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## JEFFREY V. DUNN RECEIVES 2013 J. REUBEN CLARK AWARD

The 2013 J. Reuben Clark Award was presented to Jeffrey V. Dunn, at the Annual Dinner, held on September 13, 2013. Incoming Chair Brent J. North presented the award and introduced Mr. Dunn, a 1987 graduate of the J. Reuben Clark School of Law, who was unknown to many of our chapter members, but well-known as one of California's leading local government litigation attorneys.

Mr. Dunn is a partner of Best Best & Krieger LLP and was selected as one of the *Los Angeles Daily Journal's* Top 25 California Municipal Attorneys in 2011. On September 11, 2013, the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* selected Mr. Dunn as one of California's Top 100 Attorneys. With extensive experience in complex litigation matters including water resource litigation, litigation against CalTrans leading to the removal of governmental restrictions on widening the Riverside freeway to alleviate traffic problems, and city rights ranging from the right to prevent disclosure of confidential discussions involving highly-publicized issues surrounding the King/Drew Medical Center, to the right to implement a study to determine whether police officers engaged in racial profiling, Mr. Dunn has truly distinguished himself as a top California attorney. Most recently, Mr. Dunn gained national recognition for his successful representation in one of the most controversial issues facing California municipalities, *i.e.*, the regulation of marijuana distribution facilities, where he was both trial and appellate counsel in key decisions affirming local government authority to protect public safety and local land use authority.

He has appeared on the NBC Nightly News, in the Washington Post, Wall Street Journal and in other national and local media.

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*We affirm the strength brought to the law by a lawyer's personal religious conviction. We strive through public service and professional excellence to promote fairness and virtue founded upon the rule of law.*



## JULIE B. BECK FORMER RELIEF SOCIETY GENERAL PRESIDENT ADDRESSES MEMBERS AT THE 2013 ANNUAL DINNER

Members of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society - Orange County Chapter were privileged to hear from Julie Bangerter Beck, former General President of the Relief Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 2007 to 2012. In one of the most highly attended events in our history, Sister Beck honored her mother and father, and discussed the challenges of life and how they can be faced with faith and hard work. She recounted the vision her parents had for their children, the service they both rendered throughout their lives, and the lessons they taught her, as well as her own experiences in leading one of the largest women's organizations in the world and the extraordinary accomplishments of seemingly ordinary people given responsibility to lead. Her down-to-earth recounting of humorous experiences around the dinner table, her mother's efforts to raise a large blended family and establish health standards in Brazil - still in practice by missions throughout the world - and her father's pioneering missionary efforts in Brazil that have grown from a few thousand when he was called as a Mission President there to more than one million



**Julie B. Beck**  
**Former General President of**  
**Relief Society**

captivated her audience who went from laughter one minute to tears the next. In a touching expression of gratitude, Sister Beck was introduced by one of those missionaries who served with her father – our own Jeffrey R. Matsen.



**Jeffrey V. Dunn**  
**2013 J. Reuben Clark**  
**Award Recipient**



*"You can wake up every day looking forward to new adventures with hope smiling brightly before you because you have a Savior." – Julie B. Beck*



## 2013 ANNUAL DINNER



*"As with all commandments, gratitude is a description of a successful mode of living. The thankful heart opens our eyes to a multitude of blessings that continually surround us. President J. Reuben Clark . . . said: 'Hold fast to the blessings which God has provided for you. Yours is not the task to gain them, they are here; yours is the part of cherishing them.'"*  
 -- James E. Faust



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*"We can lift ourselves, and others as well, when we refuse to remain in the realm of negative thought and cultivate within our hearts an attitude of gratitude. If ingratitude be numbered among the serious sins, then gratitude takes its place among the noblest of virtues." – Thomas S. Monson*



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*"Let us make Christmas a time of rejoicing and celebration, a time to share the marvelous truth that Almighty God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem the world! May the joy of that knowledge be with each of us this Christmas season and throughout the coming year." – First Presidency 2013 Christmas Message*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 16, 2014	Luncheon Speaker: Neylan McBain <i>How the Church's "I am a Mormon" campaign has helped eliminate bias"</i>	12:00 noon Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear, LLP, 2040 Main St., 2nd Floor, Irvine
February 2014	JRCLS Annual Fireside Re-Broadcast Speaker: Elder Bruce C. Hafen	TBA
March 2014	10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Religion & The Law Symposium	Chapman University School of Law
April 2014	Luncheon Speaker: USDC Judge Josephine Tucker (Elimination of Bias)	12:00 noon Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear, LLP, 2040 Main St., 2nd Floor, Irvine