

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. Sept 4 4-5 p.m.	<i>Coffee Talk</i> Stacey Platt - The Voice of the Child in Custody Disputes & the case of <i>Timmie M</i>
Wed, Sept 11,	<i>Coffee Talk - Cancelled</i>
Wed, Sept 18, 4-5 p.m.	<i>Coffee Talk</i> Michael Leib - A Lawyer's Saga in Pursuit of Justice for an Immigrant Child
Wed, Sept 25, 4-5 p.m.	<i>Coffee Talk</i> Ann Fisher - Illinois Children and HIV/AIDS

Welcome

As the 2002-2003 academic year gets under way, the Loyola "Civitas" ChildLaw Center begins its 9th year of operation with a full slate of activities planned for the year. On September 4, the Center will resume its weekly Coffee Talk series, an informal opportunity open to all Loyola students to learn about and discuss current issues affecting children and families. Topics for this semester include Children and HIV/AIDS and the problem of juvenile sex offenders. Coffee Talk is held on Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m. in the ChildLaw Center, 16 E. Pearson. On October 23, the Center and the Office of Career Resources will co-sponsor a "Careers in ChildLaw" panel. In February, 2003, Professor Martha Matthews will visit Loyola as a Distinguished Visiting Scholar, and in April, Loyola will host a national conference on juvenile competency issues. Loyola students are all welcome to participate in these and all Center activities. For more information on these events, watch for announcements in the monthly edition of *News and Notes*, see the bulletin board in the student lounge, or best of all, stop by the ChildLaw Center and introduce yourself.

Child Advocacy Trial Training Program

Loyola's ChildLaw Center is one of the planners and co-sponsors of "Training the Lawyer to Represent the Whole Child," an interdisciplinary trial advocacy and negotiation program for lawyers who practice in child-related legal proceedings, to be held in Philadelphia on October 1- 6, 2002. The training is designed for attorneys who practice in juvenile court, including guardians *ad litem*, volunteer attorneys, prosecutors, defenders, agency lawyers, and parents' attorneys. **Professor Diane Geraghty** co-authored the case file and problems for the trial training program. The Philadelphia program is the outgrowth of an invitational conference held at Loyola in November, 2001, during which child advocates from across the nation explored ideas for preparing "child advocates of the future." For more information or if you are interested in participating in the training, visit the National Institute for Trial Advocacy website at <http://www.nita.org> or call 800-225-6482.

New Grant Awards

The ChildLaw Center has been awarded several new grants to assist in furthering the Center's goal of improving the child welfare system and advancing children's well-being.

- ❖ The ChildLaw Center has received a one-year grant from the Chicago Community Trust to expand its work aimed at eliminating childhood lead poisoning. The eradication of lead poisoning is also the focus of an award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- ❖ The ChildLaw Center was awarded a grant from the Illinois State Court Improvement Project to expand its caseworker courtroom training to Lake and DuPage counties, as well as Cook. In May and June, 2002, the Center trained 80 child welfare workers from Lutheran Social Services of Illinois using a similar model, and has trained over 1000 public and private agency case workers over the last five years.

In The News

Professor Stacey Platt was recently quoted in the *New*

York Times regarding the ruling of a judge in South Dakota allowing a 13 year old boy to determine whether he lives with his biological father or his deceased mother's boyfriend.

Career, Internship, Volunteer Opportunities

- ❑ The **Children Law Center** in Washington, DC is looking for an attorney to launch its Health Access project. Contact: Matt Fraidin, Legal Director, the Children's Law Center, 1200 19th Street, NW Suite 2000, Washington, DC 20036
- ❑ **Legal Services for Children** in San Francisco seeks a managing attorney to supervise all aspects of the agency's legal work and a staff attorney to represent children and youth. Send resume and cover letter to Shaman Wilber, Legal Services for Children, 1254 Market Street, 3d Fl., S.F., CA 94102
- ❑ Applications will be accepted until October 1, 2002 for the **Zubrow Fellowship in Children's Law** at the Juvenile Law Center in Philadelphia. The one-two year fellowship is open to new law school graduates or those finishing judicial clerkships. Information is available at www.jlc.org.
- ❑ The **Youth Law Center** is seeking applicants who will be applying for fellowships offered by the Skadden Fellowship Foundation, the Soros Foundation, and Equal Justice America. Interested students should send, fax, or email resume, 3 references and writing sample by Sept. 1 to Mary Yee, Youth Law Center, 417 Montgomery St., Ste 900, San Francisco, 94104; fax 415-956-9022 or by e-mail to myee@youthlawcenter.org.
- ❑ **Children's Rights, Inc.** in NYC, wishes to sponsor a recent graduate as a Soros Justice Fellow. The deadline is Sept. 1, 2002. For information, see www.childrenrights.org.
- ❑ **Alternatives, Inc.** has a part time position for a Restorative Justice Facilitator. Experience in direct service with youth and school-based youth program development needed. Send resumes and cover letter to: RosaLynn Walker, Restorative Justice Coordinator, Alternatives, Inc. 4730 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, IL 60640, fax: 773-506-9420 or e-mail to: information@alternativesyouth.org
- ❑ **ChildServ**, a not-for-profit agency serving children and families in the Chicago area, is seeking a law student, or dual degree JD-MSW student, interested in working on community

advocacy efforts. While the position is volunteer, directed study credit may be available. If interested, please contact Professor Weinberg at 312-915-6482.

Alumni News

Lori Hall Armstrong, LL.M.'02, and her husband, Mike are moving to New York, where Mike will become vice president of music marketing for MTV. Congratulations to **Ilene Bloom**, '96, who was recently named one of "40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch" by the Chicago Lawyer. **Susan Kennedy-Riechers**, J.D., LL.M '02, has joined the Child and Family Law Center of the North Shore, where she practices exclusively in matters involving child custody, visitation and support. **Marjorie Berk Moss**, '01 has been hired to do policy-related work in the Juvenile Unit of the Philadelphia Defender Association. Her husband, Jeffrey Moss, will begin an MBA program at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in the fall. **Colene Flynn Robinson**, '97 has accepted a position as staff attorney at the National Association of Counsel for Children, in Denver, Colorado.

Faculty and Staff Directory

Paula M. Besler - is Director of Attorney Training. She can be reached at 915-7944 (Mondays).
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