

NOTICE and CALL for PAPERS

Mini-Symposium on

Interjurisdictional Recognition of Civil Unions, Domestic Partnerships, and Benefits

Friday, November 5, 2004, at Brigham Young University Law School, Provo, Utah

Conference website: <http://www.law2.byu.edu/marriage_family/>

The J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University and Ave Maria School of Law invite you to participate in an academic conference, "Interjurisdictional Recognition of Civil Unions, Domestic Partnerships, and Benefits: Implications of *Goodridge*, *Lawrence*, *DOMA*, and the Proposed Federal Marriage Amendment," at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah on Friday, November 5, 2004.

This BYU conference will address recent developments that relate to the recognition issues that have arisen and will arise in the future after certain jurisdictions have legalized civil unions and domestic partnerships. The issues involve the basic question of whether such relationships will be recognized in other jurisdictions, and in particular, the conflicts issues that arise when such relationships terminate, but also involve dilemmas relating to interstate recognition of specific domestic partner benefits and of same-sex couple adoptions. Some of these conflicts issues may well be affected by the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment, and these implications will be explored at the conference as well.

This conference is intended to continue a scholarly discussion begun at two prior conferences. The first such conference ("A Symposium on Interjurisdictional Marriage Recognition") was held at Creighton University in 1998 and the papers from that conference were published in volume 32 of the Creighton Law Review. The second conference ("The Implications of *Lawrence* and *Goodridge* for Recognition of Same-Sex Marriages and the for the Validity of *DOMA*") was held in May 2004 at Catholic University of America and the papers from that conference will be published in a forthcoming issue of the Creighton Law Review. Some participants in these two conferences, as well as other scholars, will also participate in this November's conference in Provo.

We will have a number of panels with presenters giving 20 minute presentations with a 20-30 minute discussion period at the conclusion of all the presentations in a particular panel. Papers presented at the conference will be published in the Ave Maria Law Review.

Persons wishing to submit a paper should send three items by email to Professor Lynn D. Wardle (wardlel@lawgate.byu.edu), by September 5, 2005: (1) the working title of your paper, followed by your name, and a one-paragraph abstract or general description of the paper you plan to present,(2) your contact information including your name, title, institutional affiliation, postal address, telephone, and email address, and (3) a short (50-75-word) bio of your professional background relating to the topic of the symposium.

We also invite scholars and students who do not wish to present papers but who are interested in the topics of the conference to attend. Those persons (and all persons with questions about logistics) should contact Marcene Mason (masonm@lawgate.byu.edu) who will be managing conference logistics. There will be a nominal (\$40) registration fee.

For further information contact Professors Lynn Wardle (wardlel@lawgate.byu.edu), or Richard Myers (rmyers@avemarialaw.edu).