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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...



Welcome to The Texas Lyceum's 2007 public conference! At this, our 22nd public conference, we have again focused on issues facing our state that are timely, complex and with many thoughtful and intelligent voices on all sides of these issues. The debate about the roles of church and state in America has been ongoing since the founding of this country. This year's conference, "Separation of Church and State: Why?" was designed to look at the issues beyond the buzz words and examine how the First Amendment continues to be relevant for us today.

The Texas Lyceum is well-positioned to present such issues in a non-partisan, non-judgmental fashion in order to educate ourselves and bring a better understanding of these issues to our state's decision makers and leaders. The Lyceum's mission statement compels us to act as a catalyst to bring together diverse opinions and expertise to focus on national and state issues. We hope you agree this has been achieved in the conference.

This year's public conference has been planned with three important components for maximum impact: the conference itself, The Texas Lyceum Poll and the *Journal*. Our goal was to generate discussion on the issues of church and state in advance of the conference with the Poll and then after the conference with the distribution of the *Journal*. Daron Shaw conducted the Poll in a professional manner, working with Julie McClure to plan the release of all the poll information to the public, resulting

in the success of the Poll this first year beyond our initial expectations. Along with a fresh look, the July 2007 issue of the *Journal* contains a summary of the Poll as well as original articles on church and state issues. As our VP of Publications, second-year member Robin Court has done a masterful job of moving us from ideas and concepts to publication and distribution.

Many, many thanks are due to Shawn Stephens, our public conference chairman. She guided the programming, shepherded the planning team, raised money, and basically sweated the details so that all of us could benefit from the meaningful discussions at the conference itself, over dinner and libations this weekend, and in future Lyceum conversations. In addition to the kudos due to everyone on the fantastic planning team, I would like to add a special thanks to Patrick Keel, the logistics chair for this meeting, and Kathryn Hillier, our meeting planner extraordinaire—the success of the conference and weekend can be largely attributed to the countless hours they have put in over the past 12 months.

On behalf of the planning team, I hope you enjoy the conference and weekend! I look forward to seeing everyone at our fall quarterly meeting at Heart O' the Hills Camp in Hunt for our Alumni Reunion from October 19th-21st.

Warm Lyceum regards,  
Maggie Radford, President

# FROM THE DIRECTORS...

## A Look Ahead to 2008

by John Boettiger

**B**elieve it or not, we have already begun organizing meetings and activities for our 2008 year. I think you will be pleased, as I am, with the exciting opportunities ahead.

The first quarterly meeting of 2008 will be held in Tyler, January 18–20. The focus of our meeting will surround the intersection and overlapping lines of City, County, State, and Federal Government. We will examine who's doing what in government and whether they are doing it well.

Also at this meeting, the new class of Directors will have orientation.

Our gracious hosts Jeff Austin and Tyler Mayor Joey Seeber will be rolling out the red carpet for this interesting visit.

For our second get-together of the year, it's lots of ice cream, cake, and Happy Birthday Texas! The next great opportunity for Directors will be Saturday and Sunday, March 1st and 2nd in Brenham, as we celebrate with a birthday party for our beloved state, thanks to host Dathan Voelter. While this party will be true Lyceum fun, please note that this is an optional meeting and will not count toward the 2008 attendance requirement.

In April, from the 11th–13th, we will head to El Paso—the proud home of Fort Bliss—to experience the transformation of today's military. Learn about the effects of BRAC, troop activation, deployment, wounded warrior services, military roles in homeland security, and more. For fun, we'll be rappelling, shooting, and maybe even living in barracks for the weekend... Contact Laura Uribarri to sign up to help!

Looking further to the fall of 2008, we will have two more meetings, for which no dates have been finalized yet. What we do have finalized is that the '08 Public Conference will be held in Houston and chaired by Tim Belton. The focus of the Public Conference will surround Transportation, Shipping, and Infrastructure topics. While the final meeting is still in development, we will let Directors know the specifics very soon.

*NOTE: John Boettiger will be sworn in as 2008 Texas Lyceum President in Austin on January 10th. This is an exciting time for John and The Lyceum, and all will be welcome to attend. Look for more details coming from June Deadrick, or give her a call if you are interested in assisting with this event.*

## Alumni Reunion Set for Hunt, Texas, in October

by Joe Herring, Jr.

**T**he excitement about the Alumni Reunion weekend October 19–21, 2007 at Heart O' the Hills Camp in Hunt, Texas, continues to grow. The site is a lovely stone 1930s inn, nestled against a limestone cliff, beside the Guadalupe River. The events that weekend are designed to encourage exploration of one subject: leadership. From the fireside chat, to the field day, to the presentation of the Stewardship of Texas Values Award, to the small-town street dance, current and former Directors will build memories, strengthen friendships, and sharpen their leadership ability. Good food, fun games and interesting people await you.

## Public Relations

by Julie McClure

A goal for 2007 was to increase the public's awareness of The Texas Lyceum. We have been working with Margaret Justus, a PR professional and former reporter, to develop a strategy for raising the profile of The Lyceum. Since January, we have sent out press releases about each of our quarterly meetings. These have been picked up in local papers and garnered television coverage. We have also sent out press releases announcing the new directors, new officers and scholarship recipients. By far, the biggest project to date has been rolling out The Texas Lyceum Poll. Since this was the first year of the survey, we wanted to have a great start and we spent a lot of time preparing materials and honing the message. We held a briefing in Austin with the capital press corps to announce the results and hold a Q&A session with the pollsters. This generated three days worth of stories on the poll results covering the general topics of Texans' views on religion, the war in Iraq and direction of government, and the presidential horse race. Our efforts were a success and The Texas Lyceum Poll was seen as a serious, unbiased, scientific survey. A great baseline has been established for releasing future polls and other Lyceum news.

## Even More Class

by John James

In recruiting and accepting new members to the Board of Directors, The Texas Lyceum Association strives to achieve broad diversity among its membership in satisfaction of the goal of bringing together diverse opinions and expertise focusing on national and state issues, and to emphasize constructive private sector, public sector and individual responses to such issues. This second in a series of articles highlights a few more members of the Class of 2007.

Tim Belton is an Ivy Leaguer in the truest sense of the word. After graduating with a BBA from the University of Texas at Austin, he made his way to the Harvard Graduate School of Business and left with an Ivy covered MBA.

Jonas Chartock has also filled our room with Ivy. An avid singer, songwriter and guitar playing member of The Lyceum, Jonas' greatest mantra focuses on education. He is a graduate of Cornell, Chapman, Harvard and is currently enrolled in the University of Texas' Education Doctoral program.

Jim Grace is amazing... grace. As a shareholder in the firm of Winstead, Sechrest & Minick he has been the recipient of many notable honors including the 2006 Outstanding Young Houstonian Award and the Texas Super Lawyers—Rising Star 2004-2006... he also prefers to drink alone.

Susan Moore loves relaxing by the lake and gourmet cooking... that is when she's not adding more accomplishments to an already impressive list including her involvement with the 2004-2005 United Nations General Assembly and the Texas Leadership Council for the World Congress on Information Technology.

Derrick E. Parker has focused his career on healthcare administration. As the Administrator of the Driscoll Children's Hospital/Children's Physician Services of South Texas, he tends to stay on the run. It's a good thing it's one of his hobbies as well.

J.D. Salinas of Hidalgo County need only be celebrated because he exercised the good judgment to choose Texas A&M. His current role as Hidalgo County Judge... well, it was destiny.

Lisa Turner is the owner of The Turner Group, a consulting firm based in Arlington. The list of her accomplishments is extensive, but one really stands out. How many of us have actually coordinated democracy training for 12 Russian elected officials?

## The Texas Lyceum Poll

by Daron Shaw

To bolster its understanding of public opinion on crucial policy issues, The Texas Lyceum will sponsor annual surveys of the state of Texas. The inaugural Texas Lyceum Poll was conducted April 26-May 7, 2007. One thousand adult Texans responded to a variety of questions on religion and politics, the future of Texas, and the upcoming presidential contest. The professional orientation of The Lyceum Poll is straightforward: a non-partisan, high quality, scientific survey designed to provide a time series of key attitudes and specific data points on issues of interest. The results were presented during a press conference and a subsequent three-day roll-out in early June. The poll generated articles in *USA Today*, the *Dallas Morning News*, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegraph*, and the *Austin American Statesman*, as well as television segments on Fox News and KTRH Houston. In addition, The Texas Lyceum Poll has been added to the list of “scientific, reliable” polls archived by the ABC News “Polling Vault” and the influential website, [www.pollster.com](http://www.pollster.com). Detailed tables and the full data set are to be posted on The Texas Lyceum website ([www.texaslyceum.org](http://www.texaslyceum.org)) in conjunction with the 2007 public conference in Austin. The Texas Lyceum Poll Committee includes Daron Shaw (director), Jim Grace, Teresa Nino, Jorge Ramirez, Ross Ramsey (alumnus), Brian Roberts (alumnus). Advisors to The Texas Lyceum Poll include Meg Wilson, Harrison Keller, Jim Henson and Shawn Stephens. Also assisting the committee were Directors Julie McClure (marketing), Robin Court (*Journal*) and Maggie Radford.

## Texas Lyceum Leadership Awards Go to Five Talented Teens

by Laura Uribarri

The Texas Lyceum announced its Leadership Award scholarships for 2007 in May. The following students were recognized for their academic and leadership accomplishments:

Abbott High School graduate

Christopher Randell Ball, of Itasca.

Ball will be attending Baylor University where he plans to major in accounting.

Buffalo High School graduate James Mitchell Pate, of Buffalo. Pate will be attending Texas A&M in the fall and plans to major in accounting.

Lockney High School graduate Krista Rasco, of Lockney. Rasco will be attending West Texas A&M in the fall and plans to major in marketing.

Marion High School graduate Justin Miguel Lopez, of Corpus Christi. Lopez will be attending Rice University in the fall where he will study pre-med/pre-dentistry.

Spring Woods High School graduate Sarah Amelia Sawyer, of Houston. Sawyer will be attending Baylor University where she will major in marketing and finance.

The Lyceum Scholarship Committee engaged in a comprehensive evaluation process to select these five winners from a pool of approximately 150 applicants from throughout the state. A Texas sized “thank you” to the Scholarship Committee Members for their diligence and dedication. Through their work, The Lyceum is able to recognize the efforts of these outstanding young Texans.

# 'Tis the Season! ...for RECRUITING, that is!

by Bill Christian

“Uncle Bill” (your humble Vice President of Recruitment) needs YOU! With the impending retirement of the robust Class of 2002, as well as a number of other movers and shakers that have decided to take alumni status, the Class of 2008 could be as large as 25 new Directors! That means that, by January 2008, fully one quarter of our active membership will be comprised of new faces!

This is a great opportunity to bring new blood into our organization, but by the same token, it presents a tremendous challenge. To identify and select the best and brightest that Texas has to offer, the Nominating Committee may review over 100 applications just to get to that magic 25. Knowing that The Lyceum will want to consider as many worthy candidates as possible, we must first generate that pool of 100-plus applicants.

Therefore, your mission—should you choose to accept it, and I am confident that you will—is to encourage at least two people to apply. In other words, two new applicants per Director!

There are two key ways to help this process along. First, we will review those applications from last year that were almost successful, and would have been, if we had enough openings at the time. With your help, I am going to actively encourage these folks to re-apply. The second—and some may think more fun—method is to host regional parties around the state to advertise ourselves to potential Directors, allowing them to get to know us, and vice versa. It is critical that the Nominating Committee enjoy the benefit of as informed a decision as possible, when reviewing these applications, and the inputs of Texas Lyceum Directors and Alumni who have actually met the prospects will provide invaluable insights during the decision-making process.

In addition to engaging our current directors, we will also rely heavily on our alumni in generating leads.

Recruiting Tips. While we can never achieve a numerically perfect mix of gender, race, political affiliation, occupation, or geographical diversity, we can strive to improve our demographics by concentrating on certain areas where we are noticeably under-represented. You may be surprised to learn that The Texas Lyceum directors' partisan identification is fairly evenly distributed, and we have a healthy mix of various racial identities. However, we are woefully under-represented in gender and smaller-city geography. In recruiting for the Class of 2008, consider more women: before seating the new class, we stand to have about 56 men and only 20 women. By the same token, The Lyceum would serve Texas well by reaching out to smaller communities. Not surprisingly, fully two-thirds of our returning Directors hail from Austin, the greater Houston area, the Metroplex, and San Antonio. Inasmuch as possible, it would be nice to target such under-represented or non-represented communities as: Amarillo, San Angelo, Wichita Falls, the Waco-Temple-Killeen area, Sherman-Denison, and Victoria, just to name a few.

Remember: the deadline for completed applications to The Texas Lyceum is September 1st, 2007! Applications and nomination forms are available on the website.

**IF YOU AND/OR A GROUP OF DIRECTORS AND ALUMNI CAN HOST AN EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT ME ASAP, or see me at the July Board of Directors Meeting in Austin.**

To borrow a phrase from college fraternities and sororities, RUSH! RUSH! RUSH!

# AGENDA...

## **Thursday, July 12, 2007**

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### **Republic Boardroom, Barton Creek Resort**

4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

### **County Line on the Hill, 6500 Bee Cave Road**

7:00 p.m. Dinner for Executive Committee, Planning Team and Speakers

## **Friday, July 13, 2007**

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### **Royal Ballroom, Barton Creek Resort**

- 8:00 am—8:30 am Registration
- 8:45 am—8:55 am Welcome And Opening Comments  
**Maggie Radford, President, Texas Lyceum**  
**S. Shawn Stephens, Public Conference Chair**
- 8:55 am—9:30 am Separation Between Church And State: What Do We Mean By That?  
**Professor Doug Laycock, University of Michigan School of Law**
- 9:30 am—10:30 am Religious Symbols and Other “Hot” Issues (a discussion)  
**Moderator: Jim Perdue, Jr., The Perdue Law Firm**  
**Dr. Derek Davis, Dean, College of Humanities, The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor**  
**Reverend Barry W. Lynn, Executive Director, Americans United for Separation of Church and State**  
**Richard Thompson, President and Chief Counsel, Thomas More Law Center**
- 10:30 am—10:45 am Break
- 10:45 am—11:00 am The Ever-Evolving American Sense of Community/Religion  
**Matthew Dowd, Author, Applebee’s America**
- 11:00 am—11:30 am Faith-Based Initiatives: What do the Statistics Show?  
**Byron Johnson, Ph.D., Co-Director of the Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University**
- 11:30 am—12:00 pm Faith Based Initiatives—Constitutional Limitations?  
**Melissa Rogers, Visiting Professor of Religion and Public Policy, Wake Forest University Divinity School**
- 12:00 pm—12:10 pm Break
- 12:10 pm—1:15 pm Luncheon Key Note: What Is Happening On the Federal Level?  
**The Honorable Jay Hein, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives**
- 1:15 pm—1:30 pm Break
- 1:30 pm—2:15 pm Public Displays, a Picture Show  
**Charles W. “Rocky” Rhodes, Professor, South Texas College of Law**
- 2:15 pm—2:45 pm Public Displays in Texas—How Texas Has Fared in The Supreme Court  
**Sean Jordan, Deputy Solicitor General of Texas**

- 2:45 pm—3:15 pm Public Interest Litigation  
**Moderator: James C. Ho, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP**  
**Mr. Kelly Shackelford, President, Free Market Foundation**  
**Michael Kirkpatrick, Attorney, Public Citizen Litigation Group**
- 3:15 pm—3:25 pm Break
- 3:25 pm—3:45 pm The Bible in Public Schools  
**Mark Chancey, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Religious Studies,**  
**Dedman College of Humanities & Sciences, Southern Methodist University**
- 3:45 pm—4:00 pm Teaching Religious Tolerance and Awareness in Public Schools  
**Sada Cumber, Principal, Texas Global, LLP**
- 4:00 pm—4:30 pm Vouchers: Pros/Cons  
**Former State Representative Ron Wilson**
- 4:30 pm—5:00 pm Textbook Selection, Textbook Content and Curricula (a debate)  
**State Representative Warren Chisum**  
**Steven Schafersman, Ph.D., President, Texas Citizens for Science**
- 5:00 pm—5:15 pm Lobbying From the Pulpit—Tax Consequences  
**Todd Greenwalt, Partner, Vinson & Elkins**
- 5:15 pm—5:30 pm Wrap up, adjourn

#### **The Forum, Barton Creek Resort**

7:00 pm Cocktails

8:00 pm Fireside Chat and Dinner

**Featuring an exclusive screening of the HBO Documentary Friends of God  
with the Filmmaker Alexandra Pelosi <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0953404/>**

## **Saturday, July 14, 2007**

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#### **The Forum, Barton Creek Resort**

12:30 pm—3:00 pm Lunch and Board of Directors Meeting

#### **Hospitality Suite, Barton Creek Resort**

3:00 pm—5:00 pm The Nominating Committee will be available to discuss potential applicants/nominees

6:30 pm Bus departs from Barton Creek Resort for the Capitol

#### **Lt. Governor's Reception Room, The Capitol Building**

7:00 pm Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres

8:45 pm Bus departs from the Capitol for the hip, hot club Speakeasy

#### **Speakeasy, 412D Congress Ave. (Entrance in the Alley) [www.speakeasyaustin.com](http://www.speakeasyaustin.com)**

9:00 pm Fun at Speakeasy! **The Mezzanine level has been reserved for The Lyceum**

11:00 pm First bus departs for Barton Creek Resort

Midnight Second bus departs for Barton Creek Resort

# SPEAKERS...



**Dr. Mark A. Chancey** attended the University of Georgia, where he earned a B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Religion (1990) and a M.A. in Religion (1992). He earned his Ph.D. from Duke University's Graduate Program in Religion in 1999, focusing on New Testament studies and early Judaism.

Chancey joined the faculty of SMU in 2000 and was promoted to associate professor in 2006. His research interests include the Gospels, the Historical Jesus, archaeology and the Bible, and the political and social history of Palestine during the Roman period. He is the author of two books with Cambridge University Press, *The Myth of a Gentile Galilee* (2002) and *Greco-Roman Culture and the Galilee of Jesus* (2005); two reports on public school Bible courses; and several articles and essays. He is currently at work on a book-length overview of the archaeology of Palestine from Alexander the Great to Constantine and on a series of articles focusing on the Constitutional, political and academic issues surrounding Bible courses in public education.



**Warren Chisum** was elected to the Texas Legislature in November 1988. He is presently serving his 10th term. Mr. Chisum represents House District 88, which includes nineteen counties located in the Texas Panhandle.

Mr. Chisum is a founding member and President of the Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute, a not-for-profit entity which acts as a source of legislative policy information for the public. Additionally, he served three years as president of the Texas Conservative Coalition (TCC), and now serves on the Board of Directors. TCC is a non-partisan organization of over 95 state legislators who work together to uphold the principles of limited government, free enterprise, individual liberties and traditional family values.

Mr. Chisum has been honored with many prestigious awards during his legislative tenure. In 1993, Mr. Chisum was honored with the Families First Award by the Concerned

Women for America of Texas. In addition, he received the Outstanding Leadership Award by the Texas Christian Coalition.

Mr. Chisum and his wife, Omega, have two married children and five grandchildren. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Dormitory at the University of Texas at Austin. He is also a past president of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Chisum was president of J.T. Richardson Trucking from 1972 until he sold the business in 1985. He is currently owner of Omega Energy and Wolf Creek Exploration Company which are oil and gas production and exploration companies. Mr. Chisum also operates the Chisum Ranch in Roberts County.



**Sada Cumber** is a successful and well-known Austin entrepreneur who has founded six companies in the past twenty-five years. Mr. Cumber is Chairman of the Board of TCMS—LLC, an Intellectual Property Development Company and Principal in Texas Global-LLP, a partnership that manages the

strategic intersection between Business, Government and Public Affairs. Prior to founding Texas Global, Mr. Cumber served as Chairman & CEO of Psionic Technologies, Inc., an Internet Security software company acquired by Cisco Systems (NASDAQ: CSCO) in 2002. In 1995, he co-founded Applied Science Fiction, a company specializing in a digital dry film process and digital photo enhancement and restoration whose technologies were acquired by Kodak (NYSE: EK). Sada previously owned Triumph Flexo Industries which was acquired by American Greetings (NYSE: AM) in 1994. Mr. Cumber has served on numerous boards, civic/community organizations, advisory councils and foundations. He was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to the Emerging Technology Fund committee when it was established in 2005, a \$200 million dollar fund for Business Development in Texas. Also in 2005 he was appointed to the Texas Economic Development Board by Governor Perry. Mr. Cumber serves as the representative of His Highness the Aga Khan on the Muslim Histories and Cultures Program at the University of Texas. He also serves as Honorary Consul of Malta to the state of Texas.



**Derek H. Davis** (B.A., M.A., J.D., Baylor University; Ph.D., University of Texas at Dallas) is Dean of the College of Humanities and Dean of the Graduate School at University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, Texas, and Director of the UMHB Center for Religious Liberty. He was formerly Director of the J.M.

Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies and Professor of Political Science, Baylor University, and Editor of *Journal of Church and State*. He is the author or editor of sixteen books, including *Original Intent: Chief Justice Rehnquist & the Course of American Church-State Relations* (Prometheus, 1991), and *Religion and the Continental Congress, 1774-1789: Contributions to Original Intent* (Oxford, 2000). He has also published more than 140 articles in various journals and periodicals. He serves numerous organizations given to the protection of religious freedom in American and international contexts.



**Matthew Dowd** has helped shape strategies and campaigns for CEOs, corporations, foundations, governments, candidates, and presidents. He is a founding partner of ViaNovo, an international communications and brand positioning firm.

Matthew's recent political work includes serving as the Chief Strategist for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2006 and for President George W. Bush in 2004. His innovative approach and leadership on the 2004 campaign led the bi-partisan American Association of Political Consultants to name him Pollster of the Year.

Prior to 2004, Matthew served as a senior strategist on the 2000 Bush campaign.

A frequent contributor to MSNBC and Fox News, Matthew teaches at the University of Texas' LBJ School of Public Affairs and has led seminars at Stanford, Harvard and Yale Universities.

He is a founder of HotSoup.com, an online community of people who influence other people, and co-author of the New York Times bestseller *Applebee's America: How Successful Political, Business and Religious Leaders Connect with the New American Community*.



**R. Todd Greenwalt** is a partner in the Houston, Texas, office of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Mr. Greenwalt is the Co-Chair of the Firm's Tax Section and his practice is concentrated on federal income tax matters with an emphasis in non-profit organizations and tax-exempt finance.

Before practicing law in Houston, he attended the University of Virginia and graduated from the University of Arizona, B.S. with highest distinction in 1980, and the University of California Los Angeles, J.D. in 1983.

Mr. Greenwalt was included among *Texas Monthly's* "Super Lawyers" in 2004 and 2006, the *Texas Lawyer's* October 2003 list of "Go To" health lawyers in the state of Texas and in the 2003 through 2006 editions of "The Best Lawyers in America." Mr. Greenwalt is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association and the National Association of Bond Lawyers. Mr. Greenwalt has served in leadership roles for both organizations as well as in American Bar Association committees.



**Jay F. Hein** was named Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives on August 3, 2006. He is the founding president of the Sagamore Institute for Policy Research, an international public policy research firm headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Jay also served as Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation for American Renewal, a public charity established by Ambassador Daniel R. Coats. Prior to the Sagamore Institute, Mr. Hein was Executive Director of Civil Society Programs at Hudson Institute, including the Welfare Policy Center, the Faith in Communities initiative, community-based healthcare reform and the Director of Hudson's field office in Madison, Wisconsin, where he conducted hands-on research and analysis in support of the State's welfare reforms. He also served in Wisconsin State government as a policy director. In both of these roles, Jay helped design and implement Wisconsin's ground-breaking welfare replacement program.



**James C. Ho** is of counsel in the Dallas office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and an active member of the firm's Appellate and Constitutional Law practice group. He has handled numerous litigation matters in federal and state courts across the country, including the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of

Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, the Supreme Court of Texas, and other state supreme courts. He also regularly represents clients in government investigations and other adversarial settings outside of formal litigation proceedings. He has extensive experience in matters involving constitutional and statutory challenges to and defenses of actions by federal, state, and local governments, including preparing briefs, legal opinions, and white papers, advising trial counsel, presenting oral argument, and providing testimony before legislative committees. He also has significant experience in the areas of antitrust, consumer protection, intellectual property, labor and employment, and media law.

Mr. Ho was named one of the "Best Lawyers Under 40" by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association in 2006, and one of the best 35 Congressional aides under 35 by The Hill in 2005.

Mr. Ho graduated in 1999 with high honors from The University of Chicago Law School, and received his B.A. in Public Policy from Stanford University in 1995.



**Byron Johnson** is Professor of Sociology and Co-Director of the Institute for Studies of Religion (ISR) as well as director of the Program on Prosocial Behavior, both at Baylor University. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Witherspoon Institute in Princeton, New Jersey. Johnson is currently directing a series of studies

for the Department of Justice on the role of religion in prosocial youth behavior. Recent publications examined the impact of faith-based programs on recidivism reduction and prisoner reentry. Johnson is currently completing an evaluation examining academic outcomes among public high school students enrolled in elective courses in comparison with those taking a course on the Bible. Along with other ISR colleagues he is completing a series of groundbreaking empirical studies on religion in

China. Johnson's research has been used in consultation with the Department of Justice, Department of Defense, Department of Labor, and the National Institutes of Health.



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