails from southwestern Virginia and central Pennsylvania, but keeps finding myself in Provo. She is excited to graduate and move on! She is one of the student co-chairs for this year's annual conference, so please send any suggestions/requests her way.

Mike Lundberg
Co-Chair of Annual Conference
3L at University of Utah Law

Mike will be the chapter president at his school for the next school year, in addition to planning the annual conference. He graduated with a degree in history from BYU in 2007. He is also an alum of the Russia St. Petersburg Mission. Mike is a big fan of running, reading, baseball, and Utah State's men's basketball team.



Elijah Nielson
Co-Chair of Public Service
Ave Maria Law

Elijah K. Nielson graduated from BYU in 2002 with a bachelors in Asian Studies and again in 2004 with a masters in Social Work. He worked as a licensed clinical social worker providing therapy at Wasatch Mental Health in Provo, Utah for four years before leaving the agency to attend law school at Ave Maria School of Law in Naples, Florida. He speaks Mandarin Chinese, enjoys Mediation, and loves spending time with his wife and children.



Meet this year's Chairs and Regional Representatives (see p8 for map):



Elsa Jacobsen
Co-Chair of Public Service
2L at Brigham Young Law

Originally from Los Angeles, Elsa received her BA in History and MA in Education Policy Analysis & Evaluation from Stanford University. She is a ballet and salsa aficionado, and in her spare time (which is next to none these days), she also enjoys a good run, game of tennis or surf session with her four sisters. She is excited to be working with the SCB this year!



Allison Hughes
Chair of Women in the Law
3L at Brigham Young Law

Allison is from Reno, Nevada. She is active in BYU Law's moot court team and Public Interest Law Foundation. She will pursue a career advocating for the elderly upon graduation.

Allan Pixton
Upper Midwest Region
3L at Northwestern Law

Last year Allan helped to found a JRCLS student chapter at Northwestern. He is a BYU alum and served a mission in Chile. After his 1L year and during his 2L year, he interned in the legal department of Illinois Tool Works. This last summer he interned at Lovells LLP's Chicago office. He and his wife have three adorable children.



Brandon Leavitt
Southern California Region
2L at Pepperdine Law

Brandon attends law school in California, but spent his summer interning for Judge Ron Clark in the Eastern District of Texas. He has a B.S. in Biochemistry from BYU and served his mission in Culiacan, Mexico. His hobbies include violin, mandolin, choir, camping, and weight-lifting (although they have all taken a backseat to the Pepperdine Law library!). He has a wife and daughter and is expecting his second child this fall.



Jeremy Brewer
Central Midwest Region
3L at Oklahoma City Law

Jeremy is married to the love of his life, and they have three children. He enjoys paintball, martial arts, reading, and long walks on the beach. He attended Weber State in Ogden Utah for his undergrad degree. Jeremy's family is originally from Southern California, and he is excited to be a part of the SCB this year.



Tyson Smith
Texas Region
2L at University of Texas-Austin Law

In addition to his national duties, Tyson is also the president of the student chapter of the JRCLS at the University of Texas School of Law in Austin, Texas. He grew up in Sandy, Utah, received an accounting degree from BYU, and went on a mission to the Netherlands. He has been married to his wife Kristina for about 3 1/2 years, and has a sweet daughter named Alissa.

Paul Cardon
Rocky Mountain Region
3L at Arizona State Law

Paul is looking forward to working with all of the JRCLS members in the Rocky Mountain Region. If he were to express his life as an equation it would be: [(1 wife) + (1.75 kids) + (gospel) + (1 year left of law school) - (Phoenix heat) - (future bar exam!)]^Nove = life is good.



Brett Barrus
Mid Atlantic Region
3L at George Mason Law

Brett is originally from Utah and did his undergraduate work at the University of Utah. He served in the Arcadia California mission. When he's not working or studying, he likes to go camping and fishing. He enjoys all of the great museums in DC, especially the Smithsonian Natural History Museum, and thinks that in another life he may have decided to be a paleontologist.



Meet this year's Regional Representatives (see p8 for map):



Melanie Brown
Northeast Region
3L at Columbia Law

Melanie is originally from La Cañada Flintridge, California, and majored in English at BYU, where she was also a proud member of the Cougar Marching Band. Despite her western roots, she has spent most of the past eight years on the East Coast. She served a mission in Pittsburgh, spent three and half years as an editor in Boston, and now relishes living in New York City! This summer she enjoyed adding DC to the list with an internship at the Department of Justice.



Josh Collins
Northwest Region
2L at Gonzaga Law

Josh grew up in Sandy, Utah and lived in the same house from the age of four until he left on his mission to Australia Melbourne, and then again after his mission until he met his beautiful wife. They were married in 2006 and that same year he transferred to the University of Utah where he received a B.A. in English. Their daughter was born in May of 2007 and has been a great blessing. Josh is happy to be serving as a regional rep.

Chris Wallace
International Region
3L at Catholic Law

Chris grew up in Arizona and studied Philosophy and French at BYU. He served a mission in Paris, France at the turn of the millennium, and he usually does his best to celebrate Bastille Day. He is currently a 3L at the Catholic University of America in D.C., and he hopes to practice law when he graduates. His interests include going on walks with his wife Rebecca, playing catch with his son Eli, appreciating music, backpacking the outdoors, and reading continental philosophy.



Marcus Flinders
Ohio Valley Region
3L at Valparaiso Law

Marcus is the President of his school's JRCLS chapter in addition to his national duties. He and his wife Rebecca have three kids: Meagan (12), Camden (10), and Kaleb (6). He served a mission in Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa. Marcus worked over ten years in business. Marcus will be graduating with his J.D. in December, and most likely will attend the University of Denver to earn an LLM in Taxation. He worked at a tax clinic over the summer representing low-income individuals and will continue this fall.



Adam Patton
Southeast Region
2L at Florida Coastal Law

Adam did his undergrad in Idaho, between Ricks College, and Boise State. He served a mission in Philadelphia PA, from 1998-2000. Adam is married to a wonderful woman, and they have three little girls, 6, 4 and 2. Prior to coming to school he worked in Sales for a few years, for Hewlett Packard, and an IBM Affiliate. In addition to school, he loves study WWI and WW2 history, and to golf, (though he has yet to play a round in Florida!) and spend time with his girls.



Sachi Jensen
Northern California Region
3L at Stanford Law

Sachi was raised in Utah, Japan, and Michigan. She attended BYU for her undergraduate and master's degrees, and is now pursuing a joint-degree in law and public policy at Stanford. She hopes to do legal work that intersects with government and policy concerns.

Also meet our SCB Committee Members

Publicity Committee	Matt Vandenburg,	Duke Law
Publicity Committee	Peter Kerr	Baylor Law
Publicity Committee	Travis Johnson	Franklin Pierce Law
Publicity Committee	Jason Alleman	Colorado- Denver Law
Publicity Committee	Paul Tippets	Case Western Law
Membership, Finance, Tech Committee	Clint Dunaway	Dayton Law
Women in Law Committee	Jane Wilson	Columbia Law
Women in Law Committee	Diane Bailey	Stanford Law
Women in Law Committee	Alana Finlay	Brigham Young University Law
Women in Law Committee	Whitney Blair	University of Virginia

REQUEST Call for Articles

1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, spouses, parents, 'special' friends, kids and all associated with getting that law student through school, this opportunity is for you to share your insight, wisdom, and tips to staying sane while making it (or helping us make it) through the law school experience. This may include such topics like 21 ways to enjoy Peanut Butter, places to find inexpensive attire, balancing time with the family, dating, networking to find a job, managing finances, Disneyland on a budget, service experiences, life-changing events...

We realize many students may not have a lot of extra time (except for those 3Ls slumbering through their final year) to submit an article, so this becomes even more of an opportunity for those associated with the society members to share your experiences with the rest of us. Help us to recognize and acknowledge a few more of the many souls it takes to help get a law student through school. We recognize and realize the strength you bring to the society through your humor, support, and even tough love at times.

Please send ideas to jrc1spubcity@gmail.com.

1L Corner: Befuddled 1L Thoughts.

We asked a current
1L to explain how
it feels



Professor: "Please specify the implications that *Wishnatsky v. Huey* had on the tort of battery."

Befuddled first year legal student: "Uh....."

If you're a 1L, you may have already experienced something like this during the past few weeks. The Socratic Method can be a fearsome thing, especially if you have no experience with it. But don't fret, thousands of law students have trudged through years of Socratic bombardment and survived...in fact many have, believe it or not, gone on to become 'real life attorneys'. I am a fellow 1L myself and had a horde of questions before the semester began, among them was query about the Socratic Method and ulcers. .

tempting to answer them. Some of the advice I received was sound, most of it was mere conjecture, and some of it was an attempt by a few garrulous acquaintances to once again here themselves speak. One piece of advice that has been more helpful than anything else is, "enjoy yourself". Is that possible you might ask, with the torts, the contracts, the criminal law theory, the tortfeasors, the briefing, the obnoxious legal writing assignment etc...and I say, well, yeah. If you don't like studying the law, you probably should not be attending law school.

Article written by
Paul H. Tippetts, a
semi-befuddled 1L
student



Want to win a
TEN DOLLAR
Amazon Gift Card?

Send your fabulous idea for a name for our new Newsletter to jrc1spubcity@gmail.com before **September 25th** and you might be the winner!

REQUEST II Call for Articles II

Do you have any ideas for the 1L Corner, Monthly Technology Tip, Announcements, or News? Chapter Presidents, have you had an event (a story with photos)? Please send all items to jrc1spubcity@gmail.com.



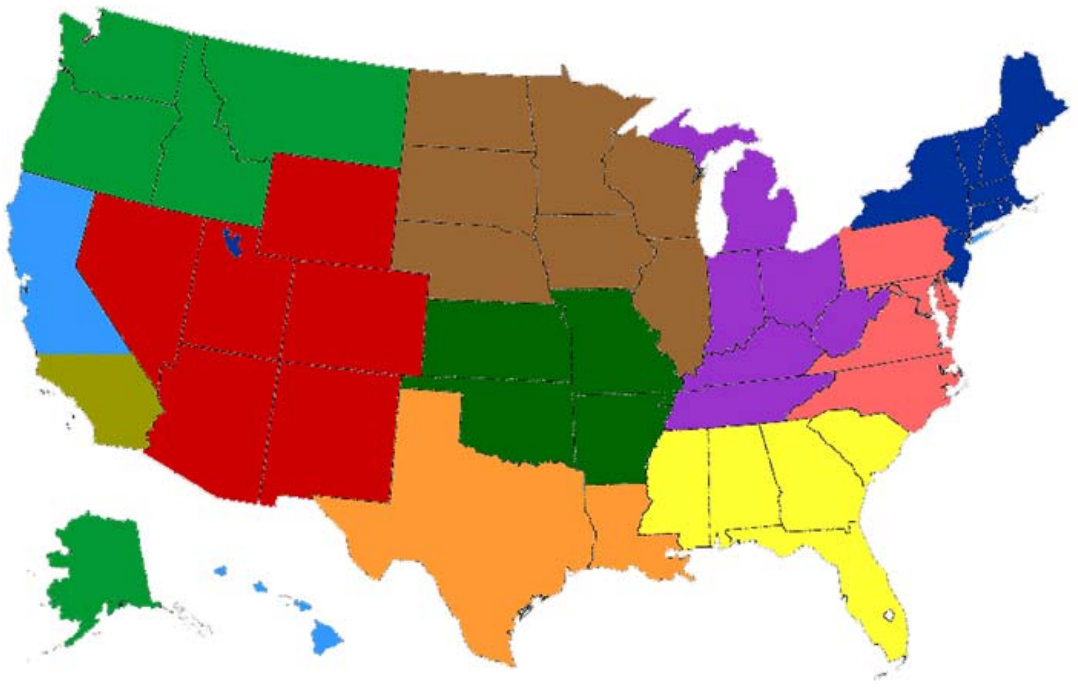
SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

You have the highest of human trusts committed to your care. Providence has showered on this favored land blessings without number, and has chosen you as the guardians of freedom, to preserve it for the benefit of the human race.

J. Reuben Clark Jr.

Color Coordinated Map of JRCLS Representatives

See Pages 5-6 for details of individual representatives.



Announcements

"The Importance of Education for LDS Women: How a Law Degree Prepares Women to Contribute in the Church, Family, and the Community"
Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at 7pm
BYU Wilkinson Center

This is a recruiting/networking activity sponsored by the Women in the Law Committee of the JRCLS Student Chapters Board in coordination with the BYU Preprofessional Advisement Center, the BYU Law School Women's Law Forum, and the JRCLS Women in the Law Committee. The focus will be "How a Law Degree Prepares Women to Contribute in the Church, Family, and the Community." Elder John K. Carmack, Executive Director of the Perpetual Education Fund, will be the keynote speaker.

His remarks will be followed by a panel discussion among several female LDS attorneys. The panel discussion will be moderated by Nancy Van Slooten, Chair-Elect of the JRCLS Executive Board. Nancy will become the Chair of the Executive Board in October 2009. Attorneys, law students, and undergraduates are encouraged to attend. The panel discussion will be geared to answering the questions of undergraduates deciding whether or not law school is for them. Please contact Megan Woodhouse, Vice-Chair of the JRCLS Student Chapters Board, at meganmwoodhouse@gmail.com if you have any questions.