

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. Sept. 3	4-5 p.m.	Wine & Cheese Welcome -Celebrating 10 Years of Service to Children - ChildLaw Center
Wed. Sept. 10	4-5 p.m.	Coffee Talk ChildLaw Center
Wed. Sept. 17	4-5 p.m.	Reception for Judge Richard FitzGerald ChildLaw Center
Wed. Sept. 24	4-5 p.m.	Coffee Talk ChildLaw Center

Loyola's ChildLaw Program Marks 10th Anniversary

In August, 1993, with the help of alumnus, **Jeffrey Jacobs**, '74, and the support of the Dean and faculty, Loyola opened its Civitas ChildLaw Center. The Center's mission is to prepare law students to become ethical and effective lawyers for children and to promote justice for children through interdisciplinary teaching, research and service. This year the Center will celebrate its achievements and reflect on remaining challenges to accomplishing its mission through a year-long series of programs and events. We look forward to your attendance and active participation in this year's special activities.

Judge Richard FitzGerald Named Distinguished Visiting Professor

One of the nation's best known and most respected juvenile court judges will visit Loyola as a distinguished visiting professor this fall. The **Honorable Richard**

FitzGerald is a Senior Judge in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. As Chief Judge of the Family Court Project in Louisville, Ky. from 1995-2000, Judge FitzGerald gained national recognition for his forceful advocacy on behalf of children and families and his leadership role in improving court practice in child abuse and neglect cases. Judge FitzGerald has written and lectured extensively on juvenile and family court matters and has served on the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges' Board of Trustees and the advisory board of the National Association of Counsel for Children. Judge FitzGerald will teach two courses this semester, Child, Parent and State and a seminar on Current Issues in Children's Law. The ChildLaw Center will host a reception honoring Judge FitzGerald on **September 17th** from 4-5 p.m. at the ChildLaw Center, 16 E. Pearson.

New Childhood Lead Poisoning Legislation Signed by Illinois Governor

In July, Governor Rod Blagojevich signed legislation drafted by Loyola faculty and students on behalf of the Illinois Lead Safe Housing Task Force. The legislation establishes an Advisory Council charged with making recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on effective methods for preventing childhood lead poisoning. Loyola clinical professor **Anita Weinberg**, and Lead-Safe Housing Community Initiatives project coordinator, **Maria Woltjen**, worked with law students to help coordinate support for the legislation, including testimony in Springfield and letters to legislators from community-based organizations, health care providers and Task Force members. As chair of the Task Force, Weinberg will co-chair the Advisory Council with a representative from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Over 18,000 children in Illinois are identified as lead poisoned, although the actual number is probably much higher because the majority of children considered at

risk of poisoning have not been tested.

Externship Opportunity

The Children's Health and Education Project of the Chicago Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights is seeking 3rd year law students to assist on a variety of legal and policy matters, including a class action lawsuit and proposed legislation around issues affecting students in the Chicago Public Schools. For more information, please contact Professor Geraghty.

Fellowship Opportunities

Applications for the prestigious Zubrow Fellowship in Children's Law at the Juvenile Law Center, Philadelphia, PA, are due October 1, 2003, for fellowships beginning in September, 2004. Applicants who are in their final year of a law school program (J.D. or LL.M.), or who are judicial clerks, are eligible to apply. Further information is available at www.jlc.org.

Publication Opportunities

The Whittier Journal of Child & Family Advocacy is looking for articles for publication dealing with various issues faced by children and families in the legal system. For further information contact Cynthia C. Siebel, Whittier Journal of Child & Family Advocacy, Whittier Law School, 3333 Harbor Blvd., Costa Mesa, CA 92626, (714) 444-4141-ext. 312, Fax (714) 444-3230; or see WJCFA@law.whittier.edu.

Alumni News

Robyn Kaufman '98 and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of their son, Joshua Tyler Kaufman, born May 9, 2003. Robyn is a supervisor in the Child Support Enforcement Division of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

Dorene Kuffer, LL.M. '01, has been named Director of Training for the Office of the Cook County Public Defender.

Brian Gallagher, LL.M.'96, Assistant Prosecutor for the Camden, N.J. County Prosecutor's Office, was quoted in an article on children's advocacy centers in the April 7, 2003 volume of "Social Work Today."

Cheryl DeMichele Price, JD '00, and her husband welcomed the birth of their son, Samuel Hawkins Price, on June 4, 2003.

Two alumna have announced their engagements. **Nancy Drane**, JD '01 will wed Dana Colarulli. She recently moved to Washington, D.C. after completing a clerkship on the Connecticut Supreme Court. **Alicia Vega**, MJ '99, Program and Policy Research and Development Coordinator for the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center, is engaged to Maria Cuevas.

Tamara Perry, JD, '02, has accepted a position with the Office of Civil Rights where her duties will include investigation of racial/ethnic disparities in access to health services, including children.

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Welcome (back) to Loyola. We look forward to seeing you at the ChildLaw Center, 16 E.

Pearson.

