

CHARTER
OF THE
DETROIT CHAPTER
OF THE
J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SOCIETY

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ARTICLE I
NAME AND LOCATION

The Detroit Chapter (hereafter “Chapter”) of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society (hereafter “JRCLS” or “Law Society”) is hereby established as a voluntary, unincorporated association. This organization is pursuant to Article VI of the Law Society Bylaws, as amended.

ARTICLE II
MISSION STATEMENT AND PURPOSE

The Mission Statement of the Chapter is parallel to the mission statement of the Law Society: “We affirm the strength brought to the study of law by a law student’s personal religious conviction. We strive through public service and diligence in our studies to promote fairness and virtue founded upon the rule of law.”

In fulfilling its mission statement, the Chapter is guided by the philosophy, personal example, and values of its namesake, J. Reuben Clark, Jr. Those values include: (1) public service, (2) loyalty to the rule of law, and (3) appreciation for the religious dimension in society and in a law student’s personal life.

Membership in the Chapter is multi-faith and open to all law school graduates in Michigan who are not in the area of another active JRCLS chapter and who share the goals, ideals and values of the Law Society.

The Chapter must comply with Article II of the Bylaws of the Law Society, which provides, in part, that “all lobbying and other political activities are strictly prohibited.”

ARTICLE III
CHAPTER OFFICERS

The officers of the Chapter consist of a Chair, a Chair-Elect and such other officers as the Board may select. Each officer serves for a term of two years.

A. Chair

The initial Chair is nominated and ratified by the governing entity of the Law Society over Chapters and subsequently elected by the Chapter membership, as discussed below. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair the same procedure will be followed.

The Chair serves for a two-year term and oversees the activities of the Law Society in the area covered by the Chapter.

B. Chair-Elect

The Chair-Elect is nominated by the Board, ratified by the International Executive Committee, and elected by the Chapter membership. The Chair-Elect normally serves for the two-year term of the Chair and succeeds the Chair's term of office unless the International Executive Committee or the Chapter membership (by two-thirds vote of those voting) decides otherwise, in which case a new Chair-Elect is nominated by the Board, elected by the Chapter membership, and approved by the International Executive Committee. The Chair-Elect assists the Chair with all aspects of the chapter's operation. In absence of the Chair, the Chair-Elect conducts the business of the chapter.

C. Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer is initially nominated by the Board, and subsequently elected by the Chapter membership, as discussed below. The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for maintaining and updating the Chapter membership list.

The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for depositing all funds collected by the Chapter. The Secretary/Treasurer sets up an account for the Chapter's funds and reports on the status of the account to the Chair and the Chapter Board on a regular basis. The Secretary/Treasurer will provide a status of the account to the Chapter membership on an annual basis.

D. Other Officers or Committee Chairs

Other officers or committee chairs may be selected by the Board as appropriate for the operation or activities of the Chapter. Other officers may include, for example:

1. One or more student chapter liaisons;
2. An activities coordinator;
3. A Women in the Law coordinator;
4. A liaison with the BYU Alumni Association

E. Chapter Board

The Board shall consist of the Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer and additional members nominated by the Board or by three or more members of the Chapter, and elected by the Chapter members as described below. Each member of the Board will serve for one or more two-year terms, preferably with one third of the Board elected each year. The Chapter Board provides general policy direction and support for the activities of the Chapter. It establishes annual chapter goals, approves the activities of the Chapter, and provides direction to the various committees. The Board should meet or communicate at least quarterly under the direction of the Chapter Chair and Chapter Chair-Elect.

F. Elections

Elections of the Board and officers will occur on an annual basis, on or prior to the end of the

year. Notice of the election will be sent to Chapter members prior to the election; at least two weeks in advance if practical. Officers and Board members of the Chapter shall be elected by a majority vote of those members voting.

Chapter officers who fail to uphold the mission of the Law Society are subject to removal and replacement by the Law Society.

ARTICLE IV CHAPTER PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Chapter programs and activities should be planned and conducted based on the size of the Chapter and the needs and goals of Chapter members.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS OF CHAPTERS

The schedule of meetings or activities of Chapters is set by the officers and Board. Ideally, these will include an activity in connection with the annual JRCLS fireside, at least one meeting with a speaker, and an annual Chapter dinner.

ARTICLE VI FUNDING

The Board will determine the means of funding for the Chapter.

ARTICLE VII APPROVAL OF AND AMENDMENT TO CHARTER

The Board shall: (a) seek initial approval of the Charter by a two-thirds vote of those members of the Chapter voting as described under Elections, and (b) ratification by the Society. Thereafter, the Board may seek to amend the Charter by presenting proposed amendments to the Chapter membership. Upon a two-thirds vote of the members voting, the Charter may be amended.