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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

BY RICK A. VARNER

The holiday season is upon us, providing us a special time to reflect on and be grateful for the many blessings we have been given. Among the greatest of these blessings is the hope that comes to us through the personal religious convictions we hold – most especially through the redemptive and healing power of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As lawyers and counselors, we can go about doing good, as He did, in providing hope, healing and resolution to those we serve.

I will never forget the commencement address given by one of my fellow law students 22 years ago in the Provo Tabernacle. He spoke of the role we would then soon take upon ourselves to be counselors, healers and peacemakers – legal physicians, if you will. In our own small way as lawyers and counselors, we are sent forth “to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord . . . to comfort all that mourn . . . to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness . . . that he might be glorified”. (Isa. 61:1-3.)

At the International JRCLS Leadership Conference this past October, International Chair, Jeremiah Morgan, stated that among the most significant reasons for the JRCLS – and our membership in such a group – are to build up the Kingdom of God, to defend faith and religious liberty and to serve others. As we go about doing good, we are doing precisely those things. We are not only affirming the strength brought to the law by a lawyer’s personal religious conviction, but we are actually strengthening it and those it seeks to protect and serve. What a great blessing we have to give back to others and our community, and make their burdens light.

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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.

WAYNE W. CALL RECEIVES J. REUBEN CLARK AWARD AT 2014 ANNUAL DINNER

At the Annual Dinner held on September 19th, 2014, at the Irvine Marriott, Wayne W. Call received the J. Reuben Clark Award for his outstanding contributions and accomplishments in the Orange County legal community over his 40+ years of practice. He was introduced by his long-time law partner Jon E. Jensen.

Wayne was a commissioned officer in the United States Army. He graduated from Utah State University, cum laude, in 1971, and received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Utah College of Law in 1973 and was Articles Editor for the Utah Law Review. He graduated third in his class and was admitted to the Order of the Coif. In 1973, he began his career with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, and in 1981 he left to become a founding partner of Call & Jensen. From the beginning of his practice, Wayne's specialty has been complex business and real estate litigation. There are few types of business and real estate cases that he has not handled. He has been an "AV" rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell for many years and has been named a "Super Lawyer" by his peers for many years (including, in 2012 and 2014, as one of Orange County's Top 50 "Super Lawyers"). He enjoys litigation and insists that he is "just getting warmed up" and intends to practice "for another 30 years".

Wayne has been a mentor to many in Orange County and has employed a large number of our members here in the JRCLS Orange County Chapter. He has exemplified the JRCLS Mission Statement and is a worthy recipient of this honor. Certainly, his greatest honors are his wife and six children. We congratulate and thank Wayne for all he has given to our legal community, to those he has mentored, and for his example in living the mission statement of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society.



"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end . . . to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever." Isaiah 9:6-7.

2014 ANNUAL DINNER PHOTOS



Photos by
Desiree Nordstrom

"We claim the privilege of worshiping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where or what they may." Articles of Faith, 11.

ELDER BRUCE C. HAFEN AND SISTER MARIE HAFEN ADDRESS MEMBERS AT 2014 ANNUAL DINNER

More than 160 of our members and their families and friends joined us for the 2014 Annual Dinner at the Irvine Marriott on September 19, 2014. Outgoing Chair Brent J. North MC'd the event which was planned by our outstanding Events Committee made up of Robert Davis, Jennifer Wilson, Nicole Jacobsen and Philip Nelson. Joseph Bentley, Nathan Cazier, Desiree Nordstrom, Mark Petersen and Lance Smemoe were presented with engraved glass prism awards in recognition of their years of service on the JRCLS-OC Chapter Board of Directors, and Matthew Bouslog, Joseph Geis, Douglas Higham, Jr. and Melinda Hunsaker were welcomed as new members of the Board. Brent J. North was also praised for his leadership of the Chapter as the 2013-2014 Chair and was presented an engraved Clock in recognition of his outstanding service. He will continue on as the Immediate Past-Chair on the Executive Committee, providing experience and guidance, and will be joined by Lance D. Smemoe as our new Secretary.

Our members and their guests were privileged to hear from Elder Bruce C. Hafen and Sister Marie Hafen, who addressed the topic of "*Faith, Reason and Things of Eternity*". Drawing from their wealth of experience and deep and abiding testimonies of the Savior and His gospel, the Hafens provided attendants with a spiritual feast of profound and everlasting truths – which, Elder Hafen intimated, may be the subject for his next book. We are grateful for all who attended and all who worked so hard to make the Annual Dinner an event to remember.

DISCOUNTS OFFERED FOR EARLY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2015

Following the suggestion of our Membership Committee, headed by Daniel Livingston, and based on the sound financial position of the Chapter over the last several years, the Board is pleased to announce the following **early-bird discounts** for those renewing or signing up for 2015 membership **on or before February 1, 2015**: Gold memberships (which include all 6 luncheons and the Annual Dinner) will be \$125 – a \$50 dollar savings from the usual \$175; Silver membership (which includes all six lunches and a discount on the Annual Dinner) will be \$100 versus the usual \$135; and Bronze membership (which includes discounts from door prices on all events) will be only \$35 instead of the usual \$50.

This is truly a great value considering the six (6) excellent luncheon events planned for 2015 (each of which is anticipated to provide CLE credit), as well as the Annual Dinner. Also included free to our membership and their guests is the rebroadcast of the Annual Fireside put on by the International JRCLS. Dr. Katrina Lantos Swett, Chair of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, will be the keynote speaker.

We hope that all our members will take advantage of these significant savings and renew early, and invite their colleagues to join. Membership in the JRCLS is available to all individuals holding a law degree or who are law school students, and espouse the JRCLS mission statement, regardless of school or church affiliation.

"We believe that no government can exist in peace, except such laws are framed and held inviolate as will secure to each individual the free exercise of conscience, the right and control of property, and the protection of life." Doctrine & Covenants 134:2.

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Women in Law Attend Sheri Dew Lecture By Desiree J. Nordstrom

On October 11, 2014, the Women in Law (WIL) section of the OC JRCLS attended the lecture of Sheri L. Dew, President and Chief Executive Officer of Deseret Book Company. Ms. Dew lectured on "Women in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." This event was organized by the Howard W. Hunter Foundation and Mormon Studies Council at Claremont Graduate University.

Seven WIL members enjoyed dinner and a drive to and from the event. In attendance were Debbie Dickson, Elizabeth Shill, Melinda Hunsaker, Nicole Jacobsen, Lauren Martin, Marin Bradshaw and myself, Desiree Nordstrom.



The OC JRCLS Chapter and International JRCLS are focused on supporting and encouraging women lawyer

members. Women lawyers have many paths: practicing full-time, practicing part-time, not practicing for a time, staying at home, working in non-legal fields, etc. Women from all paths are welcome to our events and in our membership. We invite women to attend and extend invitations to others that may be interested.

"We believe that all men are bound to sustain and uphold the respective governments in which they reside, while protected in their inherent and inalienable rights by the laws of such governments . . . at the same time, however, holding sacred the freedom of conscience." Doctrine & Covenants 134:5.

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Jon E. Jensen Speaks on Legal Affairs in Russia

Returning from an 18 month assignment as Associate Area Legal Counsel in Moscow Russia, Jon E. Jensen shared his experiences handling legal affairs for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in sixteen countries of the Europe East Area, including Russia, Ukraine, Armenia, the Baltic countries and other former members of the Soviet Union, as well as Turkey and Bulgaria, and working with English speaking local counsel in each country. His presentation capped a year of outstanding programs.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 15, 2015	Luncheon Speaker: Timothy Ballard, CLE Presentation <i>"Operation Underground Railroad: Combatting Child Sex Trafficking"</i>	12:00 noon Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear, LLP, 2040 Main St., 2nd Floor, Irvine
February 19, 2015	Luncheon: International JRCLS Fireside Re-broadcast (Free)	12:00 noon Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear, LLP, 2040 Main St., 2nd Floor, Irvine
March 26, 2015	11 th Annual Religion & The Law Symposium, CLE Presentation: "Burwell v. Hobby Lobby"	12:00 noon Chapman University
April 16, 2015	Luncheon Speaker: Matthew Holland, President of Utah Valley University, CLE Presentation: <i>"The Life of Lincoln"</i>	12:00 noon Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear, LLP, 2040 Main St., 2nd Floor, Irvine