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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**BYU International Center for Law & Religion Studies, Provo, Utah**  
*Associate Director* (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
- Network with diverse academic, government, religious, and civil society leaders around the world
- Research, write, and edit on international and domestic law and religion issues
- Assist with capital development efforts, foreign visitors, publications, websites, issue advocacy, and legislative consultations around the world
- Mentor law student research fellows and other international fellows and leaders
- Supervise international and domestic conference staff and student research assistants

**Schaerr Jaffe LLP, Washington D.C.** (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* (2007 – 2017); *Senior Fellow* (2017 – 2021)

- Supreme Court expert on legal teams that secured victories in 4 U.S. Supreme Court cases
- Represented in over 30 cases Anglicans, Assemblies of God, Baptists, Catholics, Hindus, Hutterites, Jews, LDS, Lutherans, Muslims, Russian Orthodox, Santeros & Sikhs (see list below)
- Testified as expert before Senate Judiciary Committee with analysis of religious liberty jurisprudence of Neil Gorsuch for his confirmation hearing to SCOTUS
- 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
- Lead liaison for Catholic-LDS partnership, American Religious Freedom Project, and 1<sup>st</sup> 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* (Investiture – July 2006)

**Williams & Connolly, Washington, D.C.**

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

- *Spitzer v. Grasso* – Member of team representing NY Stock Exchange Chairman against allegations by NY Attorney General of unjust compensation under NY’s Not-For-Profit Corporation Law; appellate court ruled in favor of our client (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* (2003 – 2004)

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

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

- *United States v. Tyson Foods, Inc.* – On 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 our client on all counts.
- *Corporation of Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints v. First Unitarian Church* – On 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 in trial court litigation challenging Census Bureau's use of estimation techniques in the 2000 Census; U.S. Supreme Court upheld 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* (2001 – 2002)

## EDUCATION

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

*Honors* Order of the Coif

*Activities* *Executive Editor, BYU Law Review*

*Executive Editor, Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*

*Teaching Assistant, Civil Procedure, Professor Thomas R. Lee*

*Research Assistant, Law and Religion Studies, Professor W. Cole Durham, Jr.*

(student leader for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Law and Religion Symposia)

*Legal Intern, Utah Supreme Court, Associate Chief Justice Christine M. Durham*

*Legal Intern, BYU Office of General Counsel*

*President, Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies Student Chapter*

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

**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)

Student-teacher at Princeton High School in AP U.S. Government & Politics, U.S. History

*Honors* Woodrow Wilson School Senior Thesis Research Grant Recipient

Teacher's Institute in U.S. History (funded by Rockefeller Brothers)

Princeton Project 55, Center for Civic Leadership Fellowship

*Activities* *President, Latter-day Saint Student Association*

*Chairperson, Class of 1995 Steering Committee*

*Music Director, Finance Manager, and Tour Manager, Princeton Tigerlilies (a cappella group)*

*Violinist, Princeton University Chamber Orchestra*

*Volunteer, Urban Action and Student Volunteers Council*

**Sacramento Country Day School, 1991**

*Honors* Cum Laude Society

National Merit Scholar

*Activities* *Student Body President*

*Champion, Northern California Oxford Debate Championships*

*Co-host, Television Show "Scratch" on CBS-Affiliate KXTV*

*Violinist, Sacramento Youth Symphony (tour to China and Hong Kong)*

*Performer, Galena Street East (tours to Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Japan, Hong Kong)*

*Intern, Governor Pete Wilson, California State Capitol*

## 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)  
Strengthening the Family Committee, Office of General Counsel, LDS Church (2023 – present)  
International Religious Freedom Committee, Office of General Counsel, LDS Church (2023 – present)  
International Religious Freedom Committee—Africa Initiative, OGC, LDS Church (2023 – present)  
Board of Directors, Religious Freedom Institute (2018 – present)  
Board Member and Committee Chair, J. Reuben Clark Law Society International Board (2005 – present)  
Vice President, Carroll Independent School Board (elected by 70% of the vote) (2021 – 2023)  
Texas Commission on Virtual Education (appointed by Governor Greg Abbott) (2021 – 2022)  
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 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee Chair (2018 – 2020)  
Princeton University Alumni Class of 1995 15<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee Chair (2005 – 2010)  
Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Steering Committee (2005 – 2006)

## OTHER SERVICE

*Counselor*, Especially for Youth, Brigham Young University and Ricks College (Summer 1992)  
*Missionary*, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Switzerland Geneva Mission (1995 – 1997)  
*Lay leader*, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (callings from 1991 – present)

- *Children's Ministry*: Primary Teacher, Cub Scout Committee Chair
- *Youth Ministry*: Stake Seminary Teacher, Stake Seminary Supervisor, Young Women's President, Young Women's Counselor, Youth Sunday School Teacher, Boy Scout Committee Chair
- *Young Adult Ministry*: YSA Gospel Doctrine Teacher, YSA Temple Preparation Teacher, YSA Teacher Development Instructor
- *Adult Ministry*: Women's Relief Society President, Women's Relief Society Counselor, Women's Relief Society Compassionate Service Leader, Women's Relief Society Teacher, Adult Gospel Doctrine Teacher
- *Music Ministry*: Stake Cultural Arts Director, Choir Director
- *Community Outreach Ministry*: Stake Public Affairs Committee, Interfaith Outreach Coordinator
- *Missions Ministry*: Ward Missionary

## LEGAL CASES

### U.S. Supreme Court

- WIN: Little Sisters of the Poor in *Zubik v. Burwell*, 136 S.Ct. 1557 (2016). On 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 opinion in favor of our client. Legal spokeswoman for case.
- WIN: *Holt v. Hobbs*, 135 S.Ct. 853 (2015). On team that challenged the denial of prisoner's religious rights under RLUIPA, resulting in unanimous opinion in favor of our client. Legal spokeswoman for case.
- WIN: *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.*, 134 S.Ct. 2751 (2014). On 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.
- WIN: *Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and Sch. v. EEOC*, 132 S.Ct. 694 (2012). On team that 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 unanimous opinion in favor of our client. Legal spokeswoman for case.
- Other U.S. S.Ct. 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* (2014)
  - *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 team that successfully represented an evangelical church in RLUIPA land use case, resulting in victory.
- *Merced v. Kasson*, 577 F.3d 578 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2009). On 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 (parsonage allowance), resulting in victory on appeal to the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- “Collaboration of Faith Actors and Civil Society for the Protection of Women of Faith in Unsupportive Environments,” *Charting the Future of the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda*, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Forum on Law & Religion, co-sponsored by the Univ. of the Philippines College of Law, Bonifacio Global City, Philippines (Nov. 21, 2025).
- “Human Dignity and Rule of Law Training to Strengthen an Inclusive Society,” *Multi-Faith Collaborations in an Inclusive Society International Conference*, co-sponsored by the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jakarta, Indonesia (Nov. 11-12, 2025).
- “Religion in the Courts: Comparative Case Studies from the European Court of Human Rights and the United States,” *Religion & Rule of Law Training Program for Vietnamese Government Officials*, Hanoi, Vietnam (Nov. 6-7, 2025).
- Participant, *Workshop to Collect Input on the Drafting of the Law on Religion and Belief*, sponsored by the Cambodian Ministry of Cult and Religion, Phnom Penh, Cambodia (Oct. 29, 2025).
- Conf. Organizer, Moderator, and Speaker, *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 (Oct. 13-15, 2025).
- Plenary Session Moderator, “The Impact and Future of Regional and International Protections of Freedom of Religion and Belief,” and Panel Moderator, “Pakistan,” 32<sup>nd</sup> *Annual International Law and Religion Symposium: Building Paths to Flourishing: Regional, National, and International Protections of Religious Freedom*, BYU Law School, Provo, UT (Oct. 5-7, 2025).
- “Taking Stock: How the G20 Agenda Relates to Religious Freedom,” *Ubuntu in Action: Focus on Vulnerable Communities*, co-sponsored by the G20 Interfaith Forum, Cape Town, South Africa (Aug. 10-14, 2025).
- “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 Univ. 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 Univ., 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 Univ., 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,” *12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the African Consortium for Law and Religion Studies: Law, Religion, and Work in Africa*, Mohammed VI Polytechnic Univ., 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,” *3<sup>rd</sup> 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).
- “Human Dignity, Human Rights, & Constitutions: Comparative Case Studies,” *Lecture Series on Human Dignity*, co-sponsored by the Institute for Global Engagement, Kachin State Comprehensive Univ., Myanmar (online) (Mar. 1, 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 Univ. 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,” *31<sup>st</sup> Annual 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, *11<sup>th</sup> 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,” *2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Univ. 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, *30<sup>th</sup> Annual 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 Univ., 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

- “Legal Developments in Washington State,” *2025 Law and Religion Symposium*, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA (Oct. 24, 2025).
- “Religious Freedom and Human Flourishing,” Wichita, KS (Oct. 23, 2025).
- “Religious Freedom in America: Developments in Tennessee and the Southeast,” Nashville, TN (Sept. 25, 2025).
- “Religious Freedom and Human Dignity: How Multi-faith Partnerships Strengthen Communities,” Chattanooga, TN (Sept. 24, 2025).
- “Stronger Together: Faith, Law, and Community Dialogue,” Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO (Sept. 18, 2025).
- “Religious Freedom in America: Developments in Idaho and the Rocky Mountain West,” Boise, ID (Sept. 16, 2025).

- “Religious Freedom in America: Developments in Indiana and the Midwest,” Indianapolis, IN (Sept. 12, 2025).
- “Sacred Spaces and Multi-Faith Communities: Building Resilient Societies,” *Sacred Spaces for Challenging Times*, Chicago, IL (Sept. 10, 2025).
- “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,” *4<sup>th</sup> Annual North Georgia Freedom of Religion Roundtable*, Kennesaw State Univ., Atlanta, GA (May 1, 2025).
- Speaker, “Modern Religious Liberty Protections and Enforcement,” and Panel Moderator, “South Carolina Religious Liberty in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Univ. of South Carolina Law School, Columbia, SC (Jan. 15, 2025).
- “Recent Wins and Challenges for Freedom and Dignity,” *7<sup>th</sup> 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 Univ. 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,” *3<sup>rd</sup> 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,” Univ. 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 Univ. Belk Chapel, Charlotte, NC (June 1, 2023).



- Plenary Session Moderator, “Religious Freedom Challenges and Solutions,” *1<sup>st</sup> Annual Las Vegas Summit on Religious Freedom and Human Dignity, Dignity in Diversity: Why Religious Freedom and Human Dignity Matter*, Univ. of Nevada Las Vegas Law School, Las Vegas, NV (Mar. 23, 2023).
- “Religion in Public Schools: Current Issues and Challenges,” Southern Methodist Univ., 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, *4<sup>th</sup> Annual DFW Summit on Religious Freedom*, Southern Methodist Univ., Dallas, TX (Oct. 29, 2021).
- Conf. Organizer and Multi-Faith Leaders Panel Moderator, *3<sup>rd</sup> 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?,” *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual DFW Summit on Religious Freedom*, Dallas, TX (Oct. 24, 2019).
- “Religious Freedom and Women,” Interfaith Women Religious Leaders Gathering, Drew Univ., 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 Univ.’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,” Univ. 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).
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