

# INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR LAW AND RELIGION STUDIES

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THE MISSION AND PURPOSE OF THE CENTER ARE  
TO HELP SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND BELIEF  
FOR ALL PEOPLE BY

- § **Engaging in research and publications** that create and strengthen the field of law and religion internationally,
- § **Building global networks of opinion leaders** by organizing conferences in collaboration with leading universities and institutions,
- § **Participating in law reform processes** that strengthen religious freedom around the world.

THE CENTER WAS ESTABLISHED JANUARY 1, 2000

- § Organized within the **J. Reuben Clark Law School**
- § Director **W. Cole Durham, Jr.**
- § **International Academic Advisory Board** (Distinguished Global Experts)
- § **International Advisory Council** (Key Supporters and Advisors)
- § **Symposium Hosting Committee** (50+ Volunteers Annually)



## CONFERENCES & INITIATIVES

### Annual International Law and Religion Symposium at BYU

- § One of the leading global events in the law and religion field
- § To date more than 1000 delegates from more than 120 countries

### Law & Religion Conferences in the U.S. and Worldwide

- § Center scholars attend 30-50 conferences yearly
- § Center sponsors or co-sponsors of 10-15 conferences annually

### Annual Regional Law & Religion Conferences

- § Africa, Asia, Europe, Europe East, Latin America, Pacific Areas
- § Oxford Journal of Law and Religion Summer Academy
- § Religious Freedom Annual Review
- § Annual Certificate Training Programs in China and Vietnam



## STUDENTS

- § **Fellows:** 12-15 annually ~ **Management Board:** 15+ annually ~ **Volunteers:** 60+ annually





## LEGISLATION & STRATEGIC LITIGATION

- § Direct involvement in constitutional and legislative reform in nearly 50 countries
- § Testimony before the U.S. Congress and Parliaments in several other countries

### Supreme Court of the United States

- § *City of Boerne v. Flores*; *Gonzales v. O Centro Espirita Beneficente Uniao do Vegetal* (constitutionality and application of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act); *Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School v. EEOC* (autonomy of religious organizations); and *Hollingsworth v. Perry* and *United States v. Windsor* (same-sex marriage); *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby* (corporate religious freedom); *Herbert v. Kitchen* (same-sex marriage)

### European Court of Human Rights

- § *Obst v. Germany*; *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints v. United Kingdom*; *Sindicatul "Păstorul cel Bun" v. Romania*; *Fernandez Martínez v. Spain* (defending autonomy of religious organizations)

## SELECTED PRINT PUBLICATIONS

- § *Oxford Journal of Law & Religion* (Oxford University Press)
- § *Law & Religion: National, International, and Comparative Perspectives* (Aspen/Wolters Kluwer)
- § *Facilitating Religion or Belief: A Deskbook* (Martinus Nijhoff)
- § *Religious Organizations and the Law* (Treatise in 4 volumes) (Thomson West)
- § *Islam in Europe* (2 volumes); *Law, Religion, Constitution*; *Religion and Equality: Law in Conflict* (Ashgate)
- § *Religion and the Secular State: Country Reports* (Complutense Law School Press)
- § *International Encyclopedia of Law and Religion* (Brill, the Netherlands)

## WEBSITES

- § **iclrs.org**: information about the Center and about religious freedom issues in the United States
- § **Strasbourgconsortium.org**: monitoring the religion or belief jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights
- § **Religlaw.org**: a global and constantly expanding international database on religion and law

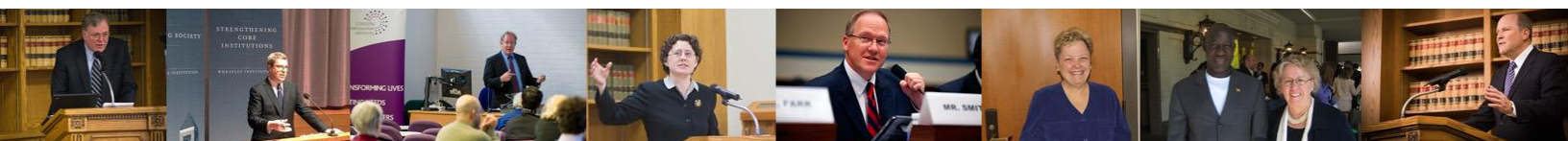
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