



ST. LOUIS CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Objective: The mission statement of St. Louis Chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society states, in part, that the Chapter “seeks to strengthen the St. Louis community by advocating civic virtue, professional ethics, and public service.” The Chapter can effectuate these goals through Chapter member visits to area high schools to speak with students and teachers, by sponsoring outstanding ethics CLE seminars, and by providing religiously-oriented fireside presentations open to the public.

Phase One: Individual Chapter member high school classroom visits, one-time ethics CLE seminar sponsorship, and interest-dependent fireside presentation(s). Phase One goals to be completed by July 2011.

- Individual Chapter members will connect to school district teachers of their personal interest (such as the district in which they reside) through a third-party education professional. Members will gauge the teachers’ interest in a classroom visit and seek to visit the school during the week of Constitution Day (September 17). Member visits will emphasize civic education and involvement and may also focus on the member’s particular expertise and experience in his or her legal career, whether it be constitutional law, business law, civil rights, intellectual property, or any other field.
(beginning September 2008)
- The Chapter will sponsor an ethics CLE seminar by the next ethics CLE requirement reporting date. The seminar will be low- or no-cost to attract as many local attorneys as possible and will feature widely recognized ethics experts in an engaging format.
(beginning May 2009)
- The Chapter will contact local LDS Church leaders and offer to provide a fireside presentation for their congregations that will be open to the public. If there is sufficient interest, the Chapter will provide a fireside presentation stressing the importance of personal and family legal self-reliance and providing basic legal information. Firesides may also include presentations related to “LDS Perspectives and the Law” lessons.
(beginning September 2008)

Phase Two: Chapter sponsorship of a particular school district and regularly scheduled CLE seminars and firesides (added structure and activity to Phase One goals).

Based on the success of the Chapter’s Phase One efforts and the expected growth in Chapter membership, the Chapter will consider: (1) adopting a school district and developing a mentoring and civic education programs within that district; (2) sponsoring annual ethics CLE seminars; and (3) providing annual or biannual fireside presentations.