

**J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SOCIETY**  
Section Guidelines  
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The J. Reuben Clark Law Society has organized “Sections” according to specific areas of law and the legal profession. A list of current Sections is attached hereto. This document outlines the purpose of Sections and provides guidelines for their management.

**Purpose of Sections:**

The purpose of the Sections is to promote the following mission of the JRCLS: “We affirm the strength brought to the law by a lawyer’s personal religion conviction. We strive through public service and professional excellence to promote fairness and virtue founded upon the rule of law.” Sections can provide another mechanism for fulfilling this mission by facilitating the association of a lawyer or law student with other lawyers and law students interested in a particular area of the law or of the legal profession. This purpose can be accomplished by:

- Creating a system for communicating and sharing information with other Section members that allows them to:
  - Network
  - Educate
  - Refer
  - Mentor
  - Strengthen and Support
- Meeting as a Section at the annual JRCLS Conference
- Being innovative in ways that are consistent with the JRCLS mission and that respect local chapter activities and development.

**Guidelines for the Sections include:**

- Each Section Chair is approved by the Executive Committee to serve a term of 2 years. Executive Committee approval is required to extend the term another two years. Section Chairs are encouraged to submit a name for approval by the Executive Committee of a Chair Elect who shall be involved and prepared to become chair. A Sections Committee of the JRCLS Board oversees the Sections.
- Section Chairs seek to:
  - Identify potential Section members, gather contact information, and invite participation in the Section.
  - Create a system for communicating and sharing information within the Section by using services such as LinkedIn (or other on-line software). The Sections Committee can help to set up a LinkedIn group as necessary. Other communication methods might include blogs, list-serve, newsletters, conference calls, simulcasts, and the like.
  - Communicate at least quarterly with their Section.
  - Determine Section member needs and interests as they relate to the mission statement and develop plans accordingly.
  - Seek to develop a spirit of support and camaraderie among Section members.
- Sections are encouraged to be innovative within the scope of appropriate activity consistent with the 501(c)(3) status and mission of the JRCLS, including maintaining

political neutrality. The Executive Committee may approve or disapprove of any particular Section activity. If Sections wish to meet in person, they should meet in connection with legal conferences at which their members are likely to be in attendance already, such as the JRCLS Annual Conference, and conferences consistent with the Section's area of law (ABA, AIPLA, ACC, etc.). Sections should respect and not compete with activities of local chapters.

- Section Chairs will report quarterly on the activities of their group. They will meet quarterly via conference call with the Chair of the JRCLS Sections Committee to exchange ideas, report on activities and discuss plans.
- Sections are open to attorneys and law students who are members of the JRCLS. Sections should welcome those not currently practicing law. JRCLS members can join more than one Section.
- In determining whether to appoint someone as a Section Chair, the Executive Committee will evaluate whether the person has the required commitment and skills to organize and lead a successful Section and is a person of good character that emulates the mission of the Law Society.

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