

**Symposium on
Children's Rights and Adoption**
J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University
Friday, March 2, 2007

Welcome **12:50 - 1:00 p.m.** **208 JRCB**

Session 1A: Gay Adoption Legal Issues **1:00 - 2:00 p.m.** **208 JRCB**

Moderator: Professor Shirely Cox, School of Social Work, Brigham Young University

Daniel Avila, Esq., Massachusetts Catholic Conference, *Mandates, Conscience, and Child Welfare: How the Massachusetts Mandatory Gay Adoption Law Impacts Upon Roman Catholic Beliefs and Child Well-Being*

Mark Strasser, Capital University Law School, *A Constitutional Right to Adopt and to be Adopted*

Student Respondent: James Brin Gibson (2L, BYU Law Student)

Session 1B: International Adoption Issues **2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** **208 JRCB**

Moderator: Mr. Shawn Nevers, BYU Law School Research Librarian

Jini L. Roby, JD, MSW, MS, School of Social Work, Brigham Young University, *Children's Rights in International Adoptions: Best Practice Guidelines for Legal, Cultural and Developmental Protection*

C. Louise Brown, MS, M.S.W., L.C.S.W., *International Adoptions and Deportation: The Right to Citizenship and Protection*

Lynn D. Wardle, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, *Regulation of Adoptions by Homosexual Couples or Individuals Under the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption and American Implementing Law*

Student Respondent: Margaret Nell, (M.S.W. candidate, BYU School of Social Work)

Break **4:00 - 4:15 p.m.**

Session 2: Domestic Adoption Issues **4:15 - 6:15 p.m.** **208 JRCB**

Moderator: Professor Kristin Gerdy, Director, BYU Law School Legal Writing Program

Allen M. Parkman, Ph.D., J.D., Anderson Schools of Management, University of New Mexico, *An Economic Analysis of Adoption and Adoption Law*

Scott Clark, Esq., Ray Quinney & Nebeker, *The Rights of Adoptive Children: Who Decides??*

Larry S. Jenkins, Wood Crapo, LLC, *Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children: Driving in Reverse*

Rhona Schuz, Sha'arei Mishpat Law College, Israel, *The Right of a Child to be Brought up by his Biological Parents – Lessons from the “Child of Strife” Case*

Student Respondent: Kelli Larson (2L, BYU Law Student) and Jennifer Jolley (3L, Law Student)

Conclude Symposium: 6:15 - 6:20 p.m.

Travel to Chef's Table Restaurant, 2005 S. State St., Orem, UT 6:30 - 6:45 p.m.

Dinner Chef's Table Restaurant 6:45 - 8:30 p.m.