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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BYU International Center for Law & Religion Studies, Provo, Utah

Associate Director (August 2023 – present)

- Organize and lead academic conferences and other efforts in Asia, Africa, and the United States
- Present scholarly, practical research at international and domestic conferences and training seminars
- Research, write, and edit on international, domestic, and comparative law and religion issues
- Network with diverse global academic, government, religious, and civil society leaders
- Assist with financial development efforts, international visitors, publications, websites, issue advocacy, and legislative consultations around the world
- Mentor law student research fellows and other student leaders
- Supervise conference liaisons and student research assistants

Schaerr Jaffe LLP, Washington D.C. (December 2019 – present)

- Attorney on legal briefs at U.S. Supreme Court, including free exercise & establishment clause cases

The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, Washington D.C.

Senior Counsel (September 2007 – November 2017); *Senior Fellow* (2017 – 2021)

- Attorney on legal team that secured victories in 4 U.S. Supreme Court cases
- Represented Anglicans, Assemblies of God, Baptists, Catholics, Hindus, Hutterites, Jews, LDS, Lutherans, Muslims, Russian Orthodox, Santeros & Sikhs in over 30 cases (see cases below)
- Testified before Senate Judiciary Committee in support of Justice Neil Gorsuch's nomination
- Legal spokeswoman on major television, radio, podcast, print, and blog news reports
- Speaker, debater, panelist, and moderator for legal and non-legal audiences around the country
- Author of opinion-editorials, white papers, and articles on legal and religious liberty subjects
- Founder of Becket Lawyers Network and editor of newsletter to connect firm with strategic legal partners
- Founder, co-host, and producer of monthly podcast "Stream of Conscience" on iTunes
- Member of recruitment committee to vet and hire new legal talent
- Worked with development team to cultivate relationships with donors
- Point person for Catholic-LDS partnership, American Religious Freedom Project, and 1st Amendment Partnership at the Ethics & Public Policy Center

The Honorable Samuel A. Alito, Jr., Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court, Washington, D.C.

Law Clerk (February – July 2006)

Williams & Connolly, Washington, D.C.

Associate (January 2005 – February 2006) & *Law Clerk* (Summer 2000)

- *Spitzer v. Grasso* – Member of team representing NY Stock Exchange Chairman Dick Grasso in case brought by NY Attorney General Eliot Spitzer alleging \$140 million pay was unjust compensation under NY's Not-For-Profit Corporation Law; appellate court ruled in favor of Grasso 3-1.
- Worked on application by religious entity for religious exemption from import controls on tea leaves; produced legal analysis for religious group on Health Insurance Coverage for Contraceptives Act.

The Honorable Clarence Thomas, Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court, Washington, D.C.
Law Clerk (July 2003 – July 2004)

Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood, Washington, D.C.

Associate (October 2002 – May 2003) & *Law Clerk* (Summer 2001)

- *United States v. Tyson Foods, Inc.* – Member of trial team representing company in jury trial on 36-count indictment charging conspiracy to violate federal immigration laws and seeking criminal forfeiture of over \$100 million; jury acquitted Tyson Foods on all counts.
- *Corporation of Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints v. First Unitarian Church* – Member of team representing LDS Church that filed U.S. Supreme Court cert petition in First Amendment challenge to church's right to control expressive activities on property it purchased from Salt Lake City; cert petition resulted in favorable settlement.
- *Utah v. Evans* – On team that represented state and its leaders in trial court litigation challenging Census Bureau's use of hot deck imputation to estimate household sizes for those that did not respond to the 2000 Census Bureau questions; U.S. Supreme Court upheld Census Bureau's actions 6-3.
- *Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church v. City of New York* – worked on case involving whether church may allow homeless to sleep overnight on church property that abuts a public sidewalk.

The Honorable Samuel A. Alito, Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Newark, NJ
Law Clerk (August 2001 – August 2002)

LEGAL CASES

U.S. Supreme Court

- *Little Sisters of the Poor in Zubik v. Burwell*, 136 S.Ct. 1557 (2016). On legal team that successfully obtained grant of certiorari at U.S. Supreme Court and briefed non-profit ministries' RFRA challenge to HHS Mandate, resulting in unanimous *per curiam* opinion. Legal spokeswoman for case.
- *Holt v. Hobbs*, 135 S.Ct. 853 (2015). On legal team that successfully briefed challenge to denial of prisoner's religious rights under RLUIPA, resulting in 9-0 win. Legal spokeswoman for case.
- *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.*, 134 S.Ct. 2751 (2014). On legal team that obtained grant of certiorari at U.S. Supreme Court and briefed for-profit closely held corporation's RFRA challenge to HHS Mandate, resulting in 5-4 win. Legal spokeswoman for case.
- *Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and Sch. v. EEOC*, 132 S.Ct. 694 (2012). On legal team that successfully obtained grant of certiorari before U.S. Supreme Court and briefed defense of "ministerial exception" under 1st Amendment that protects a church's right to choose its own ministers, resulting in 9-0 win. Legal spokeswoman for case.
- Other U.S. SCt. filings: *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. CO Civil Rights Comm'n* (2017); *Trinity Lutheran Church v. Comer* (2016); *Lee v. Tam* (2016); *NM Ass'n of Nonpublic Schools v. Moses* (2016); *Stormans v. Wiesman* (2016); *Houston Baptist Univ. v. Burwell* (2015); *Michigan Catholic Conf. v. Burwell* (2015); *Obergefell v. Hodges* (2015); *Univ. of Notre Dame v. Burwell* (2014); *Wheaton College v. Burwell*; *Little Sisters of the Poor v. Sebelius* (2014); *Bronx Household of Faith v. NYC Bd. of Educ.* (2014); *Elmbrook School Dist. v. Doe* (2014); *Big Sky Colony v. MT Dept. of Labor & Industry* (2013); *Sossamon v. TX* (2011); *AZ Christian School Tuition Ass'n v. Winn* (2011); *Bronx Household of Faith v. NYC Bd. of Educ.* (2011); *Utah Highway Patrol Ass'n v. Amer. Atheists* (2011); *Christian Legal Soc'y v. Martinez* (2010); & *Salazar v. Buono* (2010).

Federal Appellate Court

- *Church of Our Savior v. City of Jacksonville Beach*, (11th Cir. 2015). Led appellate team in successful representation of Anglican Church in RLUIPA land use case, resulting in favorable settlement.
- *The Elijah Grp, Inc. v. City of Leon Valley, Texas*, 643 F.3d 419 (5th Cir. 2011). On legal team that successfully represented an evangelical church in RLUIPA land use case, resulting in victory.
- *Merced v. Kasson*, 577 F.3d 578 (5th Cir. 2009). On legal team that successfully briefed Texas RFRA challenge to town's restrictions on Santeria priest's animal sacrifices, resulting in victory.

Federal Trial Court

- *Gaylor v. Mnuchin*, 278 F.Supp.3d 1081 (W.D.Wisc. 2017). Led successful intervention of religious leaders from Assemblies of God, Anglican, and Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia congregations in support of a tax provision, called the parsonage allowance, resulting in victory on appeal to the 7th Circuit.
- *Islamic Soc’y of Basking Ridge v. Towp of Bernards*, 226 F.Supp.3d 320 (D.N.J. 2016). Led team in filing amicus brief on behalf of multi-denominational group in support of RLUIPA’s protections for mosques, resulting in win.
- *Soc’y of Am. Bosnians and Herzegovinians v. City of Des Plaines*, (N.D.Ill. 2016). On legal team that submitted amicus brief in support of RLUIPA’s protections for mosques.
- *Belmont Abbey Coll. v. Sebelius*, (D.D.C. 2011). On legal team that filed first challenge to HHS contraception mandate which resulted in nation-wide litigation and a favorable U.S. Supreme Court decision.

State Supreme Court

- *FFRF v. Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders*, (N.J. Sup. Ct. 2017). Led team in filing amicus brief in support of neutral government aid program grants to religious organizations in light of *Trinity Lutheran*, resulting in representation of Morris County in cert petition to U.S. Supreme Court.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Princeton University, Bachelor of Arts, 1995

Major Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs

Minor Teacher Preparation Program (NJ Provisional Certificate in Secondary Education)

Honors National Merit Scholar & Woodrow Wilson School Senior Thesis Research Grant Recipient

Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Juris Doctor, 2001

Honors Order of the Coif

Executive Editor, BYU Law Review

Executive Editor, Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy

President, Federalist Society Student Chapter

President, Women’s Law Forum Student Chapter

Co-Founder and Co-President, Spirit of the Law

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Center for Constitutional Studies James Madison Award, 2018

J. Reuben Clark Law Society Women-in-Law Leadership Award, 2016

Brigham Young University Alumni Achievement Award, 2013

Faculty Award for Meritorious Achievement and Distinguished Service, 2000

J. Reuben Clark Award (selected by faculty for academics, character, and service), 1999

BOARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Board of Directors, African Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (2025 – present)

Board of Directors (Board Secretary), International Religious Freedom Summit (2024 – present)

Board of Directors, Religious Freedom Institute (2018 – present)

Board Member and Committee Chair, J. Reuben Clark Law Society International Board (2005 – present)

Senior Fellow, International Center for Law & Religion Studies (2018 – 2023)

Board of Advisers, Brigham Young University Law School (2018 – 2020)

Senior Fellow, The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty (2017 – 2021)

Board Member, *Deseret News* Editorial Advisory Board (2010 – 2017)

Princeton University Alumni Class of 1995 25th Reunion Committee Chair (2018 – 2020)

Princeton University Alumni Class of 1995 15th Reunion Committee Chair (2005 – 2010)

Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School 75th Anniversary Steering Committee (2005 – 2006)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- “Judicial Review in the United States: A Historical Look at Landmark Caselaw,” *Constitutional Review: China’s Experience and International Perspectives*, co-sponsored by the Constitutional Law Institute at the School of Law, China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, China (online) (June 28-29, 2025).
- International Advisory Comm. Member and Conf. Organizer, IRF Summit Africa, co-sponsored by Pepperdine University, the Religious Freedom Institute, and the Global Peace Foundation, Nairobi, Kenya (June 16-18, 2025).
- “Human Dignity and Religious Freedom,” *Dialogic Human Dignity: Legal and Religious Perspectives*, co-sponsored by the Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of the Monotheistic Religions, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan (June 7, 2025).
- Conf. Organizer, Program Comm. Member, and Moderator, “Law, Religion, and Church Autonomy: The Relationship Between Religion and State in Africa,” *12th Annual Conference of the African Consortium for Law and Religion Studies: Law, Religion, and Work in Africa*, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Ben Guerir, Morocco (May 18-21, 2025).
- Conf. Organizer, Moderator, and Speaker, “Teaching Methodologies for Law and Religion Studies in Nigeria,” *Nigerian Law & Religion Studies Curriculum Development Colloquium: Advancing Legal Education Through Religious Literacy and Pluralism*, co-sponsored by the Nigerian Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, Abuja, Nigeria (May 12-16, 2025).
- Conf. Organizer and Moderator, “Religious Perspectives on Peaceful and Inclusive Societies in Southeast Asia”; “Vietnam Religion and Rule of Law”; and “Humanitarian, Interfaith, and Public-Private Partnerships Building Social Capacities for Peace,” *3rd Annual International Conference: Human Dignity & ASEAN: Pursuing Peaceful and Inclusive Societies in Southeast Asia*, co-sponsored by The Institute for Islamic Understanding Malaysia, The Leimena Institute (Indonesia), and the Religious Freedom Institute, Brigham Young University–Hawaii, Laie, Hawaii (Apr. 22-25, 2025).
- Speaker, “Law & Religion from the Bench: Comparative Case Studies,” and Moderator, “Raising Awareness and Teaching Cross-Cultural Religious Literacy for a Cohesive Society,” *Cross-Cultural Religious Literacy: Religion, Rule of Law, and Human Dignity International Conference*, co-sponsored by the Institute for Global Engagement and the Institute for Ethnicity and Religion at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, Hanoi, Vietnam (Mar. 10-12, 2025).
- Conf. Organizer and Keynote Panel Moderator, “Religious Freedom and Faith Traditions in New Zealand,” *Freedom to Do, to Be and to Become: Enhancing Individuals’ Opportunities to Believe and Live as They Choose Within the Framework of the Law*, co-sponsored by The University of Waikato Te Piringa–Faculty of Law, Auckland, New Zealand (Feb. 21-23, 2025).
- Plenary Session Moderator, “Religion: A Catalyst of Peace?,” and Panel Moderator, “Asia—Academic Perspectives,” “Vietnam,” “Philippines,” “West & South Africa,” *31st International Law and Religion Symposium: Religious Freedom as a Tool for Peacemaking*, BYU Law School, Provo, UT (Oct. 6-8, 2024).
- “Human Dignity, Human Rights, & Constitutions: Comparative Case Studies,” *Dignity for Everyone, Everywhere: Best Practices & Success Stories for Building Inclusive Societies*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Aug. 6-7, 2024).
- “Religion and Rule of Law Training to Strengthen an Inclusive Society: Lessons from Vietnam and Other Countries,” *Multi-Faith Collaborations in an Inclusive Society International Conference*, co-sponsored by the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jakarta, Indonesia (July 10-11, 2024).

- “Law & Religion from the Bench: Comparative Case Studies,” *Religion & Rule of Law Training Program for Vietnamese Government Officials*, Da Lat City, Lam Dong Province, Vietnam (July 3-6, 2024).
- Conf. Organizer and Program Comm. Member, *11th Annual Conference of the African Consortium for Law and Religion Studies: Law, Religion, and Leadership in Africa*, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (May 19-22, 2024).
- “Challenges in the Context of the United States,” *Consultation Meeting with Representatives of Civil Society and Christian Communities in the North American Context: Understanding Anti-Christian Hate Crimes and Addressing the Security Needs of Christian Communities*, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Ottawa, Canada (May 14, 2024).
- Conf. Organizer and Keynote Panel Moderator, “Human Dignity and Faith Traditions in Oceania,” *2nd Annual International Conference: Oceanian Perspectives on Human Dignity*, co-sponsored by the Religious Freedom and Human Dignity Initiative, Brigham Young University–Hawaii, Laie, Hawaii (Apr. 23-25, 2024).
- Conf. Organizer and Plenary Panel Moderator, “Conceptions of Freedom of Religion or Belief and the Consequential Distinction between Secularity and Secularism,” *International Conference* co-sponsored by the Addis Ababa University College of Law, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (April 13, 2024).
- “Freedom of Religion or Belief and Women: A Cherished Heritage to Defend,” *All-Party Parliamentary Group for International Freedom of Religion or Belief’s Summit on Freedom of Religion or Belief and Women*, Palace of Westminster, London, England (Mar. 13, 2024).
- Opening Remarks, *Ceremonial Signing of Memorandum of Understanding with Institute for Global Engagement and Vietnam-USA Society*, Hanoi, Vietnam (Nov. 9, 2023).
- Plenary Session Moderator, “How Can Diverse Religions Build a United Community,” and Panel Moderator, “Vietnam/Cambodia” & “West Africa” Panels, *30th International Law and Religion Symposium: Protecting the Right to Freedom of Thought, Conscience, and Religion: 75 Years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, BYU Law School, Provo, UT (Oct. 1-3, 2023).
- “Free Exercise and Establishment Clause in the United States Supreme Court Caselaw,” Central European University, Budapest, Hungary (June 5-6, 2015).
- ICLRS Law Student Research Assistant, International Conference, Paris, France (Summer 2001) (traveled with Professor Cole Durham, Senator Gordon Smith (OR), and Senator Orrin Hatch (UT) to meet with French lawmakers regarding French law targeting new religious movements).

DOMESTIC CONFERENCES & HEARINGS

- “International Religious Liberty: Defending Human Dignity and Religious Freedom Abroad,” *Religious Liberty Fellowship*, Founding Forward, Valley Forge, PA (June 3-6, 2025).
- Plenary Session Moderator, “Multi-faith Engagement in North Georgia,” *4th Annual North Georgia Freedom of Religion Roundtable*, Kennesaw State University, Atlanta, GA (May 1, 2025).
- Speaker, “Modern Religious Liberty Protections and Enforcement,” and Panel Moderator, “South Carolina Religious Liberty in the 21st Century,” Univ. of South Carolina Law School, Columbia, SC (Jan. 15, 2025).
- “Recent Wins and Challenges for Freedom and Dignity,” *7th Annual DFW Summit on Religious Freedom and Human Dignity: Finding Common Ground*, Dallas, TX (Oct. 15, 2024).
- “Principles of Religious Freedom and Elections,” Charlotte, NC (Sept. 17, 2024).

- Introduction of Keynote Speaker Fifth Circuit Judge Kyle Duncan at Louisiana State University Law School, Baton Rouge, LA (Sept. 6, 2024).
- Panel Moderator, “Church Autonomy and Free Exercise Developments in State and Lower Federal Courts,” *2024 Religious Freedom Annual Review: Becoming Peacemakers Through Supporting Religious Freedom and Pluralism*, BYU, Provo, UT (June 20, 2024).
- “Multi-faith Bridge Building,” *Selah by the Sea*, co-sponsored by former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom Suzan Johnson Cook, West Palm Beach, FL (June 18, 2024).
- Plenary Session Moderator, “Current Religious Freedom Issues in Georgia,” *3rd Annual North Georgia Freedom of Religion Roundtable*, Atlanta, GA (Apr. 18, 2024).
- “Judicial Independence: Preserving and Protecting the Independence of the U.S. Supreme Court,” *Orrin G. Hatch Center Symposium*, BYU Law School, Provo, UT (Apr. 1, 2024).
- “Freedom of Religion: A Universal Right and Our Responsibility to Defend It Universally,” University of Nevada Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV (Mar. 23, 2024).
- Roundtable Participant, *International Religious Freedom Roundtable*, IRF Secretariat, U.S. Senate Hart Hearing Room, Washington, D.C. (July 25, 2023).
- “Multi-Faith Bridge Building and Peacemaking Programs,” *International Religious Freedom Roundtable: From Religious Freedom and Responsibility to Peace and Prosperity*, IRF Secretariat, Clearwater Beach, FL (July 24, 2023).
- “Religious Freedom at the Local Level,” *2023 Religious Freedom Annual Review: Religious Communities: Worshipping, Serving, and Learning Together*, BYU, Provo, UT (June 15, 2023).
- “Religious Liberty: The Promise of American Religious Pluralism,” Queens University Belk Chapel, Charlotte, NC (June 1, 2023).
- Plenary Session Moderator, “Religious Freedom Challenges and Solutions,” *1st Annual Las Vegas Summit on Religious Freedom and Human Dignity, Dignity in Diversity: Why Religious Freedom and Human Dignity Matter*, University of Nevada Las Vegas Law School, Las Vegas, NV (Mar. 23, 2023).
- “Religion in Public Schools: Current Issues and Challenges,” Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX (Oct. 27, 2022).
- “Leadership for All Seasons: How to Lift Where You Stand,” DFW Leadership Series, Dallas, TX (April 28, 2022).
- Conf. Organizer, *4th Annual DFW Summit on Religious Freedom*, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX (Oct. 29, 2021).
- Conf. Organizer and Multi-Faith Leaders Panel Moderator, *3rd Annual DFW Summit on Religious Freedom*, Dallas, TX (online) (Oct. 28, 2020).
- “The Making of a Supreme Court Justice: How a Changing Process is Changing America,” Dallas, TX (Oct. 27, 2020).
- “Religious Freedom: What does it mean? Why is it important? What can I do to protect it?,” *2nd Annual DFW Summit on Religious Freedom*, Dallas, TX (Oct. 24, 2019).

- “Religious Freedom and Women,” Interfaith Women Religious Leaders Gathering, Drew University, Madison, NJ (April 25, 2019).
- “Behind the Curtain of the High Court: A Conversation with Former U.S. Supreme Court Clerks,” Washington D.C. (Feb. 20, 2019).
- Religious Freedom Fireside of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Columbus, OH (Sept. 8, 2018).
- “At the Intersection of Church & State: Religious Liberty in Contemporary American Society,” BYU Education Week, BYU, Provo, Utah (Aug. 20, 2018).
- “Religious Freedom and the U.S. Supreme Court,” BYU Washington Seminar, Washington D.C. (Dec. 7, 2018).
- General Session Panel Moderator, “Getting It Right: Media Coverage of Religious Freedom,” *2018 Religious Freedom Annual Review: Religious Freedom and the Common Good*, BYU, Provo, UT (June 20-21, 2018).
- “Religious Freedom: A Cherished Heritage to Defend,” BYU Women’s Conference, BYU, Provo, UT (May 3-4, 2018).
- “25 years of RFRA: Faces of Religious Freedom,” *James Madison Award Recipient Lecture*, Utah Valley University’s Center for Constitutional Studies, Orem, UT (April 12, 2018).
- “The Making of a Supreme Court Justice – Process and Promise,” BYU Law School (April 11, 2018).
- “Justice Gorsuch, the Supreme Court, and Religious Liberty,” J. Reuben Clark Law Society Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT (Feb. 15-17, 2018).
- “Religious Freedom and the U.S. Supreme Court,” BYU Washington Seminar, Washington, D.C. (Dec. 8, 2017).
- “Religious Freedom and Contemporary American Society,” Los Angeles, CA (Nov. 3, 2017).
- “Religious Freedom and the Roberts Court,” Los Angeles, CA (Nov. 2, 2017).
- “Religious Freedom and the Roberts Court,” University of California at Davis, Davis, CA (Oct. 31, 2017).
- Religious Freedom Fireside of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Sacramento, CA (Oct. 28, 2017).
- “Religious Freedom: What Latter-day Saints Need to Know to Defend Our First Freedom,” Austin, TX (Oct. 20, 2017).
- Religious Freedom Fireside of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Orange County, CA (Sept. 16, 2017).
- “Religious Freedom and LDS Women,” Women’s General Presidencies Meeting of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, UT (Aug. 24, 2017).
- “The Case for Religious Freedom,” BYU Education Week, Provo, UT (Aug. 22-23, 2017).
- “Religious Freedom and Young People,” Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C. (July 14, 2017).

- Religious Freedom Fireside of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Las Vegas, NV (May 6, 2017).
- “*Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia v. Comer*,” *Federalist Society Religious Liberties Practice Group Courthouse Steps Teleforum*, Washington, D.C. (Apr. 19, 2017).
- “A Preview of *Trinity Lutheran Church v. Pauley*: How State ‘No Aid’ Provisions Discriminate Against Churches,” Washington, D.C. (Apr. 18, 2017).
- “Supreme Court Nominee Neil Gorsuch’s Record on Religious Freedom Issues,” *Hearing on the Nomination of the Honorable Neil M. Gorsuch to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Before the S. Comm. of the Judiciary*, 115th Cong. 1 (Mar. 23, 2017) (testimony of Hannah C. Smith, Senior Counsel, Becket).
- “Emerging Issues in Religious Freedom Today and What You Can Do,” J. Reuben Clark Law Society Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA (Feb. 17, 2017).
- “Religious Freedom Litigation in the United States,” *Hearing on “The State of Religious Liberty in America” Before the Subcomm. On the Const. and Civ. Just. of the H. Comm. on the Judiciary*, 115th Cong. (Feb. 16, 2017) (testimony of Hannah C. Smith, Senior Counsel, Becket).
- “At the Intersection of Church & State: Religious Liberty in Contemporary American Society,” *How Supreme Court Decisions Impact the Freedom of Your Faith*, Orlando, FL (Jan. 31, 2017).
- “Religious Liberty: The Promise of American Religious Pluralism,” *G. Homer Durham Lecture*, BYU Political Science Department, Provo, UT (Jan. 26, 2017).
- Religious Freedom Fireside of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Arizona State University Institute of Religion, Phoenix, AZ (Jan. 21, 2017).
- “The U.S. Supreme Court and the Future of Religious Freedom,” BYU Washington Seminar, Washington, D.C. (Dec. 2, 2016).
- “Recent Trends in Religious Liberty Doctrine,” Columbia Law School, New York, NY (Nov. 15, 2016).
- “The U.S. Supreme Court and the Future of Religious Freedom,” J. Reuben Clark Law Society Conference, Salt Lake City, UT (Nov. 12, 2016).
- Religious Freedom Fireside of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Dallas, TX (Sept. 10, 2016).
- “*Trinity Lutheran v. Comer*,” SCOTUSBlog Debate and CLE Panel Speaker, Washington, D.C. (Sept. 1, 2016).
- “Out of the Frying Pan: Cases Defining Religious Freedom Today” and “Conflicts in Conscience: Devout and in Business,” BYU Education Week, Provo, UT (Aug. 18, 2016).
- “Combating Religious Discrimination Today,” *White House Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives and Department of Justice Civil Rights Division Summit*, Washington, D.C. (July 22, 2016).
- “Religious Freedom at the Supreme Court Now and in the Future,” *2016 Religious Freedom Annual Review*, BYU, Provo, UT (July 7-8, 2016).
- “America’s First Freedom: What Women Must Do to Protect Religious Liberty,” Washington, D.C. (June 23, 2016).

- “RFRA & RLUIPA: Becket Summer Intern Training,” *The Becket Fund’s Summer Interns Training Program*, Washington, D.C. (June 20, 2016).
- “Addressing Unlawful Barriers to Religious Land Use,” *Roundtable Discussion sponsored by The White House Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives and Department of Justice Civil Rights Division*, Detroit, MI (May 2, 2016).
- “The Becket Fund’s *Amicus* Efforts at the U.S. Supreme Court,” *The Becket Fund’s Staff Retreat* (Apr. 16, 2016).
- “Religious Freedom and the Roberts Court,” Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA (Mar. 26, 2016).
- “Justice Scalia, Religious Freedom and the Future of the Supreme Court,” Newseum, Washington D.C. (Mar. 22, 2016).
- “Religious Freedom at the U.S. Supreme Court: The Little Sisters of the Poor and Religious Conscience,” *Women-in-Law Leadership Award Recipient Lecture*, J. Reuben Clark Law Society Annual Conference, University of San Diego, San Diego, CA (Feb. 12, 2016).
- “Behind the Curtain of the High Court: A Conversation with Former U.S. Supreme Court Clerks,” Washington, D.C. (Oct. 21, 2015).
- “Recent Intrusions on Religious Freedom: A Litigation Perspective,” *Religious Freedom Consultation: Templeton Religion Trust*, National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA (Oct. 5-6, 2015).
- “Religion and Equality: Contemporary Challenges in Accommodating Diversity,” Central European University, Budapest, Hungary (June 5-6, 2015).
- “Religious Liberty: What Latter-day Saints Need to Know to Preserve Our First Freedom,” Arlington, VA (May 5, 2015).
- “Religion in America,” Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (May 29, 2015).
- “Recent Intrusions on Religious Freedom: A Litigation Perspective,” Utah Valley University’s Center for Constitutional Studies, Orem, UT (Apr. 15, 2015).
- “How Can We Promote Freedom of Religion? A Case Study: *Hosanna-Tabor*,” Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, MI (Mar. 28, 2015).
- “More Than a Hobby: Defending Religious Liberty at the U.S. Supreme Court in *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*,” Chapman University Law School, Orange County, CA (Mar. 26, 2015).
- “Prisoner Beards and Religious Liberty: *Holt v. Hobbs*,” *Federalist Society Religious Liberties Practice Group Courthouse Steps Teleforum*, Washington, D.C. (Jan. 23, 2015).
- “*Hobby Lobby* and Religious Freedom in Healthcare,” *American Bar Association Health Law Summit*, Washington, D.C. (Dec. 9, 2014).
- “*Hobby Lobby* and Recent Religious Freedom Doctrine,” University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA (Nov. 19, 2014).
- “*Hobby Lobby* and Recent Religious Freedom Doctrine,” Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA (Oct. 20, 2014).

- “*Hobby Lobby* and Recent Religious Freedom Doctrine,” American University Law School, Washington, D.C. (Sept. 22, 2014).
- “At the Intersection of Church & State: Religious Liberty in Contemporary American Society,” BYU Education Week, Provo, UT (Aug. 19, 2014).
- “Religious Liberty: What Latter-day Saints Need to Know to Preserve Our First Freedom,” FAIR Latter-day Saints Conference, Provo, UT (Aug. 8, 2014).
- “Women’s Leadership in Religious Liberty,” Arlington, VA (April 12, 2014).
- “Religious Liberty: Protecting our First Freedom,” *BYU Law School Alumni Achievement Award Lecture*, BYU Law School, Provo, UT (Aug. 29, 2013).
- “Threats to Religious Freedom in the U.S. & Europe: Concerns of Majority and Minority Communities,” Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, D.C. (May 30, 2013).
- “Religious Freedom Litigation in the United States,” Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Area Committee (Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Presidency of the Seventy, and Presiding Bishopric), Salt Lake City, UT (Feb. 20, 2013).
- Introduction of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas at the J. Reuben Clark Law Society Conference, Washington, D.C. (Feb. 2013).
- “Why a Religious Liberty Clinic is Vital,” *Stanford Law School Religious Liberty Clinic Inaugural Event*, Stanford, CA (Jan. 14, 2013).
- “The *Hosanna-Tabor* Case and the HHS Mandate Litigation,” Fort Worth, TX (Sept. 20, 2012).
- “The Litigation over the HHS Mandate,” Washington, D.C. (June 18, 2012).
- “Unprecedented Threats to American Religious Freedom,” LaCrosse, WI (June 1, 2012).
- “Unprecedented Threats to American Religious Freedom,” Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, D.C. (May 24, 2012).
- “The Becket Fund’s Work Defending Religious Freedom,” *Deseret News Editorial Advisory Board Meeting*, Salt Lake City, UT (May 16, 2012).
- “The *Hosanna-Tabor* Case and Developments in Religious Freedom Doctrine,” Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA (Feb. 17, 2012).
- “The *Hosanna-Tabor* Case and the HHS Mandate Litigation,” Dallas, TX (Feb. 14, 2012).
- “Law and Religion in the 1st Amendment,” *U.S. State Dept. Foreign Service Religion & Foreign Policy Class*, Arlington, VA (Jan. 10, 2012).
- “Litigation Challenging the HHS Mandate,” Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C. (Nov. 2011).
- “The Ministerial Exception and the *Hosanna-Tabor* Case,” Dallas, TX (Nov. 8, 2011).
- “Tribute to Kevin ‘Seamus’ Hasson: 2011 Religious Liberty Award Recipient,” ICLRS Religious Freedom Award Dinner, Washington, D.C. (Oct. 6, 2011).

- “Religious Liberty Initiatives: Preserving the ‘First Freedom’ at Home and Abroad,” BYU Law School, Provo, UT (Sept. 1, 2011).
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