



Amicus Briefs

News from the J. Reuben Clark Law School, Alumni, and Friends

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT — WENDY C. ARCHIBALD '93

Greetings!

What a great time to be alumni of BYU Law School! We are all grateful to the Charter Class for their leap of faith, and we congratulate them on their thirty year reunion milestone and their many distinguished accomplishments. We're proud of you!

The Alumni Board has worked hard to strengthen our organization. We've clarified our goals and purposes and want to share with you our vision statement and three core cultural beliefs. Our vision statement is: "Fostering a community of leaders dedicated to a life of service." Because of our BYU legal education, we are in a position to lead, serve, and bless lives, both in formal law practice and a myriad of other settings. Your Board wants to reach out, recognize, and support each of the various ways our alumni contribute. Our three core cultural beliefs are:

Connect with Others. The shared law school experiences (including the painful ones) have forged strong friendships. As an organization, we have an interest in seeing those friendships continue to thrive; there is great strength that comes to us individually and as a group from our interconnectedness.

Give Back. In addition to monetary donations, there are many ways to support the Law School. You can be a: 1L mentor, 3L Coach, Alumni Board Class Representative, guest lecturer, externship supporter, or a judge for law school competitions (see law2.byu.edu/Law_School/alumni/GivingTime).

Serve Together. By serving together in these various ways, we will draw strength and feel increased gratitude for those who provided service to us, for "No man can live fully and hap-



pily who lives only unto himself." Gordon B. Hinckley.

Our vision statement and cultural beliefs can guide our organization to achieve the great potential we possess. I am grateful to be part of an alumni group that is improving the lives of others world-wide. I believe we are more than we know, and look forward to maximizing the good we can do for the law school and our communities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2006

- 8/21-25 BYU Education week
- 8/30 Alumni Mentor Lunch
- 9/14 Founders Day Dinner
- 9/28-29 Law Society Training
- 9/30 Conference Reception
- 10/1-3 International Center for Law and Religion Symposium
- 10/19 Alumni Golf Tournament
- 10/20 Alumni Board Meeting
- 10/20 Alumni Events & Dinners
- 10/21 Parade, Tailgate & Game
- 11/15 BYU Law Career Fair

2007

- 1/19 Law Society Fireside
- 2/16-17 Law Society & Student Conferences (Malibu)
- 3/30 Alumni Board Meeting
- 3/31 Conference Reception
- 6/4 Supreme Court Swearing In

LIFE LONG E-MAIL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE INITIATIVE

The BYU Law School Alumni Association has created permanent email addresses for all alumni to help you connect with each other. The addresses are very intuitive, e.g., Standard format: john.doe@byulaw.net
Duplicate names: john.doe95@byulaw.net

To access your alumni email account:
Go to <http://alummail.byulaw.net> for language and password prompts.
Username: lastname firstname (i.e. doejohn)
Password: birthyear month day (i.e. 19830402)

For questions or concerns, please contact:
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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT — CHAIR, MARK LINDERMAN '89

The Membership Committee's purpose is to build a sense of community with our alumni. We are making a concerted effort to increase communication, interaction, and involvement between alumni and the Law School.

We are in the process of revamping the alumni website, which will serve as a hub for our alumni community. The website will not only be a place for information on Law School and alumni activities, it will also be a place to find and communicate with classmates, friends, and interest groups. The new website will add forums where alumni can renew acquaintances and get involved with discussion groups. We also intend to make the

website much more user friendly so that forgotten passwords can be easily retrieved and those who want to get involved with the Law School or participate in alumni activities will be instantly directed to a contact person.

We hope to encourage more personal interaction with our widely-dispersed alumni. For example, this past March, in connection with the men's NCAA basketball tournament, our alumni association sponsored a "March Madness Challenge." The challenge was run through the ESPN website, did not require an entry fee, and was open to alumni, students, faculty, and staff. If you didn't participate this year, we hope you will next year.

BYU Law School

2005 Annual Fund Class Awards

- Participation Award
1st - 1978 2nd - 1981 3rd - 1996
- Increased Participation Award
1st - 1996 2nd - 1999 3rd - 1997
- Generosity Award
1st - 1976 2nd - 1982 3rd - 1977
- Increased Generosity Award
1st - 1986 2nd - 1984 3rd - 1997

CLASS REUNIONS:

ALL DINNERS WILL BE HELD ON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2006

1976 — The Charter Class will return to the Great Hall at St. Francis, aka St. Reuben's, for its 30th Reunion at 6:30 pm.

1981 — The Class of 1981 will hold its 25-year reunion in the Skyroom Restaurant on the BYU campus at 6 pm. The event will include a Grand Buffet dinner, musical entertainment provided by recording artist (and 1981 Class Alum) Lisa Cannon, and ample time to visit. Seating is limited, so please register early. For more information, please contact class reps.

1986 — Please join us for our 20th class reunion at Timp Lodge in Provo Canyon! There will be plenty of food and festivities along with stupendous company. Votes have already been cast for Keith Hamilton to reprise at least one of his Halloween costumes and there is a rumor that Smoky the Bear may put in an appearance. Contact Class Reps with ideas or to help.

1991 — The Class of 1991 invites you to attend our 15th-year reunion. Join us at 7 pm for dinner and other activities. The dinner will be at the BYU Museum of Art. We look forward to seeing you!

1996 — Please stay in tune for more information about the class reunion—yes, it's been 10 years! We're planning to attend the Museum of Art dinner, but if you want to help organize a class-specific event contact your class reps.

To contact Class Reps with ideas or to help, visit: www.law2.byu.edu/Reunions/

GIVING COMMITTEE REPORT — CHAIR, JIM PHIPPS '96

Last year, our alumni increased annual giving to the law school by 49% to a total of \$337,000, excluding matching funds. This year, our modest goal is to raise over \$375,000. The money will be used to support Dean Worthen's vision and priorities for the Law School, amongst them building recognition for the Law School in the ranks of the faculties of the nation's leading law schools.

Another goal this year is to increase from 25%-30% the total number of alumni contributing to the Law School. At a 30% giving participating level, BYU will rank among a very small handful of the nation's most prestigious law schools in alumni giving.

One of the most remarkable things about our 2005 giving year was the increase in the average gift from \$216 to \$312. Of course, there were many gifts of greater and lesser amounts, but this increase really represents an increase in generosity towards the Law School at all giving levels. This year we hope to see an increase in the average gift to about \$350. If everyone who gave last year were to bump it up another 10% we would reach this goal. We hope you will choose to join us again in 2006 as we move the cause of the J. Reuben Clark Law School forward by giving generously and often at www.byulaw.org/annualfund.

THOUGHTS ON THE ALUMNI CRUISE BY BRAD HOLM '81

I had never cruised before. More than anything, I just wanted to get away from the practice of law for a week—without my Blackberry and completely inaccessible to my office. I wasn't looking for great food, spectacular scenery, a cultural adventure, or a memorable vacation. I simply wanted surcease. But I was pleasantly surprised. Not only did I maintain an electronic demilitarized zone between the office and me, but I enjoyed a truly memorable experience. The highlight was the completely unexpected spiritual experience we enjoyed every day. Dr. Susan Easton Black, a member of the BYU religion faculty, spoke daily for an hour on Church history and doctrine. But these weren't superficial Sunday-meeting talks prepared on Saturday night! They were extraordinary lectures full of deep, edifying, rich doctrine and history, all



very relevant to my personal life. And what made the vacation experience unique is this: the daily spiritual experience magnified everything else because we were in the company of others who were equally moved and touched by the spirit. So the dinner conversations were about much more than the salmon, and they were with genuinely fun, interesting people. The sites, scenery, and cultural events were also enhanced by Dr. Black's daily dose of the meaningful. There was something extraordinary about cruising with other Law School graduates and BYU alumni, particularly in this setting. I'd do it again in a heartbeat!

Now is a good time to start using the Law School Alumni Directory at www.byulaw.org (enter your first and last name with space in between; password is the last 4 digits of your Social Security number, unless you have changed it).

2001 — Please join us for a catered dinner overlooking Temple Square from the 16th floor dining room in the law offices of Kirton & McConkie. We will begin at 6:30 pm. Seating is limited so RSVP early. We look forward to seeing you.

ALUMNI WEEKEND EVENTS OCTOBER 19-21

- Thurs 9 am — Golf at Thanksgiving Pt. \$50 until 7/14
- Thurs 4-7 pm — New Board Training
- Fri 8 am — BYU Law School Alumni Board Meeting
- Fri 12:15-1:45 pm — Alumni Luncheon
- Fri 2-5 pm — CLE Ethics Seminar
- Fri 5:15-6:45 pm — Alumni Reception
- Fri Evening — Reunion Dinners
- Sat 9 am — Homecoming Parade
- Sat 11 am — Tailgate Party
- Sat 1 pm — BYU v. UNLV Football Game

For more information and to register for Alumni Weekend Events, visit: www.law2.byu.edu/Reunions/