

Constitution

FIRST: The name for this organization is the J. Reuben Clark Law Society, also know as JRCLS.

SECOND: The period of duration is perpetual.

THIRD: The election of Executive Officers shall be as provided in the By-Laws.

FOURTH: The organization shall have members as provided in the By-Laws and the Constitution.

FIFTH: The mission statement of the organization shall be:

The Washington College of Law Chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society (JRCLS) represents those law students who are members of or interested in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) and who share in the long standing traditions of the legal profession and have a common interest in the values and attitudes associated with the name J. Reuben Clark. The Law Society is guided by the philosophy, personal example, and values of its namesake, J. Reuben Clark. These values include: (1) public service; (2) loyalty to the rule of law; and (3) appreciation for the religious dimension in society and in a lawyer's life.

SIXTH: The purpose of the organization shall be:

1. To advocate before SBA and the Law School administration those policies and practices that are in accordance with LDS values and interests. It is assumed, however, that instances of open advocacy will be rare. Such advocacy will likely come only when proposed policies and procedures directly conflict with essential LDS values and interests in such a way that Latter-day Saints would be forced to choose between scholarship and religion.
2. To provide a network of incoming, current, and former LDS students of WCL. The network will allow incoming LDS students to quickly feel welcome at WCL by assisting with apartment searches and other services required by those coming to the DC area for the first time. The network will provide a framework within which current students may contact former students for job opportunities and provide an organization through which former students may maintain close relationships with former classmates.
3. To provide alternative social activities to all students at the Law School with whom to socialize in an atmosphere that is more congenial to families and children. These social activities will allow for deeper friendships to develop among those who attend and will allow spouses and children of law students to feel more involved.
4. To provide a formal channel through which spouses of law students may feel more of a part of the Law School experience and through which spouses may feel the support of other spouses of law students.
5. To provide a forum for the scholarly study of legal topics of interest to Latter-Day Saints, including the study and promotion of the highest standard of professional ethics and issues involving religion and the law.
6. To recruit other members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the Washington College of Law, focusing in particular on students from universities in Utah and other western states.

SEVENTH: The organization shall act according to the provisions provided in its By-laws and Constitution, in accordance with the goals of the International J. Reuben Clark Law Society, and under the guidance of the Washington College of Law Student Bar Association.

EIGHTH: Internal affairs of the organization shall also comply with the guidance of the Washington College of Law Student Bar Association.

NINTH: The organization shall not discriminate on the basis of: ancestry, color, race, cultural or ethnic background, economic status, ideological, philosophical, or political beliefs or affiliations, marital or parental status, national or regional origin, physical disability, religion, or religious or denominational affiliation, gender or sexual orientation.

TENTH: The principal office of the organization shall be 4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, District of Columbia 20016.

ELEVENTH: The number of Executive Officers shall be three (3) which may increase or decrease pursuant to the Bylaws.

TWELFTH: This Constitution shall be amended as provided for in the Bylaws.