

CHILDLAW CENTER CALENDAR

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004
4pm ~ Coffee Talk with
Sauna Boliker

Monday, Nov. 15, 2004
5pm ~ Presentation on lead
poisoning prevention

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004
9am ~ Discussion with
James Garbarino

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004
4pm ~ End of the Semester
Party

**For more information on
ChildLaw Center events,
see "Upcoming Events"**

Spring 2005 ChildLaw Course Schedule: (tentative)

Adoption Law
~Tuesday, 6 – 7 pm

**Child & Family Law
Mediation**
~ Wednesday, 7 – 9 pm

ChildLaw Clinic
~ Tuesday, 4 – 6 pm

Fellows Seminar
~Monday, 3:30 – 5 pm

Juvenile Justice
~Wednesday, 5 – 7 pm

**Seminar on Domestic
Violence**
~Monday, 6 – 9 pm

MJ Con. Law
~Tuesday, 7 – 9 pm

MJ ChildLaw II
~Monday, 7 – 9 pm

MJ Seminar
~Tuesday, 6 – 7 pm

MJ Thesis
~ Tuesday, 7 – 9 pm

NEWS & NOTES

Employment and Internship Opportunities at the National Center for Adoption Law and Policy

Capital University Law School, in Columbus, Ohio, is seeking a Legal Projects Coordinator at the National Center for Adoption Law and Policy. The center is the only entity exclusively dedicated to the improvement of child protection and adoption systems.

The Coordinator will work closely with the Center's director and associate

director in developing and implementing programs consistent with the Center's mission to use advocacy and research to minimize barriers to adoption or other permanent placements for children.

A law degree and admission to a state bar are required.

Additional information can be obtained from the ChildLaw Center, or by contacting Angela Upchurch at

Capital University, at (612) 236-6535 or via email at aupchurch@law.capital.edu.

The National Center for Adoption Law and Policy is also interested in obtaining summer interns (1Ls or 2Ls) to assist the Center with amicus briefs and with the various policy initiatives the Center is starting.

Students interested in summer employment at the Center can contact Angela Upchurch for additional information.

Upcoming Events...

* On Wednesday, **November 10th**, Sauna Boliker, the head of the Sex Crimes Unit at the State's Attorney's Office, was the Coffee Talk Speaker.

* On **November 15th**, Mary Burns will be presenting a program on lead poisoning prevention to childcare providers. The event is from 6 to 8 p.m., and is being held at the YWCA located at 5080 W. Harrison. Topics will include the effects of lead on a child's functioning in the school setting, the importance of early screening for lead, and how to educate and support parents about childhood lead poisoning. The ChildLaw

Center's Lead Safe Housing Initiatives hopes to work with other Chicago communities' day care providers to provide similar trainings throughout the year.

* Reserve a seat for an informative, provocative discussion with James Garbarino, a nationally renowned expert on the topic of child development in a Socially Toxic Environment, from 9am to noon on **November 16th**. Dr. Garbarino's current research focuses on the impact of family and community violence and trauma on child development and interventions to deal with these effects. This includes the

effects of "social toxicity" and bullying on child and adolescent development. The keynote will be followed by a panel discussion reflecting on Dr. Garbarino's comments. Dr. Garbarino and the panel will then dialogue with the audience about critical issues facing urban youth and families. This event is part of a year-long effort to bring the Loyola community together to discuss issues related to children and families and the development of a Child and Family Center for Excellence. For more information, or to reserve a seat, contact Grace Kirk at (312) 915-7093 or gkirk@luc.edu.

Child Law Society Updates

* The ChildLaw Society raised \$175.00 for the Kids Café Program of the Greater Chicago Food Depository during Loyola's observance of Hunger Week.

* November 12th, is the due date for Give-a-Gift donations. If you would like to sponsor a child, stop by the Center for a name. The ChildLaw Society will be hosting a wrapping

party to wrap all the gifts donated. Delivery of gifts will begin on November 20th.

* Voices for Illinois Children will sponsor an Advocacy Seminar for the ChildLaw Society on November 19th at their office, 208 LaSalle, Suite 1490, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

* On December 2nd, in observance of World AIDS Day,

the ChildLaw Society will host a Potluck/Movie Night, showing "Every Child Has a Voice," a film featuring an AIDS Education effort in Swaziland.

* Please join the ChildLaw Society's ongoing progressive dialogue on child law related issues in the Discussion forum of the ChildLaw Society TWEN page.

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Faculty & Staff Activities

* Professor **Stacey Platt** has been invited to join the newly-formed Law Faculty Advisor Committee of the Family Law Education Reform Project, co-sponsored by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and the Center for Children, Families and the Law at Hofstra University School of Law. The goal of the Project is to provide family law teachers the ideas, tools and materials they need to bring family law teaching in line with modern family law

practice, and to help students become effective and reflective family law practitioners. The Committee's first meeting will be held this month in New York.

* Professor **Anita Weinberg** has been reappointed to a second three-year term as a member of the Cook County Department of Public Health's Lead Poisoning Prevention Advisory Council. Professor Weinberg is the sole representative of a non-

profit advocacy group named to the Advisory Council.

* Professor **Weinberg** was featured on WNUA City Voices morning radio show on October 17th, discussing childhood lead poisoning in Chicago, the need for additional resources to address the problem, and efforts under way to eliminate lead poisoning being led by Loyola's Civitas ChildLaw Center and the Chicago Department of Public Health.

Summer Employment in D.C., San Francisco

The Youth Law Center is seeking law students to work full-time for ten weeks this summer in San Francisco or Washington, D.C. Students will work closely with attorneys on pending federal and state civil rights litigation. Tasks include doing legal research and writing, drafting pleadings, attending litigation strategy meetings and any local court proceedings.

In addition, students do legal research and prepare memoranda on public policy aspects of child welfare and juvenile justice. Students may also work on publications of the Youth Law Center. Applicants must have completed their first year of law school and should have excellent research and writing skills. Experience in child advocacy work may be

helpful. Interested students should send a resume, a list of three references, and a writing sample to Mamie Yee, YLC, 417 Montgomery Street, Suite 900, San Francisco, CA 94104, or to Valerie McDowell, YLC, 1010 Vermont, N.W., Suite 310, Washington, D.C. 20005. The Youth Law Center's website is located at www.ylc.org.

Alumni News

ChildLaw Fellow Alum **Alison Ozawa Sanders** ('02) has been promoted into the Family Protection Unit of the Santa Cruz County District Attorney's office. Ali, who has been an Assistant District Attorney in the office for two years, will be handling domestic violence and child physical abuse cases.

Tim Eirich ('04) was sworn-in to the Colorado Bar in October. He is serving as a public defender in Denver, and was sworn in early due to his extensive case load.

Bob Stokas (J.D. '02, LL.M. '03), married Rachael Arnold on June 5, 2004. Bob is now a Lead Attorney in the Child Support Enforcement Division of the Cook County

State's Attorney's Office. He will be lecturing on the topic of Child Support in Professor Coupet's Family Law course on **November 22nd**.

ChildLaw Fellow Alum **Amy (Bouchard) Carletti** ('04) married Matt Carletti on October 10th.

Brian Gallagher (LL.M., '97) and his wife Beth are expecting their first child in December.

Katrina Thaler (J.D. '99) recently relocated to Ithaca, New York from Boston, to practice with the firm of Thaler & Thaler. Part of her practice includes representing children and parents who are involved in the child protective system



and children in juvenile delinquency proceedings in New York. In addition to moving, Katrina recently married Robert Medeiros. They plan to reside in Ithaca.

On October 18th, **Dorene Kuffer** (LL.M. '02) began her new position as Chief at the Juvenile Justice Division at the Cook County Public Defender's Office.