

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4, 2003 6:00 p.m. 5 th Floor Faculty Lounge	M.J. in Child and Family Law Careers Panel
March 5, 2003	Coffee Talk - Patrick Murphy: Issues Facing Illinois' Child Welfare System
March 13-15 St. Louis	Interdisciplinary Teaching Conference
March 19, 2003	Coffee Talk - Liisa Thomas - Children's Online Privacy Protection Act
March 20, 2003 House 5:30 p.m. Room 110	LL.M./M.J. Open
March 26, 2003	Coffee Talk - Nina Vinek: Children and Handguns
March 30, 2003	Interview Day for 2004 ChildLaw Fellows

March Coffee Talk Series

On March 5, Cook County Public Guardian **Patrick Murphy** will address the current state of child welfare law and practice in Illinois. Murphy's appearance comes at a time when Illinois's child welfare system is

once again under siege after a series of high profile cases involving children in foster care. Murphy will share his suggestions for reform, which include establishment of separate agencies to handle abuse investigations, foster care and adoption, limits on the number of foster children in a home, and loosening of confidentiality laws.

The first Coffee Talk speaker after spring break will be **Liisa Thomas**, an intellectual property attorney with the firm of Gardner, Carton & Douglas and a part-time faculty member at John Marshall Law School. She will be addressing one of the many legal issues involving children and the internet, the recently enacted Children's Online Privacy Protection Act. Knowledge of the Act is important not only for internet providers and child advocates, but for anyone who seeks to reach a child audience on the internet, including social service agencies and other public interest groups.

The final Coffee Talk in March will occur on March 26, when our guest will be **Nina Vinek**, an attorney representing the Firearms Law Center. She will outline recent efforts to enact effective and legal firearms regulations aimed at protecting children, including the proposed Firearms Safety and Consumer Protection Act, which would require that firearms meet the same health and safety standards as other dangerous products.

Child and Family Law Essay Contests

Why not enter a paper you have written for law school in the annual National Association of Counsel for Children Student Essay Competition? Essays, which may not exceed 15 single spaced pages, will be evaluated on the importance of the topic to advancing the legal interests of children, persuasiveness, and the quality of research and writing. Essays must be submitted by **July 15, 2003**; there is a \$10 application fee. Send entries to NACC Student Essay Competition, 1825 Marion Street, Suite 340 Denver,

CO 80218. The winner will receive a cash prize and publication of his or her essay. Enter now!

The ABA Schwab Essay Contest is open to students in the area of Family Law. This contest not only gives students the opportunity to concentrate on some aspect of family law in which they have an interest, but also gives them the possibility for national exposure through publications in the Family Law Quarterly. The deadline for submission of the essay is **April 4**. More information can be found at the ChildLaw Center bulletin board, or by writing the Family Law Section, American Bar Association, 750 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60611.

Faculty Activities

Professor Anita Weinberg is a presenter at a conference on "Promoting Justice Through Interdisciplinary Teaching, Practice, and Scholarship" scheduled for March 13 - March 15, 2003 at Washington University Law School in St. Louis. Law school faculty from throughout the country will come together to explore the goals of interdisciplinary collaboration, possible ethical conflicts and guidelines for resolving them, teaching models, and clinic and course designs. See <http://law.wustl.edu>.

Professor Stacey Platt recently wrote and videotaped a segment on child representation for the ABA Child Custody Project's national videotape training for attorneys representing children in high conflict custody and visitation disputes.

As part of an ongoing collaboration with the ABA and State Department, **Professor Diane Geraghty** will travel to Uganda over spring break to continue work on implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in East Africa. This year's program will include a NITA-style trial advocacy training for children's attorneys and other lawyers.

Job Announcements

Hofstra School of Law in Hempstead, NY seeks applicants to establish five clinics in one or more of the following areas: child advocacy, family law, mediation,

immigration, tax, criminal law, small business, health care advocacy and legal issues facing sexual minorities. Applications are invited from entry-level or experienced clinicians. To apply, send a proposal for a clinical program, along with your resume and a writing sample to: Prof. Stefan Krieger, Hofstra University School of Law, 108 Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY 11549-1080 **by March 7**.

Lansner & Kubitschek, a NYC public interest firm focusing on civil rights, matrimonial, and family law, seeks an associate who will spend approximately two-thirds time handling cases in federal court, including cases protecting the rights of battered women and foster children. Send resume and writing sample to: Brett S. Ward, Esq., Lansner & Kubitschek, 325 Broadway, Suite 201, NY10007 (212- 349-0900).

Alumni News

Brian Gallagher, LL.M. '98, inaugural editor of Loyola's Children's Legal Rights Journal, and an attorney in the Camden, N.J. prosecutor's office writes that he recently won a jury verdict in a case involving aggravated sexual assault of an eight-year old girl.

Kelly Browe Olson, LL.M. '98 (and former Director of Mediation at Loyola) is Director of the Legal Clinics at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, not at the University of Arkansas as reported in the last newsletter.

Faculty and Staff Directory

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