



RULE NUMBER THREE

Be Entreatable

One scripture that I am particularly fond of is Alma 7:23: “And now I would that ye should be humble, and be submissive and gentle; easy to be entreated; full of patience and long-suffering.” The phrase “easy to be entreated” is an interesting one to me.

Entreated means to be asked or implored. As lawyers, you will be asked a lot of stuff by a lot of people. People in your firms or companies will look for your counsel. People in your wards will come over to your house at night and say, “I need your advice on this.” They will come to you feeling a lot of anxiety. You could say, “I don’t know anything about that area of law,” but that is not a satisfactory answer. These people will come to you for help, and you need to be responsive when that happens.

As Dean Smith mentioned, I am president of the Lawyers’ Committee for Better Housing (LCBH). We do work for homeless people and people who are being foreclosed on. The way I became associated with that organization is a good example of what it means to be “easy to be entreated.”

I was in an airport in Honolulu. My flight back to the mainland was delayed, and sitting behind me were 12 college students playing a game of Trivial Pursuit. As they were playing, there was one particular question that they could not answer. I turned around and whispered the answer to one of the students, and they invited me to play with them. So for the next two and a half hours I played Trivial Pursuit with 12 wonderful students from St. Olaf College in Minnesota.

One of the students was an intern at LCBH in Chicago. When

she got back to Chicago, she told her supervisor that she had met a Kirkland & Ellis lawyer while playing Trivial Pursuit in Hawaii. I got a call from the president of LCBH, who said, “Hey, we’d really like to have someone who is good at Trivial Pursuit be a participant in our organization. Can we meet with you?” I met with them, and I have been involved with LCBH ever since. And I have been blessed richly because of that association.

You can learn so much from other people if you allow them to entreat you. On planes I always try to talk to people sitting near me. On one flight, the man sitting next to me said that he was a part-time ski instructor and a part-time developer of low-income senior housing. For 90 minutes we talked about low-income senior housing. I learned that 80 percent of the people in senior housing facilities are females. Why? Because they live longer and women don’t do as well as men do in divorce.

Then, near the end of the flight, I asked him about his being a part-time ski instructor and if he taught lessons locally.

He said no. He said, quite matter-of-factly, that he was the head coach of the Canadian Olympic ski team.

I thought, “We have been on this plane for an hour and a half talking about low-income senior housing, and now you tell me you’re the head coach of the Canadian Olympic team?!” He was a humble man, and I learned a lot from his humility.

With that, now is a good place to end. But back to where I began, I repeat that it is impossible to say thank you too many times. So, to Dean Smith and the Law School, thank you so much for this incredible honor.

Todd F. Maynes (’87) is the 2016 recipient of the J. Reuben Clark Law School’s Alumni Achievement Award. A tax partner in the Chicago office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, he teaches bankruptcy taxation at the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law and the University of Chicago Law School and frequently lectures at the University of Michigan Law School. He is the only practicing tax attorney who is a member of the National Bankruptcy Conference, an organization created by Congress to provide advice and counsel in connection with federal bankruptcy laws. Since 2013 he has served as president of the Lawyers’ Committee for Better Housing and has led its efforts to provide safe and affordable housing for all Chicagoans.

Maynes has been a lead tax advisor in some of the largest bankruptcies and restructurings of all time. In nominating him for this award, Brigham Cannon, also a partner at Kirkland, wrote, “I would be very surprised to learn if any other BYU Law graduate has had a more successful career in law than Todd. He has achieved that success while serving as a great ambassador for the Church, BYU, and the Law School. I have never heard anyone mention Todd’s name without also stating something like, ‘He is really smart’ or ‘Just do whatever Todd says.’ He has set a high bar both personally and professionally for all BYU graduates and all LDS lawyers at the firm.”

This article contains excerpts from Maynes’s remarks given to the Law School on October 13, 2016.



After 23 years at BYU—first as director of Career Services, then as assistant dean of Career Services and alumni relations, and finally as assistant dean over external relations—Mary Hales Hoagland retired at the end of 2016.

Hoagland grew up in a family that valued education. Both her father and grandfather were physics professors at BYU, and her three Hales uncles accrued another PhD and two medical degrees among them. She received a BA from BYU, but further education was interrupted by marriage, a move to California, and the births of her three sons. When the youngest was three, she attended law school and then clerked at a bankruptcy court and later practiced in a large firm in Fresno.

When the family moved to Provo for her husband's work, Hoagland sat for the Utah Bar exam and applied for the Career Services director position at BYU Law. She was offered the job and agreed to stay for two years, intending to return to private practice. But Hoagland fell in love with the students—whom she characterized as “amazing”—and stayed.

“Although I didn’t attend law school at BYU, I developed a love for the school and the students

and graduates that has continued,” she said.

Hoagland began the Professional Development Lecture and Skills classes and developed the Private Sector Externship Program. She put together a task force to educate employers about the Law School, encouraging them to hire BYU Law students. “My goal was to get them talking about the caliber and professionalism of our law students,” she said. Part of her strategy was to institute an early interviewing program that took BYU Law students to cities throughout the country and placed them in firms, public interest and corporate offices, and judicial chambers. She was instrumental in developing the Pathway Mentoring Program and the Public Service Fellowship Program. Meanwhile, she helped BYU partner with the Church’s Office of the General Counsel to place many BYU Law students in international externships. She gives credit to the many people who also helped develop these programs.

A Farewell to Mary Hoagland

When Hoagland was named assistant dean for the Law School’s external relations, she made a seamless transition. She said, “I had been working with the students for 20 years; now I was working with alumni I had known as students.”

Hoagland has a picture hanging in her office of her father and uncles dressed in their doctoral robes. “Perhaps that was the inspiration for me to pursue the educational leadership PhD degree at BYU,” she said. “I needed an intellectual challenge, and that program gave it to me for the 10 years it took to complete it while working full-time at the Law School.”

Former Law School dean Jim Rasband commented on Hoagland’s retirement. “Mary Hoagland is leaving an impressive legacy of service at the Law School,” he said. “She elevated the work of our Career Services and Professional Development Office. . . . She also led out in growing the BYU Law School Alumni Association, including its

mentoring program. We can all be grateful for her tireless organizational and leadership efforts with so many alumni events.” Dean Rasband concluded on a personal note: “I am grateful not only for her service but for her friendship. Mary was cheerfully supportive of my vision for the Law School and willing to go the extra mile to make the Law School successful.”

Hoagland has touched generations of students who count her as a friend. Dean Gordon Smith stated, “During my recent travels, I have heard frequent expressions of love and admiration for Mary from our alumni and friends.” Many of these friends are the leaders and members of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society whom she met and worked with over the past 23 years as a director and board member. Hoagland was honored for her distinguished service at the Law Society’s annual fireside with a tribute by Virginia Isaacson, the society’s international chair.



A Call to Russia

The First Presidency has called **Eileen Doyle Crane** ('07) as a legal specialist to work in the Moscow office of the Church's Office of the General Counsel. She will be under the direction of the area legal counsel for the Europe East Area—a region covering 16 countries and 14 missions. With the help of the Church's local outside counsel, she will work to resolve a range of

issues for various Church legal entities throughout the area. Such legal issues include real estate projects, immigration matters, and corporate maintenance, among others.

At the time of her call, Crane was employed by Utah Valley University as the prelaw counselor in the Academic Counseling Center and as the coordinator for the uvu Center for Prestigious Scholars.

A Distinguished Honor for John W. Welch

University of Southern California's Office of Religious Life and the John A. Widtsoe Foundation named **BYU** Law professor John W. Welch as Distinguished Scholar in Residence beginning in January for the spring 2017 semester.

The designation recognizes Welch's prolific scholarship—spanning 40 years—in law, classical languages, biblical and scriptural commentary, and contributions to Mormon studies and Mormon history. Welch will be a guest lecturer in the classroom, participate in interfaith conversations with campus-based religious leaders,

engage in research and writing, direct foundation initiatives, and be a featured speaker at LDS fire-sides and community gatherings in Southern California.

Varun Soni, dean of religious life at usc, said, "Welch's training in law at Duke, his classical studies at Oxford, as well as his scholarly work within the LDS faith will bring a unique perspective to our religious-life forums. I also anticipate many rich and rewarding dialogues will take place with interfaith council members, faculty, and students, generating thoughtful exchanges and learning moments. We are honored to



honored to name him our first Distinguished Scholar in Residence."

Professor Welch is the Robert K. Thomas Professor of Law at the **BYU** Law School. He grew up in Southern California. As an undergraduate at **BYU** he majored in history and minored in mathematics, and he earned a master's degree in classical Greek and Latin languages. He was named a Woodrow Wilson Fellow and studied Greek philosophy at Oxford University. After graduating from Duke Law School, he practiced law in Los Angeles with O'Melveny & Meyers. He founded the Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies (FARMS) in 1979 and joined the **BYU** Law faculty in 1980. Professor Welch has served as an editor for Macmillan's *Encyclopedia of Mormonism*, has authored 18 books, and has written hundreds of book chapters and journal articles. He is currently editor of *BYU Studies* and is a member of the editorial board of **BYU's** New Testament Commentary Series.

have a scholar of Professor Welch's stature at usc."

Larry L. Eastland, PhD, chair and president of the Widtsoe Foundation, said that Welch "is one of the leading Mormon scholars of the 21st century. When you look at the breadth and depth of Jack's prolific writings on scriptural and Mormon theological topics, his pioneering work in establishing renowned global foundations, his academic coursework, and his appointments to prestigious and well-known national and international societies, conferences, and institutes, the Widtsoe Foundation is



Calendar of Events

2017

January 20	JRCLS Annual Fireside Conference Center Little Theater Salt Lake City
February 5-12	BYU Law Alumni and Friends CLE at Sea Western Caribbean
February 23	Speed-Networking Lunch Salt Lake City
April 1	General Conference Reception Joseph Smith Memorial Building Salt Lake City
April 28	BYU Law School Graduation de Jong Concert Hall BYU 5:00 p.m. BYU Law School Graduation Reception BYU Law School
July 27	Utah State Bar Convention and Law School Reception Sun Valley, Idaho
July 31-August 4	Civics, Law, and Leadership Youth Camp BYU
August 24	BYU Education Week CLE, Reception, and Lunch BYU Law School
August 25	BYU Law Alumni 1L Welcome Breakfast West Patio BYU Law School
August 31	Founders Day Dinner Little America Hotel Salt Lake City
September 1	Dean's Circle Meetings BYU Law School
BYU LAW REUNION WEEKEND	
September 7	BYU Law Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament Thanksgiving Point
September 8	CLE Symposium Room 205 BYU Law School
September TBA	Dean's Reception Burns Memorial Lounge BYU Law School
September TBA	BYU Law Alumni Class Reunion Dinners: 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012 BYU
September 9	BYU Law Tailgate BBQ West Patio BYU Law School BYU vs. U of U Football Game BYU
September 30	General Conference Reception Joseph Smith Memorial Building Salt Lake City
October TBA	BYU Law Alumni Achievement Award Lecture Room 205 BYU Law School
October TBA	BYU Law Alumni Association Board Meeting BYU Law School

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January TBA	JRCLS Annual Fireside Conference Center Little Theater Salt Lake City
April 17	Washington Weekend Supreme Court Swearing-In Washington, DC