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THE VOICE

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 21, 2010, 7 PM: JRCLS-LA Dinner & Panel Discussion hosted by JRCLS Women in the Law Committee. With Panelists Lisa Cannon (CEO Starbuzz), Marilyn Muir Jager (Partner Morris Polich & Purdy), Susan H. Kamei (USC Associate Dean for Advanced & Professional Studies) & Ladell H. Muhlestein (Partner Manning & Marder Kass Ellrod Ramirez LLP)
- Nov. 7 2010: JRCLS-LA Annual Dinner, Judge Thomas B. Griffith, U.S. Appeals Court for the Ninth Circuit
- Nov. 17 2010: JRCLS-LA Luncheon, Presentation – “Beyond Citizens United” Campaign Finance and the Roberts Court – Professor Richard Hasen, Distinguished Professor of Law

The Newsletter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society – Los Angeles Chapter

THE CHAPTER CHAIR’S MESSAGE -

Hans and Franz used to say on Saturday Night Live, “Hear me now and believe me later!” So listen up and hear this: you definitely don’t want to miss this year’s Annual Dinner on November 6th at the Glendale Hilton.

First, as always, the Los Angeles Chapter’s Annual Dinner is a once-a-year opportunity to renew past acquaintances, visit with old friends, and make new friends among attorneys who share the same commitment as you to promoting fairness and virtue through the practice of law.

Second, this year’s main speaker and recipient of our Distinguished Service Award will be Judge Thomas B. Griffith of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

If you were lucky enough to hear Judge Griffith’s remarks at the JRCLS Annual Conference in Malibu several years ago, you already know what a dynamic speaker he is. If you missed that event, listen to his talk “The Very Root of Christian Doctrine,” available in streaming or download format at

speeches.byu.edu. With his experience as a federal judge, as Senate Legal Counsel (the chief legal officer of the Senate), and as Assistant to the President and General Counsel of BYU, Judge Griffith has profound insights to offer about being both a lawyer and a disciple of Christ.

Finally, as these things go, it’s not a bad deal for a nice dinner and evening out with a spouse or date – with discounted pricing for dues-paid members, students, and public interest, government, and solo-practitioner attorneys.

WOMEN IN LAW COMMITTEE ENCOURAGES MORE FEMALE JRCLS INVOLVEMENT (MEN CAN HELP)

From Elizabeth Smith, WIL Chair – *JRCLS International*

Although almost half of law school graduates are women, women lawyers appear to make up less than ten percent of active J Reuben Clark Law Society participants. This is not a scientific conclusion, just a perceptual one. Last month I attended JRCLS chapter functions in Irvine, California, and Provo, Utah. At the Irvine event, sponsored by

the local WIL section and not a regularly scheduled chapter function, there were 25 people, 7 of them women. Three of those women were the panelists, leaving 4 women in the 22-person audience (20%). At the Provo event, approximately 45 people attended, the speaker was the state attorney general, and 8 of the 45 were women (also about 20%)

The Orange County and Central Utah chapters are

not typical. In both chapters, women have recently served as chapter chair. The fact that 18 men attended a Women in Law function in Orange County speaks well of both the men in that chapter and the female organizers of the event. More typical, however, are chapters (San Francisco, for example) which have difficulty finding women willing to serve on their Boards or organize a WIL section.

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The JRCLS Annual Dinner

The Los Angeles Chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society cordially invites you to attend its Annual Dinner on **Saturday, November 6, 2010**, at The Hilton Hotel, 100 West Glenoaks Boulevard, Glendale, California, at which the 2010 Los Angeles Chapter award recipients will be honored:

Distinguished Service Award 2010: Judge Thomas B. Griffith, of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, former Senate Legal Counsel of the United States, and former General Counsel of Brigham Young University.

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Both men and women agree that more women at the chapter level would enhance the chapter, the lawyers, and the goals of the JRCLS. However, there are good reasons why women lawyers are less involved.

Many women JRCLS members are not practicing law or are practicing part-time. They feel removed from the profession and some awkwardness in the JRCLS setting. That is something we can all work on. Part-time or non-practicing attorneys could draw from the JRCLS collegiality and professional updates perhaps more than anyone. It is a rare setting, where we can spend an hour exploring the fusion of our beliefs and our profession without the counterbalance of competitors or skeptics.

Outstanding Lawyer Award 2010: Rick Richmond, Managing Partner of the Los Angeles office of Jenner & Block LLP.

Outstanding Young Lawyer Award 2010: Jennifer Terry, Litigation Associate at Arent Fox LLP.

About Us

JRCLS-LA Membership inquiries can be made at the Chapter's website at: <http://www.jrclsia.org/membership.php>

The Law Society, the Church, and our communities need law-trained women of courage and character. And these well-trained, capable, and principled women need the Law Society. Please, let us help each other find ways to entice all attorneys, practicing or not, male or female, to the abundant JRCLS table.

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The JRCLS LA Women in the Law Committee

On Thursday, October 21, 2010, at 7:00 pm, the Los Angeles Chapter's Women in the Law will conduct its first event, with a no-host dinner and panel discussion focusing on issues facing Latter-day Saint women in the practice

of Law. The dinner and panel discussion will be held at the downtown offices of Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, located at 355 S. Grand Avenue, 35th Floor.

Parking is not validated. Public parking is available at the Wells Fargo Center. The entrance for the parking garage is located on Flower. The fee for parking is \$7.00 for the event.



- the Editors