

# A mutually Beneficial Relationship

## The J. Reuben Clark Law Society

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The J. Reuben Clark Law Society was founded to "promote the general welfare of the J. Reuben Clark Law School and Brigham Young University" and to provide a continuing link from the Law School to its graduates after they enter into their careers. It is a mutually beneficial relationship.

All full time students at the Law School automatically become members of the student chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society when they enter. Upon graduating, each student is entitled to a complimentary membership for one year. After that, minimum membership dues for the next three years are \$25, increasing to \$50 two years later and finally reaching \$100 the next year. Those who donate \$500 annually receive "Full Membership" and those who donate \$1000 annually are designated "President's Members."

Recently Dean Rex E. Lee commented on the Law Society: "We want our students to understand that their legal education is an ongoing process — one that

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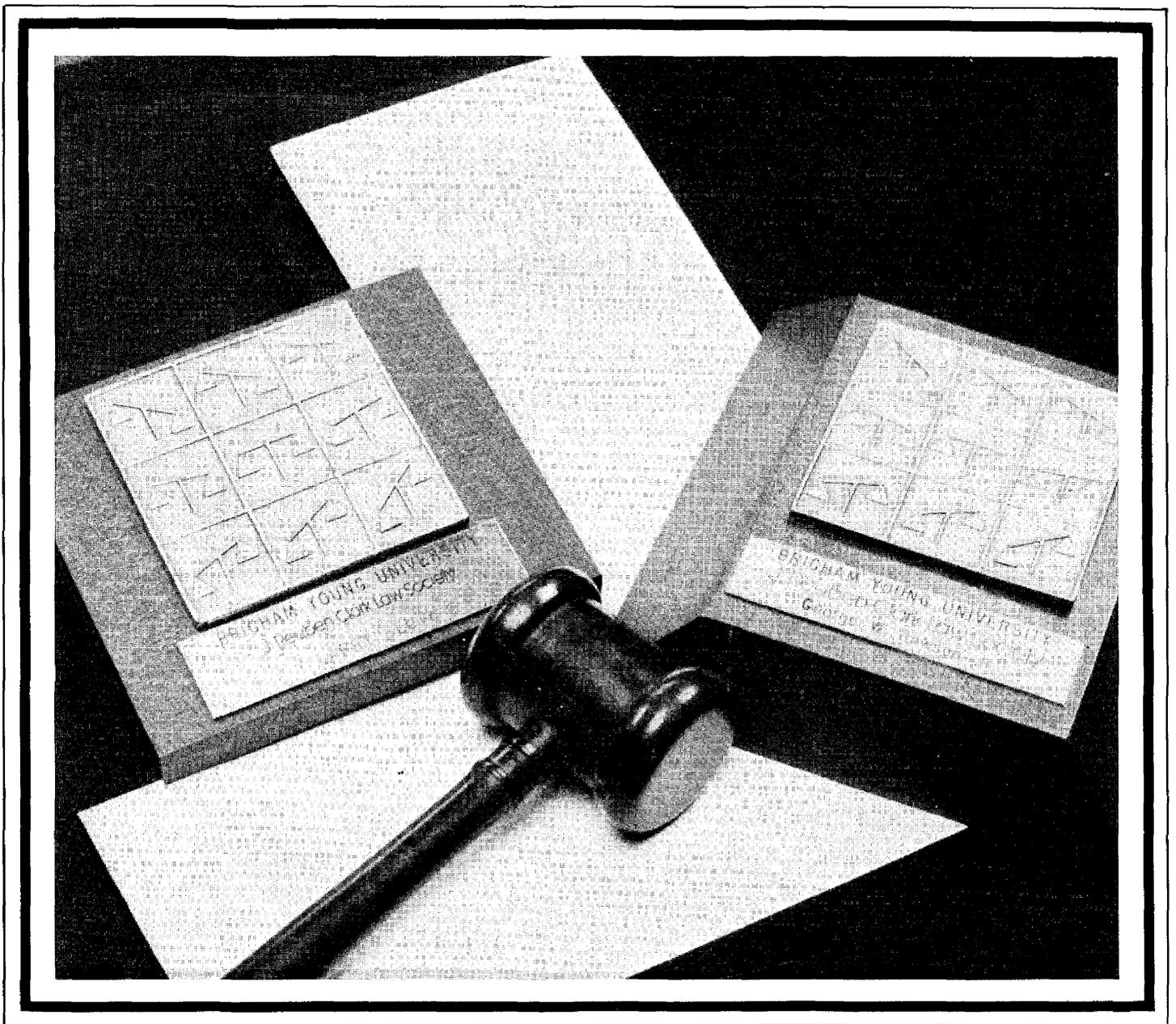
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doesn't end with graduation. We want them to understand that our interest in their welfare is a continuing one as well. For both these reasons, we try to keep in

close touch with them. We think it makes for a mutually beneficial relationship. They can help us by identifying good students, assisting with placement, and — yes — giving their financial support. We can help them by keeping them in the J. Reuben Clark Law School 'family' and by offering them the benefits that come from that unique association."

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Another important benefit of Society membership, according to Dean Lee is the opportunity to associate with estab-



lished attorneys who may or may not be graduates of the J. Reuben Clark Law School: "Bear in mind that the Society has provisions for admitting attorneys, judges, and other legal professionals who did not graduate from our institution. Consequently, membership is more than a matter of classmates merely associating with classmates — it is a matter of valuable professional associations and experiences that extend nationwide and involve some exceptional people."

Dean Lee feels the Society is succeeding. "There is a lot of pride and cohesion among our graduates. There are two reasons for this, I think: first, because we are a Church-related institution; and second, because we are a new institution. Both of these circumstances draw people together in a way that evokes special feel-

ings and builds exceptional relationships."

*Comments from two members of the Charter Class:*

"Being a member of the Charter Class of the Law School was unique and valuable because, as no other class that has followed, we had an extraordinary sense of community as classmates, and also as professional colleagues. Even away from that environment, I still feel rooted to those associates, to my professors and to the institution itself. My membership in the Law Society has allowed me to watch with pleasure the continued growth of that community we started six years ago." — Linda Goad ('76), Tax Manager, Arthur Andersen and Company, Washington, D.C.

"It seems to me that the Society will become increasingly important as time passes, because it will be an effective way for graduates to keep in touch with one another and with the School. Just yesterday, I received a copy of the Law School Directory for the past three years. It was informative — and fun — to look through it and get the latest news about my classmates."

— Scott Cameron ('76), Bachman, Clark, and Marsh, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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