Final Program for

**Symposium on The Impact of Same-Sex Marriage on Education:**
*Implications for Schools, Curriculum, Students, Their Families, and Educational Communities*

**Friday, October 29, 2010**
at the J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University
Room 472 JRCB

8:15-8:45 a.m.  Registration, Light Breakfast Snacks

8:50-9:00 a.m.  Welcome

**9:00-11:00 a.m.  Session One. Potential Impacts (Pro/Con) on Education of Children**

*William C. Duncan, Moderator (Marriage Law Foundation Director)*

Respect for Me But Not for Thee: Reflections on the Impact of Same Sex Marriage on Education.
Charlie J. Russo, J.D., Ed.D., Joseph Panzer Chair in Education in the School of Education and Allied Professions and Adjunct Professor in the School of Law at the University of Dayton

Same Sex Marriage and the Schools: Potential Impact on Children via "Sexuality Education."
A. Dean Byrd, PhD, MBA, MPH, President/CEO, Thrasher Research Fund, Faculty, University of Utah School of Medicine

Health Consequences of Sex Education Curricula on Students.
Thomas Benton, M.D., President, American College of Pediatricians

Implications for Schools, Curriculum, Students, Their Families, and Educational Communities.
Alli Fetter-Harrott, J.D., and Ph.D. Student, Indiana University

On Same-Sex Marriage and the Public Schools.
Mark Strasser, Trustees Professor of Law, Capital University Law School * (presentation by proxy)

11:00 -11:15  Break

11:15 -12:25  Session Two. Potential Impacts (Pro/Con) on Classes and Curriculum

*Scott W. Cameron, Moderator (J. Reuben Clark Law School Assoc. Dean & Professor of Education Law)*

Same Sex Marriage, and the Public School Curriculum: Can Parents Opt Their Children Out of Curricular Discussions about Sexual Orientation?
Richard Fossey, J.D., Ed.D., Professor and Mike Moses Endowed Chair in Educational Administration and a Senior Policy Researcher at the Center for the Study of Education Reform at the University of North Texas, &
Kevin Rogers, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education for Lewisville Independent School District in Flower Mound

Same-Sex Marriage and Education: Implications for Schools, Students, and Parents.
E. Vance Randall, Ph.D., Professor of Educational Policy, BYU, &
Clifford Mayes, Ph.D., Psy.D., Professor of Educational Psychology, BYU

Teaching the Controversy and the Case: Discussing Appellate Decisions as an Antidote to Mutual Misunderstanding
David Schimmel, Professor of Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

12:30-1:15 p.m.  Lunch  Skyroom, Brigham Young University Wilkinson Student Center

1:25 -3:25  Session Three. Potential Impacts (Pro/Con) on Education and Families

*David Kirkham, Moderator (Senior Fellow, International Center for Law & Religious Studies at JRCLS and Adjunct Professor)*

The Heart of the Constitutional Enterprise: Affirming Freedom and Equality in Public Education.
Educational Justice and the Recognition of Marriage
Scott FitzGibbon, Professor of Law, Boston College Law School

Who’s Your Daddy? The Impact of Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage on the Constitutional Rights of Parents to Educate Their Children.
Lynn D. Wardle, Bruce C. Hafen Professor of Law, BYU

Same-Sex Marriage, Education, and Parental Rights.
Richard S. Myers, Professor of Law, Ave Maria School of Law

3:25-3:30 p.m. Break

3:30-5:30 p.m. Session Four. Potential Impacts (Pro/Con) on Schools, Employment, Regulations, and Society
Richard Sudweeks, Moderator (Professor, Department of Instructional Psychology & Technology, BYU)

Employment, Homosexuality, and Religious Beliefs: Do Religious Educational Institutions Have a Protected Right to Discriminate in the Selection and Discharge of Employees?
Ralph D. Mawdsley, JD. Ph.D., The Roslyn Z. Wolf Endowed Chair in Urban Educational Leadership Cleveland State University

Same-Sex Life Partnerships in South Africa: The Impact on Education.
Marius H. Smit, Assoc. Professor, Education Science, North-West University, Potchefstroom campus, South Africa

The Quest for a Nurturing, Safe and Effective Educational Environment
Scott Ellis Ferrin, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership & Adjunct Prof of Law

Examining Context in the Conflict Over Same-Sex Marriage and Education; The Relevance of Substance, Processes and the People Involved.
Richard Peterson, Professor & Director, Special Education Advocacy Clinic, Pepperdine University School of Law

General Q&A

5:30 Conclude

6:00-6:10 Return by Shuttle to Marriott Hotel from BYU Museum of Art

6:30-8:30 Dinner at Gloria’s Little Italy Downtown Provo Restaurant (1 East Center St.)

Social Activities (Optional):

Saturday
11:00-1:00 Hike in Wasatch Mountains (rsvp)
1:30-2:30 p.m. Visit to BYU Museum of Art (rsvp)
7:30 p.m. “Stage Door” or “Avalon String Quartet” (rsvp)

Sunday Mormon Tabernacle Choir Broadcast, 9:30-10:45 a.m. (leave hotel at 8:30 a.m.) (rsvp)

Cost for CLE registration: $35.00 for full day (including lunch, snacks, and material); $20.00 for part day. (Presenters and Moderators no charge)