

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6, 2002	No Coffee Talk - Spring Break
March 13, 2002 4-5 p.m.	Coffee Talk Presita May - First Defense Legal Aid
March 14 20 S. Clark, 9 th Fl. 10-3pm	Youth Violence: The New Public Health Challenge: Public Hearing
March 14	Charter for Illinois Children Day
March 15 9 am - 4pm	Bar Attorney Training
March 20, 2002 4-5 p.m	Coffee Talk Chuck Golpert - Appellate Issues in Children's Advocacy
March 27, 2002	No Coffee Talk Easter/Passover
March 29, 2002	Offices Closed - Good Friday observance
April 1, 2002 Room 354, 2:30 - 4:30	Salaam Bombay Film
April 26th, 2002 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Kasbeer Hall, 15 th Floor	American Academy of Adoption Attorneys Reception

***Amicus Curiae* in U.S. Supreme Court**

The ChildLaw Center has joined forces with other *amicus curiae*, including the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of Social Workers, in **Board of Education v. Earls**, a case that will be argued March 19 in the U.S. Supreme Court. *Amici* contend that it is both unconstitutional and unwise to require up to 24 million school age children who participate in extracurricular activities to undergo mandatory random drug testing in the absence of any

evidence that a student subject to the testing policy (including those who participate in after school language clubs, religion clubs, social service boards, etc.) has used a banned substance. Copies of the *amici curiae* brief can be obtained from Sandra Constantine at the ChildLaw Center.

Center Welcomes New Staff Member

In March, **Maria Woltjen**, a 1987 Loyola Law School graduate, will join the ChildLaw Center staff to work with **Anita Weinberg** on the Center's childhood lead poisoning prevention efforts. She will be responsible for coordinating community initiatives to assure lead-safe housing. Currently, Maria is a staff attorney with the Chicago Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law Community Economic Development Law Project (CEDLP). In addition, this year she has worked with the ChildLaw Center on community-based efforts to reduce lead hazards in her capacity as a Community Fellow with Loyola's Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL). Grants from the Chicago Community Trust and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will allow Maria to be at the Center three days a week. Please stop by to introduce (or reintroduce) yourself.

At the Movies

On Monday, April 1, from 2:30 - 4:30 in Room 354, there will be a special showing of the film, **Salaam Bombay**. This newly-rereleased award-winning movie details the life of India's street children through the eyes of a 10 year old boy. Popcorn, soft drinks and candy will be served. All are invited to attend this first installment of the ChildLaw Center film festival.

New CLRJ Executive Board Members Announced

Congratulations to next year's Children's Legal Rights Journal Executive Board. They are: **Kristie Cary**, Editor-in-Chief; **Christine Kallal**, Managing Editor; and **Maria Petrone** and **Catherine Taylor**, Articles Editors.

March 14 Activities

On March 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Illinois Juvenile Justice Initiative will hold a Public Health Forum on Youth Violence. Building on a recently

released report from the U.S. Surgeon General, the Forum will present recommendations from the medical community on developing a public health approach to responding to youth violence. The Forum, to be held at 20 S. Clark, 20th Floor, is open to the public.

March 14 has also been designated "Charter for Illinois Children Day" by Governor Ryan. The ChildLaw Center joined other child advocacy groups in endorsing the Charter, a comprehensive vision for the future of Illinois' children, including their needs, talents and hopes in the key areas of health, education, safety, family, economic security, arts, recreation and culture. For more information, contact Kimberly Fitzgerald @voices4kids.org.

ChildLaw Center to Host Reception for Adoption Attorneys

Loyola's ChildLaw Center will be hosting a cocktail reception for the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys during their annual conference this year on Friday, April 26th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Kasbeer Hall, 25 E. Pearson, 15th Floor. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend. Victoria Bush-Joseph, an Academy member and teacher of the Adoption Law Seminar course at Loyola is coordinating the event. Please RSVP to Silvia Rodriguez at (312) 915-7950 by April 18th. The Academy is a national organization of attorneys devoted to the ethical and competent representation of parties in adoption and collaborative reproduction matters.

Career Opportunities

The Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) is seeking an investigator with a law degree to assist in licensure investigations of employees of DCFS and private agencies with which it contracts. The position requires skills in reviewing documents, interviewing witnesses, developing evidence, critical thinking and writing skills, and presenting evidence at administrative hearings. Knowledge of child welfare system is helpful. Salary range: \$32,000-\$46,000. For further information, please contact Barbara Shulman, 312-433-3074.

The Law Offices of Nye & Associates, Ltd are looking for a Law Clerk (prefer second year law student) to work as a law clerk three days a week. Duties would include court house filings, setting up motions, drafting motions for attorneys, research, organizing files, preparing files for trial. Fax resume to 312-565-0458

or send to Law Office of Nye & Associates, Ltd., 151 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 804, Chicago, IL 60601, Attn: RB.

Essay Contest Promises Cash and Fame

Students are urged to consider submitting an entry to the ABA Schwab Essay Contest in Family Law. The three winning entries will receive cash awards, a \$100 book certificate and the possibility for national exposure through publication of their winning entry in the Family Law Quarterly. Entries are due by **April 5**. More information about the contest is available from the Family Law Section, ABA, 750 N. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL 60611.

Alumni News

Stephen Bergman, '01, has joined Loyola graduates **Alycia Capozello** and **Jennifer Menasian** as an assistant public defender in the juvenile division of the Baltimore Office of the Public Defender.

Daniel Traver, '01, recently put his child advocacy training to use in his role as a judicial clerk for a U.S. District Court judge in the Middle District of Florida. In a recently published opinion, *Gil v. Rodriguez*, the court applied provisions of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of Child Abduction to resolve an international child custody dispute. A full copy of the opinion is available at 2002 WL 166781.

Faculty and Staff Directory

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

Bruce Boyer - is Director of the ChildLaw Clinic. He can be reached at 915-7927.

Sandra Constantine - is Senior Secretary for the ChildLaw Center and Clinic. She can be reached at 915-6481.

Diane Geraghty - is Professor of Law and Director of Child and Family Law Programs. She can be reached at 915-7155.

Stacey Platt - is Associate Director of the ChildLaw Clinic. She can be reached at 915-7931.

Silvia Rodriguez - is Program Coordinator for the ChildLaw Center. She can be reached at 915-7950.

Anita Weinberg - is Director of ChildLaw Policy and Legislative Programs. She can be reached at 915-6482.

Maria Woltjen - is Project Coordinator, Lead-Safe Housing Community Initiatives. She can be reached at 915- 6811.