



JRCLS Conference Quotes:

A study of the lives of the mentors in our non-familial genealogy will help give us purpose. You can be mentored by the words and examples of people you haven't even met (for example, studying the life of J Reuben Clark can make him your mentor even though you never knew him personally).

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UVA 2L, Whitney Blair, and recent GMU graduate, Brooke Hullinger, mingle with a local attorney during brunch

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On Saturday, January 30th, female attorneys, law students, and pre-law students in the Mid-Atlantic region braved the snow to hear Nancy Stevenson Van Slooten, Chair of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society (JRCLS) speak on "Women in the Law: An Influence for Good." The event was sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society. A special thanks goes to local attorney, Doug Bywater, and his wife Ginny, who hosted the event in their Vienna, VA home.

In addressing the women, Nancy emphasized "that by small and simple things are great things brought to pass." (Alma 37:6). She noted that frequently it is necessary to do the jobs that no one else wants to do in order to gain the respect you need for people to listen to you when an important issue arises. One story Nancy shared was about Robert and Anna Daines who were members of a small branch in New Jersey that needed a building in which to hold their Sunday meetings. When the local YMCA rejected the Daines' request to meet there because the congregation was LDS, the Daineses de-

cidated to serve actively in the community. Over time the community became more hospitable to the LDS faith because the Daineses had served so willingly, doing work many other volunteers did not want to do.



Nancy cited examples of LDS attorneys who have served on school boards, city councils, Parent Teacher Associations, and a variety of other community and national organizations. She noted the importance of prayerful consideration when determining how to con-

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Having information alone is not sufficient to enable us to be leaders. There needs to be a reliance on the scriptures, when the secular world fails you.

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Our focus needs to shift from building up walls, to tearing down walls. There is a need to be truly understood and for third alternatives.

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Successful Service Day



globe, is a powerful reminder. We're blessed to be learning, and we're learning to hopefully become the tools of blessing other lives.

*To see photos and testimonials from the International Day of Service, please visit <http://students.jrcls.org/>

*By Elsa Jacobsen
JRCLS Service Co-Chair*

The first ever JRCLS International Day of Service was a success! Twenty seven student chapters and more than 270 students, JRCLS alumni and friends provided service to their communities on January 22, 2010. Student chapters made presentations to high school students about the law school experience, assembled hygiene kits for Haiti earthquake victims, hosted discussions about landlord and tenant rights and provided service through a variety of other projects. As a result of the Day of Service, many students emerged more committed to using their law degrees to serve the community. As Sachi Jensen, a 2L at Stanford noted, I find it easy to complain about law school. Most often this is because it's easy to forget *why* I came: to increase my ability to serve. A service event like this, performed as a united team of JRCLS members across the



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Nancy Van Slooten, Chair of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society, counsels women on how they can use a legal background to influence the world for good.



tribute. Though there is not one right path for everyone to follow, those women (and men) who choose to enter the legal field have unique opportunities to be an influence for good.

By Megan Woodhouse
3L - Georgetown

“A good name is a strong defense, but though it be assailed and even marred or broken, the soul it guards is safe, provided only the inner character be impregnable.”

- James E. Talmage
LDS Apostle

Religious Freedom Writing Competition

Open to All JRCLS Student Members

- Purpose:** The purpose of the writing competition is to promote quality research and writing by the student members of the Society on the important topic of religious freedom. The competition is being sponsored by the DC Chapter of the Society and the International Center for Law and Religion Studies.
- Awards:** **First Place**-- \$1,500 cash award plus a \$500 travel reimbursement to attend the award dinner in Washington DC in the fall at which award winners will be recognized.
Second Place-- \$1,000 cash award.
Third Place-- \$500 cash award.
Honorable Mentions— Additional meritorious papers may be recognized.
- One or more of the award winning papers will be published online and possibly in print.
- Submission:** All papers must be submitted by no later than August 1, 2010 by e-mail to papers@jrclsdc.org. You will receive e-mail confirmation of submission. If you do not, please contact Jen at 703-753-4543.
- Form:** A scholarly paper of at least 2000 words, but not more than 3000 words, typed, thoroughly cited and presented in a publishable format on the topic of religious liberty.
- Selection:** Awards will be announced the first week of September.
- Questions:** Questions concerning the writing competition may be directed to papers@jrclsdc.org.