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KEVIN J WORTHEN

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Kevin J. Worthen began his tenure as the thirteenth president of Brigham Young University in March 2014 and was inaugurated in fall the same year. Worthen had been serving as BYU's advancement vice president since 2009, in which role he oversaw such areas as athletics, BYU Broadcasting, LDS Philanthropies, alumni, and communications. In this role, he was involved in several significant developments in athletics, including going independent in football, joining the West Coast Conference, and negotiating television contracts with ESPN. Previously, Worthen was dean of the J. Reuben Clark Law School (2004–08) and had been the Hugh W. Colton Professor of Law, specializing in federal Indian law and the rights of indigenous peoples, and he spent a year as a Fulbright Scholar studying the cultural and ethnic assimilation of Chile's native populations. He had a short stint with the respected law firm Jennings Strouss & Salmon in Arizona before joining BYU's law faculty. Worthen clerked for Judge Malcolm R. Wilkey of the D.C. Circuit Court and then for Justice Byron R. White of the U.S. Supreme Court after graduating summa cum laude with both his bachelor's and juris doctor degrees (1982). A native of Carbon County, Utah, he served in the Mexico Monterrey Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, then Worthen dated Peggy Sealey while finishing an associate's degree at College of Eastern Utah and working summers in a local coal mine. The two were married in 1978, are the parents of three children, and have three grandchildren.