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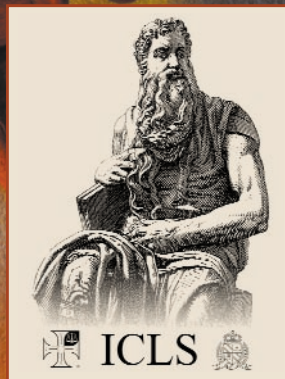
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*Encouraging law students,
law professors, lawyers, and judges
in the integration of faith and
learning, spiritual formation,
and compassionate outreach.*

A joint ministry of the Christian Legal Society
and Regent University School of Law

"This law of nature, being coeval with mankind, and dictated by God Himself, is of course superior in obligation to any other. It is binding over all the globe, in all countries, and at all times. No human laws are of any validity if contrary to this; and such of them as are valid derive all their force and all their authority, mediately or immediately, from this original."

— Sir William Blackstone

Lawyers and law students across the country are hungry for a principled, biblical approach to the study and practice of law. Yet they are often theologically unprepared or too swamped with law school to do the work necessary to uncover the rich treasures available to help them integrate faith and learning.

In response, the Christian Legal Society and Regent University School of Law founded the *Institute*

for Christian Legal Studies. Since the inception of Law Student Ministries, the Christian Legal Society has encouraged budding Christian lawyers to "do justice with the love of God." Likewise, since its founding, Regent University School of Law has trained lawyers to integrate their Christian faith and practice. The Institute for Christian Legal Studies carries out the mission of both of these great institutions together.

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The Institute is a resource center for Christian law students, legal scholars, and practitioners who desire to integrate their faith with the study, teaching, and practice of law.

ICLS will help these students, scholars, and practitioners seek and study Biblical truth, including the natural law tradition, as it relates

to law and legal institutions, and to encourage them toward spiritual growth, compassionate outreach to the poor and needy, and the integra-

tion of faith with learning, teaching, and legal practice.



ICLS MINISTRY

- Providing print and Internet resources to help students and scholars study and write about the law from a Christian perspective;
- Networking mentors to assist law students in living out their calling as Christian lawyers;
- Developing distance courses for law students and undergraduates;
- Offering on-line Continuing Legal Education,
- Creating student course outlines and discussion guides on biblical and natural law principles for substantive law courses;
- Maintaining a speakers' bureau to help Christian professors, lawyers, and judges communicate with students across the country;
- Visiting law school campuses to encourage students and professors in spiritual formation, in integration of faith and scholarship, and in compassionate outreach.

EVENTS, RESOURCES, AND MATERIALS

Christian Legal Scholars' Conferences

ICLS will hold forums and conferences, beginning in the fall 2002, for Christian faculty who desire to interact on ideas and papers in progress.

These conferences will normally coincide with the Christian Legal Society National Conference every year. We plan to use a variety of formats to maximize professors' time and meet individual needs, including roundtable discussions, panel presentations, and workshops of works-in-progress.

ICLS DIRECTOR

Michael P. Schutt, Associate Professor of Law at Regent University, serves the ICLS full-time as Director. He has been teaching and ministering to law students since 1993. He received his JD, with honors, from the University of Texas School of Law.



RESOURCES FOR PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS

Mentoring Sourcebook (Spring 2002)

This sourcebook provides creative ideas and resources for law professors who desire to minister to their students through mentoring or discipleship.

Biblical Tradition and the Law Study Series And Course Outlines

This series of studies and traditional law school "outlines" is designed for individuals or groups to explore biblical and natural law principles in the substantive areas of the law.

Select Bibliography for Christian Law Students

This is a resource for Christian law students who desire to tap into the treasures of centuries of writing on the Biblical foundations of the law.