

**THE
BYLAWS
OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF AKRON SCHOOL OF LAW STUDENT CHAPTER
OF THE
J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SOCIETY**

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**ARTICLE I
NAME AND LOCATION**

The official name of the organization shall be The University of Akron School of Law Student Chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society. The University of Akron School of Law 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 Central Ohio Chapter of the Law Society (hereafter “Sponsoring Chapter”). This organization and affiliation is pursuant to Article VIII of the Law Society Bylaws, as amended, and Article V of the Law Society Handbook, as amended.

**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.

Because the Student Chapter operates under the legal umbrella of the Sponsoring Chapter 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
MEMBERSHIP**

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.

A. Membership Eligibility

Membership in this organization shall be open to all students of the University of Akron School of Law and law students from surrounding law schools in the area.

B. Membership Types

1. Voting

Voting members are those that have paid annual membership dues.

2. Non-Voting

Non-voting members are those that have not paid annual membership dues. Non-voting members can participate as guests in all activities and may be required to pay a fee to participate in selected Student Chapter activities. Non-voting members are unable to participate as Student Chapter officers or in voting.

C. Membership Dues

Membership dues shall be \$10 per academic year (the academic year is defined as starting on August 15th and will end on August 14th of the subsequent year), subject to modification by a majority vote of the student membership, with a required quorum of at least two-thirds of the student membership . Dues shall be collected for the purposes of advancing the mission statement of the organization.

D. Revocation and Probation of Membership

Membership will be revoked if any of the following occur:

1. Failure to pay dues, if any exist.

2. Failure to make the necessary adjustments within the necessary time frame once a member is placed on probation.

Membership will be placed on probation for a period of 6 months if any of the following occur:

3. Failure to remain in good standing with The University of Akron School of Law or any law school in which the student is enrolled.

4. Failure to abide by the constitution's purpose as stated herein.

All activities shall be to promote the purpose of the JRCLS and shall be in accordance with the general standards of the Church Education Honor Code of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

ARTICLE IV

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, Secretary, and a 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 must be a member of the Student Chapter and a student at the University of Akron School of Law. He or she should usually be a second or third year law student. The initial President is nominated by the Sponsoring Chapter Board. Subsequently, the President will be 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. Specifically, the President: (1) presides over all meetings, (2) is responsible for all matters in the efficient administration and operation of the organization, (3) assists in planning events and programming of the organization (4) acts as the chief spokesperson for the organization.

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 must be a member of the Student Chapter and a student at the University of Akron School of Law. He or she should usually be a second year law student. The initial President-Elect is nominated by the President and Attorney Advisor, and ratified by the Sponsoring Chapter Board. Subsequently, the President-Elect will be elected by the Student Chapter membership. The President-Elect succeeds to the presidency upon the expiration of 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. Specifically, the President Elect: (1) assists with Presidential duties, (2) serves as President in the President's absence, (3) assists in general operation of the organization.

D. Secretary

The Secretary must be a member of the Student Chapter and a student at the University of Akron School of Law. The Secretary serves for a term of one year and can succeed him or herself for one or two additional terms. The initial Secretary is nominated by the President and the Attorney Advisor. Subsequently, the Secretary will be elected by the Student Chapter membership. The Secretary 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 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 reports on the status of the Membership to the President and the Attorney Advisor on a regular basis. Specifically, the Secretary: (1) keep a list of activities, including the number of people in attendance, (2) keeps minutes during the meetings, (3) manages all membership drives and membership related activities (4) prepares a Student Chapter annual report consisting of at least a list of current members, activities held throughout the year, official meeting minutes, and a financial report; the annual report may include any other pertinent information necessary to completely convey the full activities of the Student Chapter.

The responsibilities of the Secretary may be combined with the Treasurer at the discretion of the President, in consultation with the Attorney Advisor and the President-Elect.

E. Treasurer

The Treasurer must be a member of the Student Chapter and a student at the University of Akron School of Law. The Treasurer serves for a term of one year and can succeed him or herself for one or two additional terms. The initial Treasurer is nominated by the President and the Attorney Advisor. Subsequently, the Treasurer will be elected by the Student Chapter membership. The Treasurer is responsible to set 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. Specifically, the Treasurer: (1) maintains an accounting of the organizations monies and a proposed annual budget, (2) collects and deposit all monies paid to the Student Chapter for membership, fund-raising events, donations, etc.; monies shall be

deposited by at least two officers (3) prepares an annual financial report for inclusion in the Student Chapter annual report.

The responsibilities of the Treasurer may be combined with the Secretary at the discretion of the President, in consultation with the Attorney Advisor and the President-Elect.

F. Other Officers/Committee Chairs

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. Other officers must be members of the Student Chapter and students at the University of Akron School of Law.

G. Elections

Elections of Student Chapter officers will occur on an annual basis, on or prior to August 14th for the subsequent year. Officers of the Student Chapter shall be elected by a majority vote of the student membership, with a required quorum of at least two-thirds of the student membership.

Because the Student Chapter operates under the legal umbrella of the Sponsoring Chapter and hence under the legal umbrella of the Law Society, Student Chapter officers who fail to uphold the mission of the Law Society, as articulated in Article II above, are subject to removal and replacement by the Student Chapters Committee of the Law Society.

ARTICLE V

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. The Student Chapter may have as many or as few programs or activities as the officers deem appropriate. The following programs and activities are examples of some of the types of activities and programs to be conducted by the Student Chapter:

- A. Annual family picnic.
- B. Frequent brown bag lunches with periodic speakers.
- C. Firesides or evening gatherings with a religious or legal theme.
- D. Religious 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.
- I. Pro Bono under appropriate supervision of licensed attorney(s).

ARTICLE VI

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 VII

RECOGNITION OF THE LAW SOCIETY AS A STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Chapter will seek to become recognized as a student association on its law school campus. Such recognition often allows for beneficial privileges to be granted to the Law Society by that law school. The officers of the Student Chapter will look into, and apply for, campus recognition where appropriate.

**ARTICLE VIII
FUNDING**

Some Student Chapters may receive funds from their law school if they are recognized on campus as a student association. These funds include any money received from the law school, student bar association, or sponsorships, and raised through fund-raising and membership dues, if applicable. 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 IX
APPROVAL OF AND AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS**

The Board of the Student Chapter shall: (a) seek initial approval of its Bylaws by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Student Chapter, and (b) ratification by the Student Chapters Committee. Thereafter, the Board of the Student Chapter may seek to amend these Bylaws by presenting proposed amendments to the Student Chapter membership. Upon a two-thirds vote of the members of the Student Chapter, the Bylaws may be amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned President of the Student Chapter hereby certifies that these Bylaws have been approved or amended, as applicable and in accordance with Article IX hereof, as of the date first set forth above.

Certified this 10 day of November, 2009.

Andrew J. Maas
Student Chapter President

Andrew Whitman
Student Chapter President-Elect

Michael Monday
Sponsoring Chapter Chair or
JRCLS International Board Chair