

INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS FAQs

- **What is the mission statement for the J. Reuben Clark Law Society (“JRCLS”)?**

“We affirm the strength brought to the law by a lawyer’s personal religious conviction. We strive through public service and professional excellence to promote fairness and virtue, founded upon the rule of law.”

- **How large is the JRCLS?**

The JRCLS now has more than 200 chapters.

- **What are the steps to form a new chapter for the JRCLS?**

1. Apply and get approval;
2. Recruit Members;
3. Organize a Board of Directors;
4. Create Chapter Bylaws;
5. Conduct an Initial Meeting;
6. Planning an Annual Calendar;
7. Plan to qualify for Quality and Outstanding Chapter Awards; and
8. Conduct an annual Membership Drive.

- **What does a JRCLS Chapter do?**

Each chapter should form a Service and Outreach Committee to address service and outreach by Chapter members at the local level.

Encourage attorneys to utilize their legal skills to serve their communities.

Identify women attorneys who could serve on the Women in the Law Committee to develop and promote leadership opportunities for women.

Promote laws and ideas that promote religious freedom.

Correlate and cooperate with local leaders of the LDS Church to find service opportunities.

Send chapter leadership team to the Annual JRCLS Fall Leadership Conference, held in Provo, UT. Funds from the Atkins Scholarship may be available to help defer costs of attendance.

- **How are JRCLS Chapters Funded?**

Since JRCLS Chapters are generally self-funded, there are a number of ways to raise funds for a chapter. Many chapters charge dues and some chapters charge an entrance fee for specific events. Local firms and businesses can contribute to chapter funds. Chapters should be sensitive to the financial limitations that may exist in the local area.

- **Do you have to be a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to join the JRCLS?**

No. Although most of the membership is associated with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, lawyers and law students of all faiths who believe that a lawyer's personal religious conviction can and should make a positive difference in how the law serves society are welcome and invited to join.

- **Where can I find additional information?**

The Chapter Leadership Manual is available online.
<http://www.jrcls.org/site/files/ChapterLeadershipManualEnglish.pdf>