

**BYU Law Review Symposium on
Contemporary Conflict of Laws Issues in Family Law
Rm. 472, J. Reuben Clark Law School
Brigham Young University
Friday, 1 February 2008
Program**

Registration: 8:30-9:00 472 JRCB

Welcome: 8:50 – 9:00 a.m.

Professor Lynn D. Wardle, Dean Kevin J. Worthen, Heather Jacques (BYU Law Review)

Session 1: Same-Sex Marriage & Contemporary Conflict of Laws Issues in the US & Canada

9:00 – 11:00 a.m., 472 JRCB

Session I Moderator:

Thomas Lee, Professor, BYU Law School

Patrick Borchers, Professor of Law & Vice-President, Academic Affairs, Creighton University
The Coming Collision: “Romer” and State Defense of Marriage Acts

Jeff Rensberger, Professor of Law, South Texas College of Law

Interstate Pluralism: The Role of Federalism in the Same Sex Marriage Debate

Lynn D. Wardle, Bruce C. Hafen Professor of Law, Brigham Young University Law School

**Interjurisdictional Issues Regarding Controversial Domestic Relations:
From Slavery to Same-Sex Marriage**

Martha Bailey, University of Toronto

Same-sex Relationships Across the Canada/US Border

Comments & Questions

Break 11:00 – 11:10 a.m.

Session 2: Adoption and Child-Related Conflict of Laws Issues in the US & Russia

11:10 a.m. – 12:40 p.m., 472 JRCB

Session 2 Moderator:

Carolina Nunez, Professor, BYU Law School

Mark Strasser, Trustees Professor of Law, Capital University Law School, Columbus, Ohio

**Interstate Recognition of Adoptions:
On Jurisdiction, Full Faith and Credit, and Potential, Future Difficulties**

Olga A. Dyuzheva, Moscow State University Faculty of Law

**Intercountry Adoption in Russia: Pluses and Minuses of the Hague Convention
on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption**

Galina Y. Fedoseeva, Professor, Moscow State Legal Academy

Protection of Children's Rights in the Private International Law of Russia

Comments & Questions

Lunch 12:45-1:45 p.m. WSC Skyroom (Presenters, Moderators, CLE Registrees, & Invitees)

Session 3: American Conflicts Issues Regarding Marital Property and Abortion

2:00 – 3:30 p.m., 472 JRCB

Session 3 Moderator:

Monte Stewart, Director, Marriage Law Foundation (former Professor BYU Law School)

Thomas Oldham, John Freeman Professor of Law, University of Houston

**What if the Beckhams Move to L.A. and Divorce?
Marital Property Rights of Mobile Spouses When They Divorce in the U.S.**

Joseph W. Dellapenna, Villanova University School of Law

Abortion Across State Lines

Comments & Questions

Adjourn Symposium at 3:30 p.m.

Tour of BYU Museum of Art: Meet in law school main 3d floor foyer at 3:50 p.m. to walk to MOA (five minutes); all presenters and participants are invited; no cost.