

Segregation of Church and State and the Impact on Religious Freedom with Emphasis on the U.S. Experience



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Room 303, 3/F T.T. Tsui Building, The University of Hong Kong

Mr. Brad Dacus served as Legislative Assistant to U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, and went on to receive his Juris Doctorate from the University of Texas, School of Law. For the next five years, Mr. Dacus coordinated religious freedom and parental rights cases throughout the Western states. In 1997, Mr. Dacus founded Pacific Justice Institute, where he serves as President and continues to defend religious liberties and parental rights. The Pacific Justice Institute has a network of approximately a thousand volunteer affiliate attorneys and handles more cases on the West Coast than any other organization of its kind.

Mr. Brad Dacus has been a guest speaker on numerous radio and television programs, participates weekly in several radio talk show interviews, and has appeared on ABC's "Good Morning America", "The Today Show", "CNN", "Hannity and Colmes", "News Talk TV", "MSNBC", "NBC News", NBC "Dateline" and many times on the "O'Reilly Factor".

Mr. Dacus' varied public speaking opportunities include public debate, on two occasions, against the president of the ACLU, and on another occasion, against the president of "Americans United for Separation of Church and State". In April of 2007 he testified before the United States House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. in opposition to H.R. 1592 "Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007". He has also testified numerous times before the California State Legislature on legislation affecting religious freedom and parents' rights. He has guest lectured at Stanford University School of Law. Mr. Dacus continues to speak regularly at churches, conferences, graduations and conventions throughout the United States, including pastors' legal seminars and workplace seminars co-sponsored by Pacific Justice Institute with local churches and Christian colleges and universities.

Recently in December 2008, Dr. Ellis from California Baptist University presented Brad with an honorary Doctorate of Religious Freedom and Family Rights degree in recognition of his commitment to faith and justice and his work protecting parental rights and religious freedom through the Pacific Justice Institute.

Please email Flora Leung at fkleung@hku.hk to reserve a place.