

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS	
December 1	Registration begins
December 2 4-5 p.m.	ChildLaw Holiday/ Graduation Party
December 19	Exams end
January 5	Classes resume
January 7 4-5 p.m.	Coffee Talk - Bernardine Dohrn

Child and Family Law Curriculum: Spring, May and Summer / Fall, 2004

Below is a partial list of courses offered as part of Loyola's child and family law curriculum over the next several months. For further information about these courses, please contact ChildLaw Center Director, Professor Geraghty (5-7155/dgeragh@luc.edu), and/or consult the Law School's on-line registration materials.

Spring:

- J.D./LL.M./M.J (second year)
 - Adoption Law Seminar, 1 credit, M 4-5.
 - Child and Family Law Mediation, 2 credits, T 7-9.
 - ChildLaw Seminar on Domestic Violence, 3 credits, M 6-9.
 - Children's Legal Rights Journal, variable credit.
 - Juvenile Justice, 2 credits, Thus. 5-7.
 - Directed Study, 1-2 credits (permission required)
- J.D./L.L.M. only
 - ChildLaw Clinic, 2-4 credits, T 4-6, permission required. Students with a student practice license receive preference.

May Semester:

- **Children's Summer Institute**, 2 credits, May 24-28, 8:30 - 4:30 (with substantial preparation each evening). Topic: "At the Heart of the Matter: An Interdisciplinary Examination of Children and Divorce."

August:

- **Intensive ChildLaw Trial Practice** (Trial Practice I), 3 credits, August 14-21, 8:30 - 4:30 (with substantial preparation each evening and in advance of the course). Evidence is a prerequisite. Class fills on first come basis. Sign up with Professor Carey if you intend to register for the course. Firm commitment required by August 1.

One Hundred Thank Yous

A heartfelt thank you to the students, staff and faculty who responded so promptly and generously to the ChildLaw Center's holiday gift program. Thanks to you and the many volunteers who purchased, wrapped and delivered gifts, we have achieved our goal of ensuring that each of the ChildLaw Clinic's clients receives a gift this holiday season.

And Two Goodbyes

As the semester draws to a close, we say goodbye to two persons who have made meaningful and lasting contributions to the education of our students, and the well-being of our program and community during their tenure at Loyola. **Judge Richard FitzGerald**, a distinguished visiting professor this semester, taught classes, mentored students, served as a Coffee Talk speaker and inspired all of us with his judicial leadership and deep commitment to children's welfare. **Maria Woltjen**, who has spearheaded Loyola's community-based initiatives around childhood lead poisoning prevention, has accepted a position Project Coordinator for the Heartland Alliance/MIHRC Unaccompanied

Immigrant Children's Rights Project, overseeing implementation of a model service program for detained children.

Internship/Externship Opportunities

The Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Children's Health and Education Project is seeking 2nd or 3rd year law students to assist on a variety of legal and policy matters, including a class action lawsuit against the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, a public nuisance lawsuit against lead-based paint manufacturers, and issues affecting public school students. Please contact Amy Zimmerman at 312-630-9744 or email at azimmerman@clccrul.org for additional information. You may also contact Professor Weinberg at 312-915-6482 or aweinbe@luc.edu for additional information about the Lawyers Committee.

Students interested in receiving externship credit for working with a not-for-profit school law firm next semester should contact attorney and part-time Loyola faculty member, Micki Moran, The Child & Family Law Center of the North Shore, at 847-559-0101.

Faculty News

Professor Anita Weinberg will receive a 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Public Interest Law Initiative on December 4, 2003 at their annual luncheon. Other awardees include: Abner Mikva (distinguished public service award), Paul Gaynor (distinguished alumni award), and Baker and McKenzie (pro bono initiative award).

Professor Weinberg and **Professor Diane Geraghty** have been invited to join the Editorial Board of *Illinois Child Welfare*, a new multidisciplinary journal published by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and Loyola University Chicago School of Social Work.

On December 4-5, ChildLaw Center faculty will participate in a training designed to allow child welfare caseworkers to testify more effectively in the courtroom. The training will involve judges, attorneys and caseworkers in an interactive program around issues of permanency and termination of parental rights. DuPage County Circuit Court Judge and part-time Loyola faculty member, **Judge Robert Anderson**, has been instrumental in helping to organize the training, which is funded by a grant from the Illinois State Court Improvement Project.

The November 13th edition of the New York Law Journal contains an article on a new program, **Training the Lawyer to Represent the Whole Child**, that arose out of a conference hosted by Loyola's ChildLaw Center two years ago. The first training, co-sponsored by Loyola, Northwestern Law School, the ABA Section on Litigation, and the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, was held in October, 2002 at the University of Pennsylvania; the second will take place at Hofstra law school in March, 2004.

Family Law Essay Context

The ABA Section on Family Law has announced the 2004 **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest** designed to create greater interest in the field of family law among law students. All second and third year full-time students (and second through fourth year part-time students) are eligible to compete. Cash prizes are awarded to the top three winners. Essays should be approximately 5,000 words in length and may be on any topic of children's or family law. Submissions are due **April 2, 2004**. For more information or to receive mandatory entry blanks, contact the Section of Family Law, American Bar Association, 750 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60611. Materials about the competition are on the ChildLaw Society Bulletin Board, 2nd Floor.

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