

BIOGRAPHIES
for Participants in the for the Symposium on
Children's Rights and Adoption Symposium
J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University
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Daniel Avila is the Associate Director of Policy & Research of the Massachusetts Catholic Conference (MCC); J.D., Valparaiso University School of Law in Indiana and a member of the Massachusetts Bar; principle drafter of a proposed state constitutional amendment to protect marriage; and author of an amicus brief on behalf of the Catholic Action League of Massachusetts filed with the Supreme Judicial Court in *Goodridge v. Dep't of Public Health*.

Louise Brown is a post adoption clinician and specialist for the Utah Division of Child and Family Services in Western Region and an Adjunct Professor at Brigham Young University. She founded the Adoption Forum in 1991 in Utah County. She is a former chair of the State Adoption Steering Committee and also former chair of the Western Region Adoption Committee. She is an Adoptcare trainer for Utah clinicians and provides monthly training for adoptive parents as well as parent and youth support groups. Her research for her thesis, "Perceptions of Well-Being and Family Cohesion between Adult Adoptees and Nonadoptees" is based on national data gathered and made available by the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her present concerns are children adopted from foreign countries coming into foster care and adopted persons whose parents did not attain citizenship documents for them prior to their 18th birthday.

Scott Hancock Clark, A.B., Certificate of International Relations, with "Honors," *magna cum laude*, University of Utah, 1970. *Phi Beta Kappa*, *Phi Kappa Phi*, *Pi Sigma Alpha*, Hinckley Institute of Politics Fellow, 1970. J. D. University of Chicago Law School, 1973, Edwin F. Mandel Legal Society, 1971-1972. Ford Foundation Fellow 1971. Director, Ray, Quinney & Nebeker, P.C.

President, Utah Arthritis Foundation, 1980-1981. Member, Utah State Board of Child & Family Services, 1994-2000 (Chairman, 1996-2000). Utah Fatherhood Council's "Father of the Year," 2002. Distinguished Alumnus, Utah Rotary Club 2003. Married Mary Beth Clark, 1974. They have 21 adoptive children (12 boys, 9 girls) aged 6 years to 39 years, of multiple racial and ethnic backgrounds, and some have physical and mental disabilities. Eight children are Eagle Scouts.

Larry S. Jenkins graduated *magna cum laude* from Brigham Young University Law School, where he served as Managing Editor of the law review and was elected to Order of the Coif. Larry practices with Wood Crapo LLC in Salt Lake City, and represents several private adoption agencies and has finalized thousands of adoptions for families from many states. He has handled numerous interstate agency and independent adoptions and has successfully defended several birth parent challenges. He is also experienced with placements involving the Indian Child Welfare Act. He is a member of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, and is on the Academy's ICPC Committee. He is also chair of the Utah Adoption Council's legislative committee. In 2005, Senator Orrin G. Hatch selected Larry as a recipient of an Angel in

Adoption Award from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute. Larry and his wife Leslie have five children.

Allen M. Parkman is a Regents' Professor Emeritus of Management at the University of New Mexico where he taught microeconomics and macroeconomics to graduate business students for 30 years and continues to teach economics in the Executive MBA program. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from UCLA and a law degree from the University of New Mexico. His research involves the application of economic analysis to the law with an emphasis on public policy issues especially those affecting the family. He is the author of *No-Fault Divorce: What Went Wrong?* (Westview Press, 1992) and *Good Intentions Gone Awry: No-Fault Divorce and the American Family* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2000). He has a contract for a new book tentatively titled, *Smart Marriage: Using Your Head as Well as Your Heart to Find Wedded Bliss* (Praeger, forthcoming). His articles have appeared in numerous journals including the *American Economic Review*, the *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Family Law Quarterly* and the *American Bar Association Journal*. During 1981-2, he was a Senior Staff Economist on the President's Council of Economic Advisers in Washington, D.C. His complete vita and some of his publications are available on his web page (<http://www.unm.edu/~parkman>).

Jini Roby is an attorney and social worker whose life's work has focused on the wellbeing of children. She was the founder and initial director of the Family Support and Treatment Center in Orem, Utah; a former attorney for abused and neglected children in Utah's public child welfare system; and former president of the Utah Adoption Council. Her current academic focus is on researching the needs of orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries, and advocacy for improved policies and programs for them. She has published widely on the topic of international adoptions.

Rhona Schuz is Senior Lecturer and Joint Director of the Centre for the Rights of the Child and the Family at Sha'arei Mishpat Law College, Hod Hasharon, Israel, and a Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Bar Ilan University and Sharei Mishpat Law College, Israel. She also was formerly a lecturer in law at the London School of Economics.

Mark Strasser teaches family law and constitutional law at Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio, where he is Trustees Professor of Law. His research often involves the constitutional aspects of laws adversely affecting the families of sexual minorities.

Lynn D. Wardle has taught since 1978 at the J. Reuben Clark Law School of Brigham Young University and has visited at other law schools in the United States, Scotland, Japan, Australia, and China. He teaching and research focus on Family Law, Conflict of Laws, and related subjects. He has served as President of the International Society of Family Law (an international learned society for family law teachers), and is a member of the American Law Institute. He has testified before Committees of the U.S. Congress and state legislatures about various family policy issues including the federal and state Defense of Marriage Acts, and has published extensively in law reviews about same-sex marriage and lesbian adoption policy issues and interjurisdictional recognition issues. He is a author, co-author, or co-editor of nine scholarly or professional books or treatises and many chapters and law review articles dealing with family law and related policy issues.