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Dear Student,

The J. Reuben Clark Law Society Student Chapters Committee would like to invite you to become a member of JRCLS Student Chapter. We are excited to extend the benefits of membership to LDS law students as well as other law students who seek to emulate the values of J. Reuben Clark and further the mission of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society. The JRCLS is committed to service and the promotion of truth in the legal profession.

There are many benefits in JRCLS: 1) close association with other law students and local attorneys who share your professional, personal and spiritual goals; 2) the opportunity to meet, network with and be mentored by members of the local bar in the area in which you live and attend law school, and 3) events, a membership directory and opportunities to attend conferences, firesides and other events where your relationships with other latter-day saint lawyers can be strengthened.

There are many student chapters of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society established throughout the country and throughout the world. There may be a student chapter already established at the law school you are attending. If a student chapter has not been established at your law school, and a group of students are interested in establishing a student chapter, contact Scott Cameron at camerons@lawgate.byu.edu. We hope that you will accept our invitation to participate in the JRCLS.

Yours truly,

J. Reuben Clark Law Society
Student Chapters Committee

J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SOCIETY

The J. Reuben Clark Law Society seeks to affirm the strength brought to the law by a lawyer's personal religious conviction. It also strives through public service and professional excellence to promote fairness and virtue founded upon the rule of law.

Although the Society's regular members are attorneys, the Society has a number of student chapters at law schools across the United States. The student chapters are comprised of law students who support the mission of the Society.

The Society was formed in 1988 with the support of the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University by a group of lawyers representing major regions of the United States. Because the Society has been affiliated with BYU and its Law School since its inception, many of those who participate are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the sponsoring institution of BYU. This sometimes leads to the misperception that the Law Society is only for members of that Church or only for graduates of BYU. However, the Law Society is open to members of all churches and graduates of all law schools.

Law students have found participation in Law Society Student Chapters to be beneficial for several reasons, including:

- Camaraderie with like minded law students
- Opportunity to conduct and attend religious discussions that have a legal focus
- Chance to find mentors among attorneys who share similar ideals
- Invitations to attend events planned by the Society's attorney chapters
- Networking with members of the Law Society
- Participation in events such as the Law Society's annual devotional broadcast featuring speakers such President Faust and President Packer.

The Society produces a number of resources for its members, including:

- LDS Perspectives on the Law course materials
- The Clark Memorandum, an award winning publication (available online for law students at www.jrcls.org)
- Other publications and resources (see www.jrcls.org)
- A directory of over 6000 attorneys

J. REUBEN CLARK

J. Reuben Clark, a graduate of the Columbia University Law School, was a distinguished lawyer who spent most of his career in public service. He served as solicitor of the State Department, Under Secretary of State, and eventually Ambassador to Mexico. During World War I he was a major in the Judge Advocate General's Officers' Reserve Corps, and served for a time while on active duty in the US Attorney General's office preparing emergency legislation and war powers of the President. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. The last 28 years of his life he spent as a member of the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

STEPS TO ORGANIZING A STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SOCIETY

1. Identify LDS law students, or other students sharing JRCLS values.
 - a. Meet informally to determine interest in forming a JRCLS student chapter.
 - b. Choose a leader to contact JRCLS to start the process for “official recognition.” Initial contact can be to a local JRCLS chapter, or to the Chair of the Student Chapters Committee of the International Board.
2. A representative of the JRCLS Student Chapters Committee will assist with organizational details, including:
 - a. Approval by the local professional chapter to sponsor a student chapter (or the International Board, if there is not local chapter).
 - b. Appointment of an attorney advisor to the student chapter by the local professional chapter.
 - c. Nomination of a president and a president-elect by the sponsoring chapter board.
 - d. Election of officers by the students (send names and contact information to the sponsoring chapter and the Student Chapters Committee).
 - e. Drafting and approval of by-laws (see model by-laws).
 - f. Submission of Application for Official Recognition as a Student Chapter of JRCLS to the International Executive Committee (a certificate will be sent).
 - g. Recognition as a student organization on campus (send recognition letter to the Student Chapters Committee).
 - h. Submission of a list of student members, with e-mail addresses, to sponsoring chapter and the Student Chapters Committee.
3. Publish a calendar of events and activities.
4. Network with other student chapters to exchange ideas.

CHAPTER III

STUDENT CHAPTERS

3.1 Purpose of Student Chapters

The purpose and mission of student chapters of the Law Society are the same as those of the general chapters of the Law Society. As students learn the law and ethics of law in school, the student chapter can help them recognize the strength that can be brought to the law by the students' personal religious convictions. Student chapters can, through public service and excellence, promote fairness and virtue both in the study of the law and in the law community around them.

As these values are instilled from the beginning of the study of law, they will be more integrated into the attorneys' practices. The student can network from the beginning with attorneys and other law students that have the same ethical values and philosophies. Upon graduation they can continue their associations as members of the local chapter of the Law Society where they practice law.

3.2 Interacting with Sponsoring Chapter

Student chapters will be most successful if they interact with an established professional chapter of the Law Society (a "sponsoring chapter"). The sponsoring chapter generally should be the Law Society chapter that is geographically located closest to the student chapter. The sponsoring chapter should appoint a member of its board to be a liaison with the student chapter (an "attorney advisor"), and the student chapter president or other student representative should be a member of the sponsoring chapter's board. If there is no local chapter, students should contact the International Board member who chairs the Student Chapters Committee.

3.3 Communications

The student chapter and the sponsoring chapter should actively communicate with each other and work together when appropriate. Distance and other factors may make it difficult for the attorney advisor to participate in student chapter board meetings and similarly for student representatives to attend sponsoring chapter board meetings. However, when possible, such attendance is encouraged. Other means of communication may include having the student representative placed on the e-mail list of the sponsoring chapter's board, allowing telephone participation in meetings, and having regularly scheduled communications between the attorney advisor and the student chapter leadership. The student representative should be advised of all sponsoring chapter events and be given the responsibility for notifying the student chapter of those events. All communications to the student chapter membership from the sponsoring chapter may be accomplished primarily through the student representative and other student chapter leaders.

3.4 Activities

Student chapter members can reap great benefits from attending sponsoring chapter events. Such attendance gives the students an opportunity to learn from and network with members of the Law Society. The sponsoring chapter should consider holding events from time to time that are primarily to benefit law students. Such events may center on career opportunities or involve social events that allow for a more casual exchange between students and attorneys. Student chapters should also consider hosting specific activities and inviting some or all of the sponsoring chapter members. Student chapters and sponsoring chapters should look for opportunities to work together on events. For example, student chapters should try to contribute in a positive way to their law schools. One such way is to organize a symposium or other educational program at the school. The sponsoring chapter could assist in providing or arranging for speakers while the students chapter could arrange for the use of campus facilities and possibly for CLE credit through the school. When planning such events, student chapters should work closely with their schools and be careful to comply with all the necessary requirements.

3.5 Placement and Mentoring

The sponsoring chapter should seek to assist the student chapter in the areas of placement and mentoring. This can either be through informal means or through more structured programs. The sponsoring chapter should consider making a list available to student chapters of sponsoring chapter members who would be willing to assist students either in answering questions or in assisting them in placement efforts. Advising students of such contacts, particularly at firms and companies that routinely hire law students, can be a valuable service to the student chapter. Student chapters can host events and invite members of the Law Society to share information about legal employers or other career options. Student chapters might likewise be interested in reaching out to other chapters of the Law Society (which are identified on the Law Society website) concerning placement assistance.

3.6 International Board and Student Chapters

The Law Society International Board has a Student Chapters Committee (see [Appendix C](#) for a list of committee members and section [3.20](#) for their liaison assignments) which will interact with the student chapters, particularly in the early stages when they are becoming established. Thereafter, it is hoped that the student chapters will operate where possible in connection with a sponsoring chapter. Once the student chapter is fully integrated with a sponsoring chapter, the Student Chapters Committee will work primarily through that sponsoring chapter when dealing with the student chapter. From time to time the International Board will sponsor events, such as an international satellite broadcast specifically for attorneys. Student chapters will be invited to either join with the sponsoring chapters for such events or, if more appropriate, to host their own event in connection with such broadcasts.

3.7 Resources Available to Student Chapters

The Law Society International Board will continue to work to provide resources for student chapters, such as Speakers Bureau information (lists of potential speakers), model by-laws for the formation of student chapters (see section [3.21](#)), and LDS Perspectives on the Law course materials designed specifically for law students. Student chapters should work with their sponsoring chapter and their International Board Liaison to determine the extent to which there may be assistance needed in other areas. Sponsoring chapters are encouraged to explore ways in which they may assist student chapters.

Advising Network

About 25% of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society members participate in the Advising Network. This service is available to students who would like to talk to an attorney for advice concerning their job hunt, area of practice, or other information. Students from any student chapter can access this database by going to http://www.law2.byu.edu/Career_Services/advisingNetwork.htm and entering the username “law” and the password “school”.

3.8 Selection of Leaders

In selecting a president, care should be taken to see that the leader has the vision and enthusiasm needed to help the chapter succeed. The individual should be respected by his or her peers, be of good moral character, and be willing to dedicate time and effort to the success of the student chapter.

Because the first year of law school is so demanding, it is suggested that a first-year student not serve as the president of a student chapter. Ideally, the president is a second- or third-year student who has been trained by serving as the president-elect during the previous year. However, this is not always possible. The most important thing is that the president can effectively lead the student chapter and still be dedicated to his or her study of the law. An attorney advisor can serve as the president of the student chapter when there is no student able to serve as president.

Selection of the president-elect is just as important as the selection of the president. The current president and the attorney advisor, who presumably understand the mission of the Law Society as well as the duties and what will be required of the president, make the nomination of the president-elect. After the sponsoring chapter board approves the nominee, he or she is presented to the members of the student chapter for election. If the nominee fails to be elected by the students, the president and the attorney advisor should nominate another individual for the position. If there is no current president, the attorney advisor can make the nomination after getting to know the abilities of the students.

Other officers or committee chairs may be appointed by the president, as needed and after consulting with the attorney advisor, in areas such as:

- Technology and Web Design
- Community Outreach and Service
- Events
- Membership

The president may act as the liaison to the sponsoring chapter board, become a member of the board, or may appoint another student to be the liaison to the board.

The attorney advisor is a liaison from the sponsoring chapter, is a member of the sponsoring chapter board, and is also a member of the student chapter board (if one exists). Most campuses require a faculty advisor if the student chapter is recognized on campus as a student association. The attorney advisor can serve as the faculty advisor if he or she meets the requirements of the particular law school. If not, there will be both a faculty advisor, who may or may not be a member of the Law Society, and an attorney advisor.

3.9 Finances

The student chapter may wish to charge membership dues to provide funds to run the chapter. Any funds collected may be used by the chapter for mailings, advertising, events, and so forth. None of the funds need to be given to the sponsoring chapter or to the Law Society. Some chapters may be able to function without charging dues. Others may receive funds from their law school because they are a recognized student organization on campus.

Because law students frequently have limited funds it is suggested that most of the chapter events be free or have a nominal charge. Potlucks, brown bag luncheons, and events held on campus or at church facilities are appropriate.

3.10 Activities

Planning student chapter activities should take into account the interests, family obligations, economic situations, and educational time demands of the members. It is suggested that costs for these activities be kept as low as possible. The following are examples of some of the activities and programs that might be appropriate for a student chapter:

Annual Family Picnic

This event may have no cost at all when members or families are invited to bring their own picnics. This may be the kick-off event at the beginning of each school year to help members get to know each other and their families. The picnic may also be used to invite others to join the chapter.

Brown Bag Lunches (w/ Speakers)

This bring-your-own-lunch event could be held on or off campus at a regularly scheduled time as frequently as is appropriate for the membership. Periodically, a speaker could be asked to make a presentation on a topic of interest to the members. Speakers could include law school professors or, with the help of the sponsoring chapter, civic leaders, local attorneys, and judges. The student chapter could also invite members of the sponsoring chapter to attend. They may expand the program to provide CLE credits, thus appealing to the interest of and attendance by local attorneys. This would be a way for the students to better network with local attorneys by providing a service to them. The attorneys could be charged for their attendance and CLE credit, which may generate funds to run the student chapter.

Firesides

Evening meetings with a speaker of interest could be held on campus or at a local facility, such as a church building. Like the brown bag lunches, speakers could include law school professors or, with the help of the sponsoring chapter, local attorneys and judges. Guests could also be invited to attend. Speakers could address issues of importance to the families of law students and attorneys.

LDS Perspectives on the Law Courses

A series of LDS Perspectives on the Law courses are being prepared for use by student chapters. These lessons will address issues in law and religion, such as being an attorney with a gospel perspective. It is recommended that the student chapters consider using institute facilities when and where possible.

Public Service

Some student chapters have had great success holding fundraising events, such as featuring traveling BYU performance groups and getting donations for a local charitable organization or soliciting donations to provide holiday baskets for needy families. Public service can be, in conjunction with local bar associations, provided through legal oriented services to the community or any number of service projects or programs. Sponsoring chapter members may also be invited to be involved in these public service opportunities.

Mentor Programs

Second- or third-year student mentors can be matched with first-year students. Through the help of the sponsoring chapter, attorney mentors can also be arranged for student members. This program could be formal (e.g., having scheduled meetings between mentor and student) or informal, (e.g., circulating names of possible mentors, their area of expertise, and contact information among those interested student chapter members).

Sponsoring Chapter Events

Student members could be included in sponsoring chapter events, as appropriate. It is recommended, at a minimum, that the student members be included in the sponsoring chapter's annual dinner. The student liaison to the sponsoring chapter board and the attorney advisor could assist in including student members in these events, while

providing a great opportunity for the students to network with local attorneys and for the attorneys to get to know potential law clerks or attorney hires.

Job Placement

The sponsoring chapter can be a viable resource for clerkships/internships and, later for attorney positions. Both the sponsoring chapter and the student chapter may have a board member or committee chair designated to assist in job placement for law students.

Academic Assistance

Study groups, outline banks, note taking for absent students, or other assistance in helping fellow student members succeed in law school may be coordinated.

Sports, Recreation, and Cultural Events

A variety of sports or recreational activities could be arranged, such as:

- Early morning basketball at a church building
- Friday evening volleyball with spouses at a church building
- Gatherings at a concert in the park
- Block seating at a local or visiting BYU sports event (possibly with a tailgate party)
- Group attendance at a traveling BYU performance group program

Work with the interests of the student members. If there is an event that many of the members would be interested in attending, arrange for block seating or for a social gathering before or after the event (such as meeting together for dessert).

3.11 Updating Rosters

By September 15 of each year, the student chapter secretary/treasurer should send a list of student names and e-mail addresses to the Student Chapters Committee of the International Board and to the secretary of the sponsoring chapter. This enables student chapter members to receive electronic communications from the International Board and from the sponsoring chapter.

3.12 Recruiting Members

The officers of the student chapter, the attorney advisor, and members of the student and sponsoring chapters should actively seek out potential members of the student chapter through personal invitations, publicity, open-house events, speaker presentations, social events, and information at law student events. In addition to looking for potential members among LDS law students and BYU graduates, those involved in recruiting should consider any law student who supports the philosophy of the Law Society and its mission statement. Students and attorneys are not required to be members of the LDS Church in order to be members or officers of the Law Society.

3.13 Student Chapters Including More Than One Law School

If there is more than one law school in the area that student members of the Law Society attend, a decision should be made by the sponsoring chapter (with input from the students and attorney advisor) as to whether separate student chapters should be established at each of the law schools or if one student chapter should comprise multiple law schools. In making this decision, several factors should be considered, including, but not limited to, the number of students at each law school, the anticipated number of students over the years at each law school, the student leadership available, requirements and advantages or disadvantages of being recognized on campus as a student association, the proximity of campuses, and the resources available to each student group.

3.14 Change in Number of Students

The number of student members of the Law Society at each law school will change each year. Some years there may be many students with an abundance of leadership. Other years there may be very few student members or a shortage of leadership. When there is inadequate leadership for the student chapter, the attorney advisor can act as the president of the student chapter. If there is a shortage in the number of student members, the attorney advisor can see that the students are involved, as appropriate, with the activities and events of the sponsoring chapter in lieu of student chapter events and arrange for a mentoring relationship for the students with sponsoring chapter members. If there are no student members at the law school the attorney advisor should continue to act as the president of the student chapter, although dormant, and keep informed as to any entering or transferring students who would be members of the Law Society, at which time the student chapter would be reactivated.

3.15 Becoming an Officially Recognized Student Organization

Where it is advantageous for the local student chapter to do so, it is recommended that a student chapter obtain the official recognition granted to student organizations by the student bar association, law school, or university office that coordinates student activities on campus.

Advantages of Obtaining Official Recognition

The advantages of obtaining official recognition may include the ability to:

- Schedule university facilities (e.g., rooms, media equipment, services) at little or no cost;
- Use a bulletin board or create a webpage for publicizing activities;
- Obtain a budget award from student fees which can be used to fund speakers, service projects, and travel expenses;
- Obtain a financial account and utilize university accounting services for tracking deposits and expenditures;
- Schedule university video conferencing facilities to provide a venue for guest speakers; and
- Have the student chapter represented in councils, before the administration, and in interaction with other student organizations at the law school.

Requirements and Procedures for Obtaining Official Recognition

Requirements will vary depending on the law school or university, but often recognition requires submitting, to the designated office by a specific date, the names of a minimum number of students (e.g., 7–10 students), a simple constitution and by-laws, a list of officers, and the name of a faculty adviser. Often there is a requirement for annual renewal of the registration. If there are just a few interested students, seeking official recognition for a Law Society student chapter may not be practical.

3.16 Names of Student Chapters

At some law schools, groups of LDS students have previously organized under the name of a prominent legal figure other than J. Reuben Clark. With approval of the Law Society International Board, the student chapter may retain the local nomenclature (e.g., Dallin H. Oaks Student Chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society at the University of Chicago).

3.17 Student Chapter Membership after Graduation

Law school graduates should no longer be members of a student chapter, but rather should become members of the Law Society chapter for the geographical area in which they work. Since it is not the purpose of the Law Society to replace the alumni association of the graduates' law school, graduates are also encouraged to be active in and support the alumni association of their respective law schools.

3.18 Directories and Publications

Student chapters may access the Law Society's web site at www.jrcls.org. The Clark Memorandum is available online under the heading "Publications." While access to the online database is limited to Law Society members, students may on occasion ask a Law Society member to give them a referral from the database or print directory.

3.19 For Help or to Make Suggestions

Please contact any of the Student Chapter Committee Members (see [Appendix C](#)) if you have questions or suggestions concerning the management or organization of student chapters.

(MODEL BYLAWS FOR USE BY STUDENT CHAPTERS)

BYLAWS

OF THE

_____ STUDENT CHAPTER

OF THE

J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SOCIETY

DATE

ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION

The _____ Student Chapter (hereafter “Student Chapter”) of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society (hereafter “JRCLS” or “Law Society”) is hereby established as a voluntary, unincorporated association affiliated with the local _____ Chapter of the Law Society (hereafter “Sponsoring Chapter”) or, if there is no local chapter, affiliated with the International Board of the Law Society (hereafter “JRCLS International Board”). This organization and affiliation is pursuant to Article VII of the Law Society Bylaws as amended on August 29, 2002, and Article V of the Law Society Handbook as amended May 13, 2003. The Law Society is also a voluntary, unincorporated association with a permanent address of _____.

ARTICLE II

MISSION STATEMENT AND PURPOSE

The Mission Statement of the Student 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 Student 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.

To accomplish its mission, the Student Chapter will: (1) encourage its members to regard law studies as preparation to serve the courts, clients, and society (which service will always be paramount) as well as to practice law which may provide compensation; (2) promote and protect the rule of law; and (3) provide members with opportunities for continuing dialogue on legal topic of significance with members of the Student and Sponsoring Chapters of the Law Society.

Membership in the Student Chapter is multi-faith and open to all currently enrolled law students of any law school in the area where the Student Chapter is located who share in the goals, ideals and values of the Law Society.

Since the Student Chapter operates under the legal umbrella of the Sponsoring Chapter [or in the alternative, the legal umbrella of the JRCLS International Board] and hence under the legal umbrella of the Law Society, the Student 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

STUDENT CHAPTER OFFICERS

The officers of a student chapter consist of a President, Attorney Advisor, Faculty Advisor, if applicable, as the case may be, President-Elect, and a Secretary/Treasurer. Each officer serves for a term of one year with the exception of the Attorney Advisor who serves for a recommended term of at least three years.

A. President

The President should usually be a second or third year law student. The initial President is nominated by the Sponsoring Chapter Board and subsequently elected by the student chapter membership. Where there is no Sponsoring Chapter the initial President is nominated by the International Executive Committee. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President the same procedure will be followed.

The President oversees the activities of the Law Society at the law school or law schools covered by the student chapter. The President regularly coordinates and communicates with the Attorney Advisor and the Sponsoring Chapter Chair. The President, in consultation with the Attorney Advisor and the President-Elect, appoints members of the student chapter to serve on committees or, where there are sufficient numbers of students, to serve on a Student Chapter Board. Where possible, the President will serve on the Sponsoring Chapter Board.

B. Attorney Advisor

The Sponsoring Chapter Chair appoints a member of its board to serve as Attorney Advisor of the student chapter for a recommended term of at least three years. In many instances the Faculty Advisor, if a member of the Law Society, is appointed the Attorney Advisor. The Attorney Advisor is to advise and assist the President in his /her duties. In the event there is no President the Attorney Advisor shall temporarily serve as President of the Student Chapter until a student can be elected as President. The Attorney Advisor may be of assistance in obtaining speakers for Student Chapter activities and arranging attorney mentors for student chapter members. In addition, the Attorney Advisor acts as a liaison between the Student Chapter and the Sponsoring Chapter.

C. President-Elect

The President-Elect should usually be a second year law student. The President-Elect is nominated by the President and Attorney Advisor, ratified by the Sponsoring Chapter Board, and subsequently elected by the Student Chapter membership. The President-Elect succeeds to the President's term of office. The President-Elect assists the President and the Attorney Advisor with all aspects of the Student Chapter's operation.

D. Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer is a law student. The Secretary/Treasurer serves for a term of one year and can succeed him or herself for one or two additional terms. The Secretary/Treasurer is nominated by the President and the Attorney Advisor and subsequently elected by the Student Chapter membership. The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for maintaining and updating the Student Chapter membership list and forwarding these updates to the Sponsoring Chapter Chair and to the International Board Liaison. The Secretary/Treasurer is also responsible for identifying the job placement of all graduating Student Chapter members and forwarding them to the Sponsoring Chapter Chair and to the International Board Liaison for dissemination to the Chapters where these graduates will be located.

The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for depositing all funds collected by the Student Chapter. These funds include fund-raising amounts and membership dues, if required. The Secretary/Treasurer sets up an account for the Student Chapter and reports on the status of the account to the President and the Attorney Advisor on a regular basis.

E. Other officers or committee chairs may be appointed by the President upon consultation with the Attorney Advisor as needed for the operation or activities of the Student Chapter.

ARTICLE IV

STUDENT CHAPTER PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Student Chapter programs and activities are planned, based on the size of the Student Chapter and the needs and goals of chapter members. A Student Chapter may have as many or as few programs or activities as the officers deem appropriate. It is recommended that the cost of activities be kept to a minimum. The following programs and activities are examples of some of the types of activities and programs that may be appropriate:

- A. Annual family picnic.
- B. Frequent brown bag lunches with periodic speakers.
- C. Firesides.
- D. Institute and/or Institute-like classes sponsored by the Sponsoring Chapter
- E. Public Service.
- F. Student to student mentor programs and attorney to student mentor programs.
- G. Attending the annual dinner and other events, as appropriate, of the Sponsoring Chapter.
- H. Job placement assistance through the Sponsoring Chapter.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS OF STUDENT CHAPTERS

The schedule of meetings or activities of Student Chapters is set by the officers. The JRCLS International Board encourages Student Chapters to meet and communicate with each other on a regular basis (at least every other month) subject to the needs and schedules of the members.

ARTICLE VI

RECOGNITION OF THE LAW SOCIETY AS A STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Many law schools will allow the J. Reuben Clark Law Society to be recognized as a student association on their campuses. Such recognition often allows for beneficial privileges to be granted to the Law Society by that law school. The officers may look into, and apply for, campus recognition where appropriate.

ARTICLE VII

FUNDING

Some Student Chapters may receive funds from their law school if they are recognized on campus as a student association. Other funds may be obtained from dues,

sponsorships and/or other fund raising activities. Any dues collected may be used by the Student Chapter without remittance of a portion to the Sponsoring Chapter or the International Law Society in order to cover operational costs of the unit (mailings, copying, etc.).

ARTICLE VIII

APPROVAL OF AND AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

The Board of the Student Chapter should seek initial approval of its Bylaws by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Student Chapter. Thereafter, the board may seek to amend these Bylaws by presenting proposed amendments to the Student Chapter. Upon a two-thirds vote of the members of the Student Chapter, the Bylaws may be amended.

Certified this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Student Chapter President

Student Chapter President-Elect

Sponsoring Chapter Chair or
JRCLS International Board Chair

J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SOCIETY
FOURTEEN WAYS TO FIND POTENTIAL MEMBERS FOR YOUR
JRCLS STUDENT CHAPTER

1. Contact the admissions office and see if you may include a letter about JRCLS in a packet of materials being mailed by the school to newly admitted law students.
2. Participate in the student organizations fair typically held during the first week of school by having a table staffed by JRCLS members, a calendar of activities, and JRCLS literature.
3. Make certain your student chapter has a web page and is included in the law school catalog and view book.
4. Send e-mail messages to the all-students list at your school with announcements of JRCLS meetings and activities, including an invitation for all interested students to attend.
5. Prepare a roster that includes spouses and children to facilitate the formation of friendships among JRCLS students and their families.
6. Check with the ward membership clerk to learn about LDS students who may have moved to the area but not yet attended church or JRCLS activities.
7. Check with the bishop and elders quorum president to learn about new students, obtain contact information, and identify those who may need move-in or newcomer assistance.
8. Ask every JRCLS member to alert the president if they learn about prospective students or meet new students in class or other settings (every member a bird dog).
9. Maintain an attractive bulletin board publicizing JRCLS events, officers, and objectives.
10. Check with the attorney adviser to obtain referrals, if any, from Katherine Bramble, pre-law adviser at BYU. (Katherine will, with individual permission of BYU undergrads applying to law schools, notify leaders of regular JRCLS chapters of student enrollment plans.)
11. Check with the JRCLS faculty adviser or LDS law professors at your school to see if they know of potential members.
12. Check the law student directory (web or print) for students with undergraduate degrees from BYU or other western state universities.

13. Check with the LDS institute director to learn if he is aware of incoming law students. He may have student "religious preference" info or referrals from hometown church leaders about young single adults moving to the area.
14. Meet with your law school admissions director and staff to see how your chapter might assist with recruitment efforts. They may be willing to notify you of prospective students and admittees.

**APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL RECOGNITION
AS A STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE
J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SOCIETY**

Date Submitted: _____

Law School (include city, state, country): _____

Sponsoring JRCLS Chapter: _____

Attorney Liaison: Name: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Proposed Official Name of the Student Chapter: _____

President: Name: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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Address: _____

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Other Officers, if any (include name, e-mail, phone and address. Attach additional
sheet, if necessary): _____

Has the chapter been recognized as a student organization on campus? _____

If yes, when? (Attach a copy of letter of official recognition) _____

Faculty Advisor: Name: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Attach a copy of the By-laws for approval.

Number of student members _____

Submitted by: Name: _____

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STUDENT CHAPTER LIAISON: Doug Bush

JRCLS CHAPTER LIAISONS: Brent Belnap and Doug Bush

STATES IN THIS REGION:

Maine
Vermont
New Hampshire
Massachusetts
Connecticut
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
New York
New Jersey
Maryland
Washington D.C.
Virginia
West Virginia
North Carolina
South Carolina
Tennessee
Alabama

REGION: “CENTRAL STATES”

STUDENT CHAPTERS LIAISON: John

Christensen

JRCLS CHAPTERS LIAISON : John

Christensen

STATES IN THIS REGION:

Minnesota
Wisconsin
Nebraska
North Dakota
South Dakota
Kansas
Missouri
Arkansas
Oklahoma

REGION: “MID-WEST”

STUDENT CHAPTERS LIAISON: Bruce Duffield

JRCLS CHAPTERS LIAISON: Doug Monson and Bruce Duffield

STATES IN THIS REGION:

Idaho
Montana
Wyoming
Texas
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Ohio
Michigan
Alaska

REGION: “WEST”

STUDENT CHAPTERS LIAISON: Doug Higham

JRCLS CHAPTERS LIAISON: Doug Higham, Bryan Jackson, Jay Pimentel, Sterling Brennan, and Rob Clark

STATES IN THIS REGION:

Arizona
New Mexico
California
Nevada
Utah
Colorado
Hawaii

REGION: “INTERNATIONAL”

STUDENT CHAPTERS LIAISON: Nancy Van Slooten

JRCLS CHAPTERS LIAISON: Bryan Jackson, Rulon Munns, David Colton and Cynthia Lange

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Oregon
Georgia
Florida
Louisiana
Mississippi
Kentucky
All foreign countries

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