

BYU Law School

2015 ANNUAL REPORT





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"You must learn the rules of law, using Churchill's phrase, by 'blood, sweat, and tears.'"
—James E. Faust

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

As dean, it is always exciting for me to report on the latest clinic (we added a Family Law Clinic this last year after adding a Law and Entrepreneurship Clinic the year before), the latest faculty publication in a prestigious journal or university press, or the most recent student achievement in moot court or trial advocacy (Grace Pusavat and Garrett Messerly won and Caroline Lamb and Joshua Wilkinson took home the Professionalism Award at the same competition). It is also hard to resist sharing statistics and data about the Law School, especially when the statistics are as good as they are for BYU Law. Thus, it won't surprise anyone that this annual report does quite a bit of data sharing and reporting on our achievements last year.

If we talk about data, accomplishments, and innovation, it seems wise to remember the principles that underlie these achievements and give real reason for their celebration. At J. Reuben Clark Law School, those principles are defined by our mission and goals:

The mission of the BYU Law School is to teach the laws of men in the light of the laws of God. The Law School strives to be worthy in all respects of the name it bears, and to provide an education that is spiritually strengthening, intellectually enlarging, and character building, thus leading to lifelong learning and service.

The Law School's goals are to

- *Teach the fundamental principles of law, using a predominantly theoretical approach, with appropriate attention to the basic skills involved in lawyering;*
- *Promote loyalty to and understanding of the Constitution of the United States;*
- *Foster an enlightened devotion to the rule of law;*
- *Teach the law from a scholarly and objective point of view, with the largest latitude in the matters being considered;*
- *Incorporate religious, ethical, and moral values in the instruction;*
- *Produce influential and enduring legal scholarship; and*
- *Be part of Brigham Young University in all respects, fully participating and contributing in the intellectual and spiritual life of the university.*

The pages of this annual report, of necessity, can provide only a small glimpse of the larger project in which we are engaged, but the mission and goals, I hope, undergird the various achievements and innovations. Thus, for example, its discussion of our efforts to strengthen professional skills training at the Law School is, in some measure, a description of our effort to work out in a dynamic legal environment what it means to give “appropriate attention to the basic skills involved in lawyering” while continuing to teach with a “predominantly theoretical approach” that focuses on “fundamental principles of law.”

Some of the ideas in our mission and goals are perhaps harder to capture in an annual report, where reports of data and generous donations look much like they would at any school trying to establish its *bona fides*. Partly, I suppose, this is okay. We have always known that a large portion of what we do will look like what is done at any other law school. As President James E. Faust once said to students of their classroom experience: “Do not expect your professor . . . to concentrate his lessons out of the scriptures, although occasionally he may wish to do so. His obligation is to teach you the secular rules of civil and criminal law and matters that relate to them, such as procedures. Your obligation is to learn the rules of law and related matters. The whisperings of the Holy Spirit will no doubt help you, but you must learn the rules of law, using Churchill's phrase, by ‘blood, sweat, and tears.’ . . . Just having a good heart does not get the job done” (*The Study and Practice of the Laws of Men in Light of the Laws of God*, CLARK MEMORANDUM 16, 18–19 (fall 1988)). But if a large part of what we do is to try to build a great law school along familiar lines, it must also be true—particularly at a time when we need to work optimistically through significant changes in the law of our land and in legal education—that our mission remains our lodestar.

I am grateful to work alongside so many faculty colleagues, administration, staff, and students who are committed to the noble project of teaching “the laws of men in the light of the laws of God” and providing an education that is spiritually strengthening, intellectually enlarging, and character building.

JAMES R. RASBAND



Dean and Hugh W. Colton Professor of Law



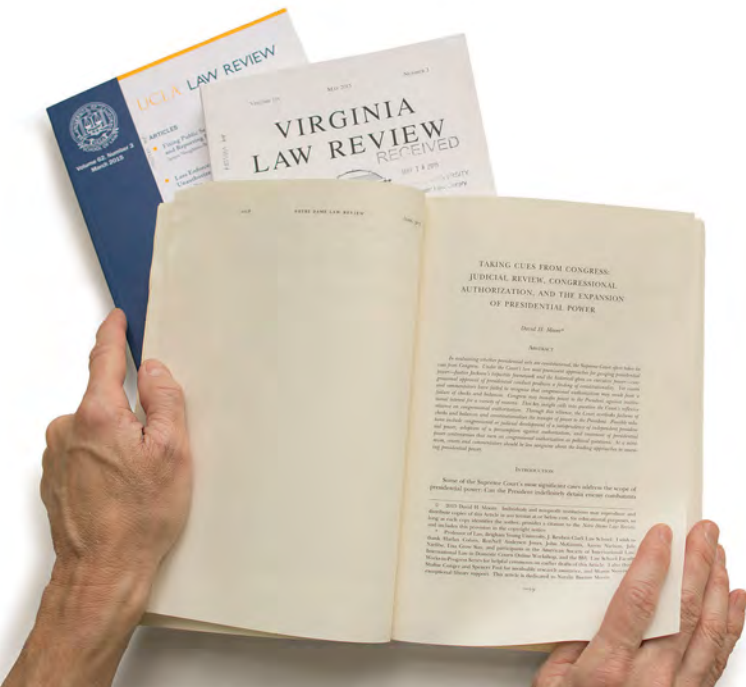


FACULTY The quality of a law school rests on its faculty and its students. BYU Law faculty members are great teachers with outstanding credentials who produce influential scholarship in their various disciplines. They teach, publish, and present their work all over the world. They have chosen to come to BYU because they want to participate in the venture of building a great Latter-day Saint law school. View their profiles at www.law2.byu.edu/faculty.

SOMETHING NEW: BYU LAW'S LEGAL STUDIES RESEARCH PAPER SERIES

The BYU Law School's Legal Studies Research Paper Series contains abstracts, works in progress, and published papers written by professors, faculty visitors, and other academics who participate in the vibrant scholarly environment of workshops, colloquia, and symposia at Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark Law School. BYU Law offers an innovative approach to legal education that strives for and promotes influential and enduring scholarship.

Take a look at what our great faculty are currently working on: ssrn.com/link/Brigham-Young-U-LEG.html.



NEW FACULTY

Stephanie Bair earned a PhD in neuroscience from the University of Utah (2008) and a law degree from Harvard (2012). Coming from a fellowship at Stanford Law School, she will join BYU Law in fall 2015. Her scholarly research focuses on intellectual property and patent law.

During law school Professor Bair won the award for top brief at the First-Year Ames Moot Court Competition and was a staff member of the *Harvard Environmental Law Review*. After graduating from law school she worked for a year as an intellectual property associate at Goodwin Procter (one of the top-rated firms in Boston) and then for a year as clerk for the Honorable Raymond C. Clevenger III on the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.

After completing her clerkship in August 2014, Professor Bair began a fellowship at Stanford Law School in the Stanford Program in Neuroscience and Society. In addition to

her legal publications, she has coauthored four scientific publications, including one in *Nature*, a preeminent scientific journal.

Curtis B. Anderson will join BYU Law School in August 2015 after more than 20 years of experience in private practice and as an in-house lawyer. He will teach transactional skills courses and supervise clinical alliances with law firms and companies for students interested in a transactional law practice. (These new clinical alliances and other innovations to the skills curriculum are described on the following page.)

Before coming to BYU, Professor Anderson was general counsel of the Match Group, owned by



STEPHANIE BAIR



CURTIS B. ANDERSON

IAC/InterActiveCorp. The Match Group consists of many online dating and education companies—including Match.com, Meetic, People Media websites, OkCupid.com, Tinder, Twoo, Tutor.com, and the Princeton Review—that are based in the United States, England, France, Japan, Belgium, and Brazil. Prior to joining IAC, Professor Anderson was a partner at Baker Botts in Dallas.

Professor Anderson received his undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University, graduating magna cum laude. He earned his JD, magna cum laude and Order of the Coif, from BYU Law School, where he was a lead articles editor of the *BYU Law Review*.



SKILLS TRAINING

BYU Law has bolstered its skills-training programs, building upon the school's historic strength in simulation courses with innovative skills labs, clinics, and clinical alliances. Students can now hone their skills in the Mediation Clinic, the Law and

Entrepreneurship Clinic, the Negotiation and Conflict Resolution Clinic, and the Family Law Clinic. Each year more than 300 students participate in national externships at law firms, court-houses, and government agencies as well as in international

externships. Skills labs modeled after those found in the sciences provide opportunities for students to develop practice-ready skills in conjunction with doctrinal courses such as Immigration Law, Intellectual Property, Business Organizations, and Securities Law.

CLINICAL ALLIANCES

The BYU Law Clinical Alliance Program is designed to provide a wide range of practical skills experiences for students who are in their second and third years of study at BYU Law. It combines the best features of an apprenticeship with a skilled practitioner, reflective practice, and professional development through classroom support. || During the 2015-2016 academic year the Law School will offer the following clinical alliance classes:

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JUDICIAL, STATE TRIAL COURT

GOVERNMENT AND LEGISLATIVE

JUDICIAL, FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT

LITIGATION

JUDICIAL APPELLATE COURTS

LAW FIRM TRANSACTIONAL PRACTICE

U.S. SUPREME COURT ADVOCACY

IN-HOUSE TRANSACTIONAL PRACTICE

Clinical alliances combine the practical experience students gain in a practitioner's office with the academic support of a carefully guided classroom experience. In each placement, students earn one unit of law school credit for the classroom portion of their experience and an additional unit of law school credit for every 50 hours of field work in their placement.



CHERYL B. PRESTON

Cheryl B. Preston
Internet Contracts
London, England

Cheryl B. Preston holds the Edwin M. Thomas Professorship and is a nationally recognized expert in Internet contracts. She pursued a 2015 spring research project in London to better understand the development of policies relevant to enforcing overreaching boilerplate-type contracts so common in online contracts. She traced the progression of "freedom to contract" as creating rights in feudal serfs to "freedom on contract" as entitling big corporations to impose private law on Internet surfers.

In the British and the Oxford Bodleian Libraries, she accessed rare texts and manuscripts dating from the 1200s through 1890, when the concepts of adhesion, mere notice contracts, and waivers began to be discussed in American law. There are thousands of original documents from this period that have not been digitized, printed, or indexed based on private-party contracts. Although there are extensive indexes, no archive index entry focuses on private-party contracts, so it was necessary to pull compilations that included

non-royal private-party documents and search for contracts that shed light on her topic.

Professor Preston's related research agenda was the current judicial treatment of online contracts and overreaching consumer contracts in the United Kingdom and the European Union. She interacted with one of the few online-contract scholars in Britain and met with an Oxford graduate law professor at the University of London whose field is contract morality.

D. Gordon Smith
**Research Fiduciary Law/
 Entrepreneurial Action**
National and International

D. Gordon Smith, holder of the Glen L. Farr Professorship, has spent the past decade focusing his scholarship on two areas: law and entrepreneurship and fiduciary law. During his professional development leave in the 2015 winter semester, he united these streams of research in a project entitled "Fiduciary Law and Entrepreneurial Action." This project explains how a fundamental policy of promoting entrepreneurial action has influenced United States fiduciary law, producing a greater tolerance for

conflict transactions here than in other legal systems.

In attempting to understand how conflict regulation actually affects participants in business organizations, Professor Smith traveled to Delaware as well as Australia, England, Germany, Luxembourg, New Zealand, and Singapore to consult with judges, lawyers, and professors. He presented his research at the International Society for New Institutional Economics, the Law and Society Annual Meeting, the Fiduciary Law Workshop, the Law and Entrepreneurship Retreat, and several law schools throughout the United States and abroad.

Professor Smith says that this scholarship, which will be ready for publication by next spring, will break new ground in both fiduciary law and law and entrepreneurship.

Aaron L. Nielson
Clerk for Justice Samuel Alito,
United States Supreme Court
Washington, DC

Associate Professor Aaron L. Nielson clerked for Justice Samuel Alito on the United States Supreme Court from July 2014 to July 2015. "The Supreme Court is

unique," he says. "It can be hard to really understand how the Court works without being there. After watching dozens of oral arguments, reading thousands of filings (if you count certiorari petitions), and watching an entire term's worth of opinions come together, you start to get a feel for the place. Because so much of law school is geared toward understanding Supreme Court cases, this experience will help me be a better teacher."

Nielson's family enjoyed the year too. "Going into the clerkship, we decided to make this a memorable experience for the whole family," Nielson said. The Supreme Court has events for families, such as Halloween festivities. "All the clerks with kids were invited to trick or treat in the Supreme Court. The kids would go from chambers to chambers collecting candy. Justice Scalia himself participated, personally handing out treats. The kids loved it."

Nielson has high praise for Justice Alito. "The Justice is very smart but still humble. He makes his own photocopies and asks his clerks if they have time to meet with him. It was a real lesson in how to treat people."



D. GORDON SMITH



AARON L. NIELSON

STUDENTS BYU Law students are among the strongest in the nation in terms of their undergraduate achievements, credentials, and service.

2014 STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

ENROLLED STUDENTS	126
FEMALE	54
MINORITY	23
RETURNED MISSIONARIES	78
BILINGUAL	78
STATES REPRESENTED	18
UNDERGRADUATE UNIVERSITIES	27
AVERAGE AGE	26
MEDIAN LSAT SCORE	162
MEDIAN ENTERING GPA	3.77

**SKILLS TRAINING IN ACTION:
THE EXPERIENCES
OF THREE LAW STUDENTS**

Monique Mullenau Laing, 2L

Monique Mullenau Laing came to BYU Law with experience in mediation and wanted to learn all she could about mediation and negotiation work. She took the following skills-based classes her second year: Transactional Lawyering, Solo and Small-Firm Practice, Fundamental Lawyering Skills, Mediation, and Negotiation. Outside of the classroom she worked in the Mediation Clinic, mediating 100 hours in the small claims court and at the Slate Canyon Youth Center. Her family law class spent time at the Utah County

Family Justice Center. Next year she plans to participate in the Jail Outreach program at Slate Canyon and to help plan and participate in negotiation trainings and competitions as a member of the ADR Society Board. She has finished all the requirements to be a court-rostered mediator in Utah.

“My passion for working with people has been rejuvenated at the Law School,” Laing says. “That was the best thing about my clinical experience here—working with people and using my skills to help them.”



Rachel Bennion, 3L

During her second and third years at BYU Law, Rachel Bennion took these skills classes: Criminal Trial Practice, Civil Trial Practice, Fundamental Lawyering Skills, Immigration Skills Lab, Community and Economic Development Clinical Alliance, and Government and Legislative Clinical Alliance.

As part of the economic and community development class, she started doing client intake with the guidance of a volunteer supervising attorney at

Centro Hispano. Centro Hispano is a local nonprofit organization designed to strengthen the Hispanic community. During her last semester of law school, Bennion stepped up her involvement at Centro Hispano, coordinating the work of other law students, recruiting more supervising attorneys, writing grants, and working in the center's tax clinic.

"After I graduate I plan to take the California Bar and continue advocating for immigrant communities," she says.



Andy Gonzalez, 2L

Like all first-year law students, Andy Gonzales took the yearlong legal writing and research class and strengthened his skills in predictive and persuasive writing. As a second-year law student he joined the trial advocacy team and took classes in civil discovery and criminal trial practice and also worked with the Government and Legislative Clinical Alliance. This skills training stood him in good stead, and he received a clerkship at the state attorney general's office. With hopes of pursuing a career in criminal or immigration law, Gonzales would also like to get involved in politics on a state and local level.

"I have already put into practice the skills I started developing in legal writing by drafting motions for the attorneys I work with," Gonzales says. "Not only did my writing skills help me excel at my job, they also gave me credibility with my colleagues and helped me establish a great rapport with them."



BYU LAW AND ITS TOP ADVOCACY TEAMS

BYU Law's Moot Court team went to the national finals in Chicago after qualifying for one of four coveted team spots at the San Francisco regionals of the National Moot Court Competition. The team was made up of 3L students Jennifer Hales, Hannah Marchant, and Judson Burton (*top, left to right*).

Before regionals, the team wrote a 14,000-word brief. At the competition they presented oral arguments and answered questions from a panel of attorneys and judges from the San Francisco area. "The best part of the competition is working with your team to perfect each other's arguments and style and then to watch each other succeed," Marchant says. "It is extremely rewarding and validating."

BYU Law's Trial Advocacy team won the competition sponsored by the Texas Young Lawyers Association's National Trial Competition. Garrett Messerly, 3L, and his partner, Grace Pusavat, 3L, won the competition and continued on to nationals in Houston, placing in the top four. In addition, Messerly and Pusavat, as well as Caroline Lamb, 2L, and her partner, Joshua Wilkinson, 3L, (*bottom, left to right*) received the event's Professionalism Award.

Messerly states, "This was an amazing opportunity to rub shoulders with some of the best trial attorneys and judges in the nation. Every night was a different reception, where we had an opportunity to network with amazing lawyers. The Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers acted as our judges and jury members during the competition, and to receive feedback from them was wonderful."

ENDOWED STUDENT

SCHOLARSHIPS

Gregg I. Alvord
Robert L. Backman
Carl A. and Rose Jenkins Badger
Robert and Amy Barker
Ralph Brown
J. Robert and Ethel Bullock
Fritz B. Burns Merit Scholarship
Joseph E. Rawlinson/Fritz B. Burns
Class of 1978
Class of 1981
Glen L. Farr
Steven G. and Marilyn F. Forsyth
Judge August Goebel and June Goebel
Stewart L. Grow
Bruce C. Hafen
Charles E. Jones
Kathleen Fisher Kelly
William R. McConkie
R. Verne and Irene McCullough
Monroe G. McKay
Mulloy Family
Jack P. Peterson
Maude Birkin Peterson
Francis J. Rasmussen
Stephen L Richards
John R. and Cheryl M. Thackeray
Edwin M. Thomas
Lonny E. and Lori Townsend
Victor L. and Carole F. Walch
John S. and Unita W. Welch
Clyde F. Worthen

MULLOY FAMILY ENDOWED STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

PERSEVERANCE AND BACK DOORS

For James Mulloy, '96, the road to law school was not an easy one. Raised by a single mother for most of his youth in government housing projects north of Seattle, he grew up not knowing how to navigate the educational system since no one in his family had ever graduated from college. As he looks back on being ill prepared to attend college or a professional school, he says, "If people don't know the missing parts, they can't fix the problem."

In high school he started receiving Social Security benefits because his father, who had been in the military, was dead. Going to college was a way to preserve those benefits, so he attended a local college for a year and then went on a mission. His mission president wrote him a letter of recommendation to BYU, and he was admitted. Because he had never taken the SAT, he was accepted as a transfer student; then, after a semester, he became fully matriculated. It was a "back-door" entrance into the school.

Mulloy had thought about being a lawyer when he was younger. Years before, his mother had moved their family out of state for a job, leaving a small, run-down house she had found a way to purchase in trust with a Church member. The job didn't work out, and in less than a year, when the family returned, the house was no longer in his mother's name. At that young age Mulloy decided to become a lawyer to protect his family. He still remembers feeling helpless in the face of what had occurred.

While an undergraduate student at BYU, he couldn't see a way to pay for law school. While attending school he worked in building supply and construction. He wanted to earn a good wage and thought business would be the best degree to do so if he could not afford to become a lawyer. He applied to the Marriott School but failed to get in the first couple of times he applied because he was only a lower B student. He persevered and was advised to apply to summer term because of reduced competition. He did and was admitted. It was another back door to get where he wanted to go. He still lacked the perspective of planning for educational goals, not knowing how to make them real.

Law school was back on his radar after business school, but Mulloy was still a lower B student, and he wasn't accepted at BYU Law. He went east to a very expensive, fourth-tier law school that took most applicants. He borrowed the money for one year of school, knowing that if he didn't do well he could never pay it back. But he persisted, worked hard, and was in the top of his class. He applied again to BYU Law. Scott Cameron, the admissions director, looked at Mulloy's file and saw evidence of perseverance along with an ascending learning curve and gave him a shot. It was another back-door entrance.

Mulloy looks back and sees many people who acted as role models to him, giving him support and direction. He returned to Washington state after law school and started working. His father-in-law offered him a job developing hotels. Mulloy put together the deals; organized the business entities; managed the architects and engineers; oversaw the construction, interior design, and purchasing of furniture, fixtures, and equipment; and then negotiated the franchise for each property.

The Mulloy Family Scholarship has been set up for promising students from the Northwest who need help navigating the system because they, too, come from a disadvantaged background. "There are many young people who, because of their environment or background, lack resources and knowledge to navigate the system to get them to their dreams. Trying to dig out of the hole they were born into could take generations without help," says Mulloy. The Mulloy Family Scholarship is set up to provide that help.



INTELLECTUAL ATMOSPHERE Once again, BYU Law hosted hundreds of judges, distinguished practitioners, and academics for lectures, symposia, debates, and colloquia from fall 2014 through spring 2015.

2014

3 SEPTEMBER
Joey Leavitt
Career Services
Brown Bag

24 SEPTEMBER
Prof. Alexander Skibine
University of Utah

10 SEPTEMBER
Doug Bandow
The Federalist Society

24 SEPTEMBER
Dave Deisley
EERS



5 FEBRUARY
Paul Tsosie
NALSA

30 JANUARY
Profs. Ed Swaine, David Sloss, Carlos Vazquez, Mike Ramsey, Jean Galbraith, Harlan Cohen, Leila Sadat
Law Review Symposium

12 FEBRUARY
Blake Nielson
Military and Nat'l Security Club



27 JANUARY
Erin Preston, Lorie Fowlke, Melendez, Kim Buhler, & Lauren
Women in Law Panel

29 JANUARY
Maureen Condic, Joseph Dellapenna, & Duane Osteler
Roe v. Wade

2 FEBRUARY
Curtis Newman
Health Law Society

12 FEBRUARY
Clark Asay
Military and Nat'l Security Club

2 MARCH
Prof. Robin Fretwell Wilson
The Federalist Society

5 MARCH
Prof. Jonathan Burnside
God, Justice, & Society

24 MARCH
Prof. Gregory S. McNeal
The Federalist Society

12 FEBRUARY
Becky Norton Dunlop & Carl Hernandez
The Federalist Society



24 FEBRUARY
Keith Hamilton
BLSA

11 MARCH
Jini Roby, Jessica Preece, & Kif Augustine-Adams
Women in Law/ACS Panel



23 MARCH
Judge Michael Mosman
Spirit in the Law

24 MARCH
Scott Poston
MLSA



2015

24 SEPTEMBER
LTC Novoa
MNS Club

16 OCTOBER
David & Chelom Leavitt
Honored Alumni Lecture

20 OCTOBER
Erin Thomas
Writer's League

30 OCTOBER
Dean Erwin Chemerinsky
Hafen Distinguished
Lecture

5 NOVEMBER
Judge Clair Poulson
Writer's League

6 NOVEMBER
Utah Supreme Court

29 SEPTEMBER
Richard F. Duncan
The Federalist Society

16 OCTOBER
Prof. Mitchel Lasser
Cornell

24 OCTOBER
Jennifer Roback Morse
Marriage in the Family Law
Research Project

13 NOVEMBER
Prof. Irina Manta
The Federalist
Society

27 JANUARY
Joseph Brubaker
ILSA

21 JANUARY
Conan Grames
Asian Legal Society

25 NOVEMBER
Rubin McDougal
BLA-ILSA

17 NOVEMBER
David Garbett & Marina Thomas
SUWA/PLPCO Panel Discussion

13 NOVEMBER
Johnny Anderson
Utah House of Representatives

Barbara
Cabrilla
The Federalist Society

22 JANUARY
Prof. Christopher J. Walker
The Federalist Society

20 NOVEMBER
Judge Darold McCade
NALSA

22 MAY
Prof. Deborah DeMott, Tamar Frankel,
Andrew Gold, Paul Miller, Julian Velasco
Fiduciary Conference

25 MARCH
Alicia Hilton
The Federalist Society

26 MARCH
Jacey Skinner
Woman in Law Luncheon

31 MARCH
Sean Reyes
Utah Attorney
General

8 APRIL
Ken Ivory
EERS

25 MARCH
Mark Williams
Immigration Law Forum

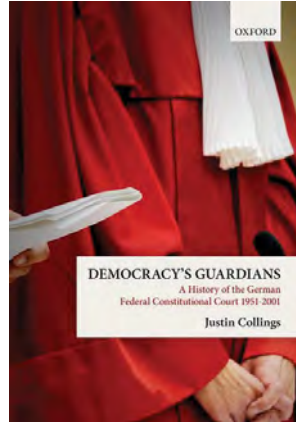
3 APRIL
Judge Philip Pennypacker
ACS

24 APRIL
Prof. Amy Chua
Convocation

**GLOBAL RELATIONS: BYU LAW AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**

Not only students, alumni, and J. Reuben Clark Law Society members make an international impact; the Law School's faculty and programs also influence institutions and people worldwide. Highlighted are three of BYU Law School's recent interactions with the University of Oxford.





**2015 Oxford Conference:
"Magna Carta and Freedom
of Religion or Belief"**

The BYU International Center for Law and Religion Studies with the *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion* hosted a major conference on the theme "Magna Carta and Freedom of Religion or Belief" at the University of Oxford in June 2015. In commemoration of the 800th birthday of the Magna Carta, participants visited Runnymede, Windsor Castle, the Magna Carta exhibit at the British Library, and Temple Church. The keynote speaker was the Rt. Hon. the Lord Judge PC QC, Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales.

***Oxford Journal of Law
and Religion***

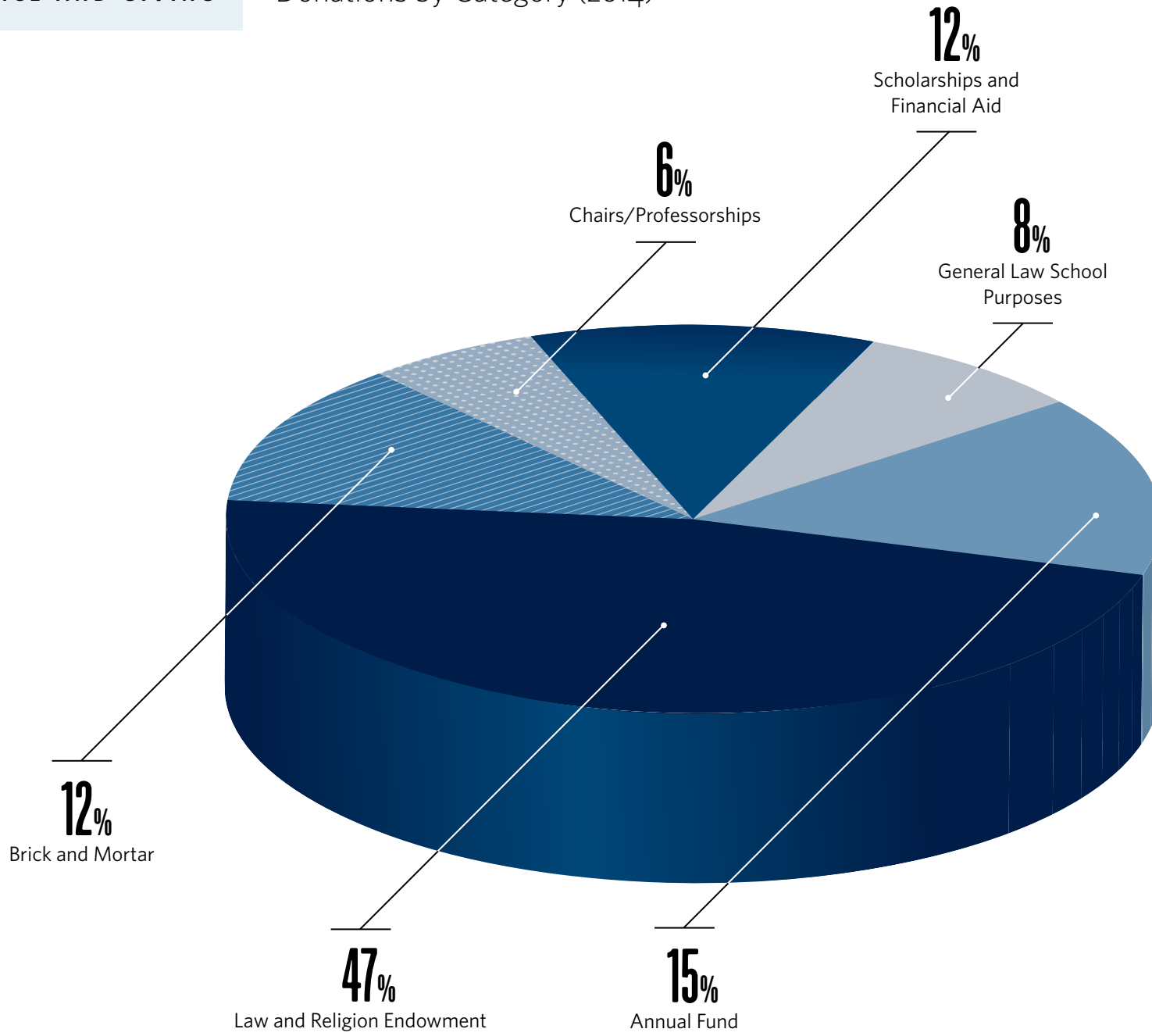
Published three times a year, with Professor W. Cole Durham as an editor-in-chief, this scholarly journal covers a range of issues, such as social, legal, and political problems; comparative law perspectives on the relationship of religion and state; human and constitutional rights to freedom of religion or belief; and the relationship between religious and secular legal systems. Although it has only been in existence a few years, it is now among the top scholarly journals in its field.

**Forthcoming from Oxford
University Press: *Democracy's
Guardians: A History of the Ger-
man Federal Constitutional Court,
1951-2001*, by Justin Collings**

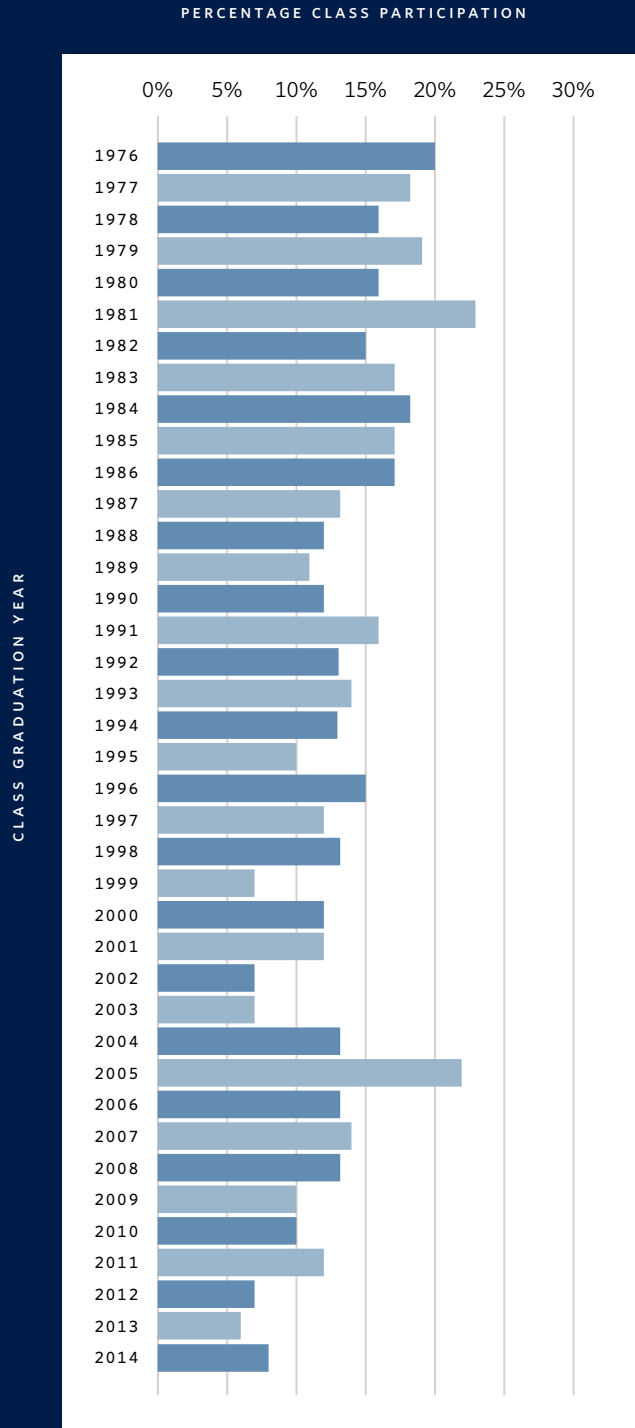
Professor Justin Collings's research will be published by Oxford University Press later this year as the first scholarly history of the German Federal Constitutional Court ever written and the first comprehensive history of the Court written in English. The Court has become one of the most powerful and influential constitutional tribunals in the world; it has played a central role in the establishment of liberalism, democracy, and the rule of law in postwar Germany; and it has been a model for other constitutional tribunals throughout the world.



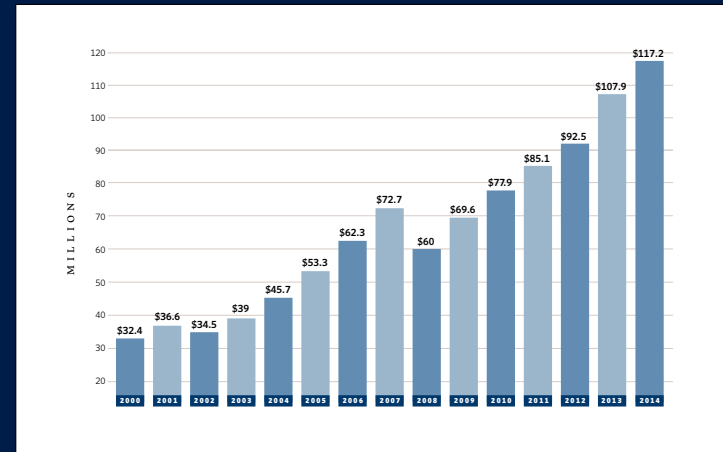
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Annual Giving Class Participation (2014)



Law School Endowment Growth



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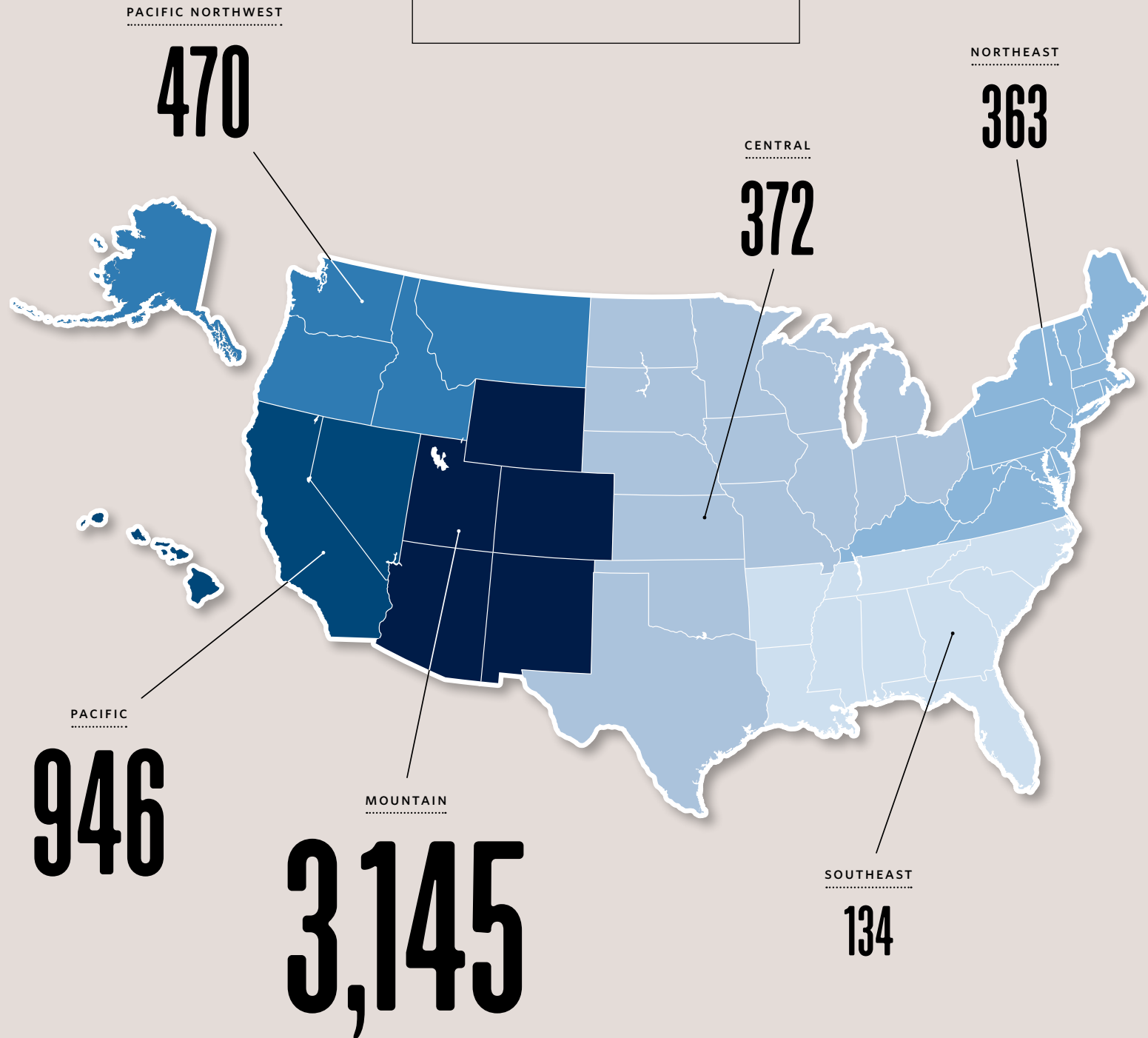
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Law School events and have supported our students.*

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- BENNETT TUELLER JOHNSON & DEERE
- CHRISTENSEN & JENSEN
- DAVID BRADFORD, UP YOUR GAME
- DORSEY & WHITNEY
- DOWNEAST
- DURHAM JONES & PINEGAR
- ECHELON ANALYTICS
- FILLMORE SPENCER
- HELGESEN, HOUTZ & JONES
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- RAY QUINNEY & NEBEKER
- ROBINSON, SEILER & ANDERSON
- SMITH HARTVIGSEN
- SNELL & WILMER
- SNOW CHRISTENSEN & MARTINEAU
- STOEL RIVES
- STRONG & HANNI
- TRASKBRITT
- WORKMAN NYDEGGER
- WRIGHT LAW GROUP





ALUMNI DEMOGRAPHICS



ALUMNI AND FRIENDS



Ryan Tibbitts (center right) with his family.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Ryan Tibbitts, '84, Attorney, Consultant, Author

In the foreword to Ryan Tibbitts's recently published book, *Hail Mary: The Inside Story of BYU's 1980 Miracle Bowl Comeback* (Springville, Utah: Plain Sight Publishing, 2014), journalist Lee Benson writes:

Of the thousands of events I covered as a sportswriter, none is etched more clearly in my mind than one that took place on a misty night in San Diego when Jim McMahon launched a pass from midfield and, after what seemed like an eternity, Clay Brown fell on his back in the end zone with the ball in his arms and no time left on the clock. That improbable pass—from one Catholic to another, playing for the

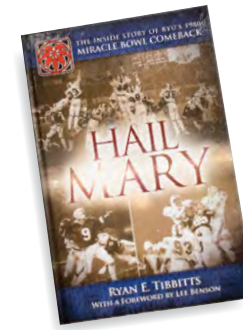
Mormon school—granted BYU its miraculous come-from-way-behind win in the 1980 Holiday Bowl. [ix]

A 1984 graduate of the Law School, Tibbitts has practiced law in Utah for 30 years, is in-house counsel for Qualtrics International, and consults with other businesses on litigation and dispute-resolution issues. As an undergraduate at BYU he was a member of two WAC championship football teams, including the 1980 Miracle Bowl team. After waiting 34 years for someone else—such as LaVell Edwards or Jim McMahon—to write the full story of that legendary game, Tibbitts took on the project.

Tibbitts says there were really two bowl games played

that night. The first game went for three and a half quarters with Southern Methodist University (SMU) ahead, 35 to 13. The second game lasted four minutes and ended with a final score of BYU 46 and SMU 45. Tibbitts remembers the “stunned” atmosphere in the locker room after the win. Some of the players and staff were in tears, some were in a “daze of disbelief,” and others were electrified. McMahon described the locker room as being “delirious.” Interspersed throughout the book are Tibbitts's life lessons learned from the game:

- ① Never say “impossible.”
- ② Sometimes when things look hopeless, take a risk and run like you have nothing to lose.



- ③ Test the opposition's vulnerabilities and then exploit them.
- ④ Never, never, never give up.
- ⑤ Sometimes success comes if you dive at a problem and hang on until the dust clears.
- ⑥ Learn to trust yourself.
- ⑦ Want it more than those trying to stop you.
- ⑧ When the game is on the line, keep your eye on the ball and follow through!
- ⑨ When opposition is in your face, take a deep breath and let it fly.

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