Colloquium on
The Indissolubility of Parenthood

Thursday, September 29, from 11 – 1 pm in Room 205 JRCB, BYU Law School

The keynote speaker will be Professor Patrick Parkinson from the University of Sydney Faculty of Law, addressing When Parenthood is Dissoluble. Professor Parkinson is the President of the International Society of Family Law (an international scholarly organization with about 650 family law professor members from over 65 nations). He also also served from 2004-2007 as Chairperson of the Family Law Council, an advisory body to the Australian federal Attorney General, which recommended landmark family law legislation that was enacted to establish "family relationship centres" (now numbering 65) where a variety of services are available for families including (generally mandatory) pre-divorce mediation services. See http://www.familyrelationships.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx. He also chaired a review of the Child Support Scheme in 2004-05, which led to the introduction of major reforms to the Australian child support system in 2008. His most recent book is Family Law and the Indissolubility of Parenthood (Cambridge University Press, New York, 2011), which follows The Voice of a Child in Family Law Disputes (with Judy Cashmore, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2008). He also is an involved expert in religious liberty issues in Australia.

Responding to Professor Parkinson will be:

Professor Cynthia R. Mabry
Howard University School of Law
The Indissolubility of Non-custodial Parenthood: Making it more than “a legal concession to the loser”

Professor Alan J. Hawkins
Brigham Young University, School of Family Law,
At the Crossroads of Divorce: Is Reconciliation a Realistic Public Policy Pursuit?

Professor Carolynn Clark Camp
Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School
Mediation: Indispensable for the Indissoluble Parenting Relationship

Professor Susan D. Talley
Utah State University
Conflict Breeds Conflict: What About the Kids?

Professor Lynn D. Wardle
Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School
Dilemmas of Indissoluble Parenthood: How Legal Incentives Impact Parenting and the Work-Family Balance

Refreshments will be served