

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January 7-14	ChildLaw Trial Practice
January 15	First Day of Class - Spring Semester
January 20	Martin Luther King Holiday - Offices Closed
January 29 4-5 p.m.	Coffee Talk: Dr. Michael Bland

Holiday Gift Giving

Thanks to *all* the Loyola students, alumni, staff, faculty and parents who, through their generous donation of gifts and time, brightened the holidays for the ChildLaw Clinic's child clients. Special thanks go to Clinic Secretary, Sandra Constantine, and to law students Jill Johnson, Nicole Torrado and Cecilia Kline, who coordinated the purchase, wrapping and delivery of gifts.

Coffee Talk Series Resumes

The ChildLaw Center's weekly Coffee Talk series will resume on Wednesday, January 29 from 4-5 p.m. in the ChildLaw Center, 16 E. Pearson, 2d Floor. The presenter will be Dr. Michael Bland, a clinical counselor and clinical-pastoral coordinator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Victim Assistance Ministry, where for the last decade he has counseled victims of sexual abuse by church personnel. Dr. Bland, who is himself a survivor of clergy sexual abuse, serves as a member of the National

Review Board for the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.

Family Law Essay Contest

Win cash prizes, possible publication in the Family Law Quarterly, and more by participating in the ABA Schwab Memorial Essay Contest. Upper division students who write an original work on family or juvenile law are eligible to win. For further information and an entry blank, contact the Section of Family Law, American Bar Association, 750 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60611. The deadline for entries is April 4, 2003.

Career Opportunities

- ***Summer Internships***

Applications are due by February 10 for the Bergstrom Summer Child Welfare Law Fellowships. Recipients are brought to the U. of Michigan for three days of training (May 22-24) and then placed for 10 weeks in child welfare law offices throughout the nation. The Fellowship includes up to \$500 to fund travel expenses for participants and some funding for additional summer stipends is available. See the website for an application and further information at <http://www.law.umich.edu/childlaw/>.

The Emory Summer Child Advocacy Program has paid child advocacy internships available for work in Georgia from May 27 - August 8, 2003. Applications are due on or before January 23, 2003. For more information, contact Karen Worthington, Director, Barton Child Law and Policy Clinic, Emory University School of Law or see the website at <http://www.childwelfare.net>.

- ***Job Opening***

The ABA Center on Children and the Law seeks a staff attorney to provide substantive child welfare legal expertise for projects of the Center, with emphasis on state court system reform and improvements related to handling of child abuse and neglect cases. Will travel extensively to provide on-site technical assistance. Ideal candidate will have a law degree with strong academic qualifications, several years of experience in child welfare or court reform and good communication and writing skills. Knowledge of federal child welfare laws is essential. Please send cover letter and resume including salary requirements to: American Bar Association, Attn: HR-C997, 740 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20005 or fax to: (202) 662-1032, or e-mail: abajobsdc@abanet.org.

The Chicago Children's Advocacy Center has posted new job openings for several positions, including a bi-lingual family advocate and a pregnant and parenting teens program coordinator. See their website at www.ChicagoCAC.org.

■ *Directed Study for Spring, 2003*

The Children's Health and Education Project of the Chicago Committee for Civil Rights Under Law is seeking 2nd or 3rd year law students to work 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, individual early intervention cases for infants and toddlers, tracking, analyzing and helping develop legislation affecting public school students, the use of standardized tests in Chicago public schools and school financing. Please contact Amy Zimmerman at 312-630-9744 or email at azimmerman@clccrul.org for additional information. Or you may contact Professor Weinberg at 5-6482, or aweinbe@luc.edu for more information about the Chicago Lawyer's Committee.

Faculty Activities

Professor **Anita Weinberg** and **Maria Woltjen**, Community Coordinator of the Lead Safe Housing Initiative at the ChildLaw Center, presented a workshop in November at the Midwest Regional Lead-Safe Housing

conference. The topic of the workshop was "University-Community Collaborations to Address Childhood Lead Poisoning."

On December 9, Professor **Weinberg**, representing the Illinois Lead Safe Housing Task Force, presented comments to Governor-Elect Rod Blagojevich's Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Transition Committee. The comments focused on the problem of childhood lead poisoning and efforts the new governor can oversee to protect children against this environmental health hazard.

Professor **Weinberg** has been asked to serve on newly elected Cook County Board Commissioner Larry Suffredin's Court Reform Task Force. The Task Force will tackle a range of pressing issues, including development of a new domestic violence courthouse.

On January 1, the Chicago Tribune published **Professor Bruce Boyer's** commentary on the damage done to children who are moved from foster home to foster home while in the child welfare system.

Alumni News

Angela Upchurch Wilhelm, '01, has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Law at Capital Law School in Columbus, Ohio. The appointment is effective for Fall, 2003.

[If you are a Loyola JD, LL.M or M.J. graduate and have professional or other news to share with your classmates and others in the Loyola community, please contact Sandra Constantine at sconsta@luc.edu.]

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