



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. Oct. 1
4:00 - 5:00 pm
ChildLaw Center
Coffee Talk: **Ada Skyles**,
*Race and Cultural Competence
in Child Advocacy*

Tues. Oct. 7
12:00 - 1:00
Rm. 1467
Erin Masters, '04 *Careers in
Family Law* presentation

Wed. Oct. 15
4:00 - 5:00
ChildLaw Center
Coffee Talk: **Erin Sorenson**,
*Alone No Love - a Powerful
Documentary on Child Abuse
and Healing*

Wed. Oct. 16
12:00
LUMA
Nicolas Cafardi,
*How Not to Handle a Crisis:
Roman Catholic Bishops and
Pedophile Priest*

Thurs, Oct. 23
5:00 pm
Kasbeer
A. Kathleen Beazley Chair in
ChildLaw Induction Ceremony

Wed. Oct. 29
Annual Halloween Party &
"Fun(d)raiser"

WELCOME HILLARY COUSTAN

Hillary Coustan has joined the Civitas ChildLaw Center as Associate Director of the ChildLaw and Education Institute. The Institute, under the leadership of its director, Dean **Michael Kaufman**, offers an integrated curriculum in education law, interdisciplinary research and outreach, and advocacy resources for children confronting barriers to educational opportunities. Prior to joining Loyola, Hillary was a litigation associate at Reed Smith and an adjunct faculty member at Northwestern, where she co-taught a seminar on disability law. Hillary graduated from Stanford Law School, where she was a teaching assistant to the Youth and Education Law Project.

SUFFER THE CHILDREN

Suffer the Children, The Nightmare of Immigration Politics will take place on Thursday, October 30, 2008 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm at LUMA. Professors **Bruce Boyer** and **James Garbarino** will speak, and two original works of theatre will dramatize the negative impact of US immigration policies on children. A \$50 donation is suggested; students are asked for a \$10 donation to support the playwrights or, alternatively, to bring one other attendee. Proceeds will benefit the co-sponsors, including the ChildLaw Center. Please contact Professor Geraghty for tickets or information (dgeragh@luc.edu/312-915-7155). There will also be a complimentary viewing of the Art of Democracy exhibit from 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

A. KATHLEEN BEAZLEY CHAIR IN CHILDLAW

We are pleased to announce that Professor **Diane Geraghty** will be inducted as the A. Kathleen Beazley Chair in Child Law on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 5:00 pm. The position was made possible thanks to the generosity of **Bernard J. Beazley**, a 1950 graduate of Loyola's School of Law and a Loyola Board of Trustee member and his wife, Kathleen, in whose honor the chair is named. The Chair is part of this year's series of events to mark the Civitas ChildLaw Center's 15th anniversary.

GIVE-A-GIFT

Tis' the season for holiday giving. It's that time of the year when the ChildLaw Society and the ChildLaw Clinic announce the Give-A-Gift drive. Annually over 100 gifts are collected and given to the ChildLaw Clinic's clients. This year with your help we hope to make it successful once again. To participate stop by the ChildLaw Center after October 1st to pick up a tag with a child's name, purchase a toy (between \$15 to \$20) and

drop it off at the Center by November 7 or donate any amount to help ensure that all the children receive a gift. If you have any questions contact Griselda Sánchez at gsanch3@luc.edu.

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

On September 22, the United States Senate unanimously passed the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 sending the bill to the President for signature. The bill is a significant step in improving the lives of America's foster children. Among the bill's highlights are provisions authorizing subsidized guardianship for foster children in the care of relatives, increasing education stability, coordinating health care services for foster children, allowing states to receive federal reimbursement for support provided to foster youth up to age 21. The full text of the bill can be found at: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h110-6893>

CLINIC NEWS

Earlier this month, Professor Bruce Boyer won a decisive ruling in the Illinois Court of Claims, where he has sought since 2001 to obtain money damage awards for current and former foster children who have had their social security benefits misappropriated by the Department of Children and Family Services. The decision denying the Department's motion to dismiss, which had been pending in the Court of Claims for more than five years, opens the door to potential relief for hundreds of individuals seeking to recover amounts ranging into the thousands of dollars.

CHILD LAW SOCIETY NEWS

Hunger Week is the Week of November 3rd and the Child Law Society will be working with the Loyola law community to raise money to benefit organizations such as the Chicago Food Depository. Be on the lookout for important announcements regarding activities. If you would like to get involved or make a donation to the Child Law Society for Hunger Week or other initiatives, please email childlawsociety@luc.edu.

ALUMNI NEWS

- **Brigette DeLay** '07 has been named UNICEF's Regional Child Protection Systems Specialist for West and Central Africa.
- **Timothy Eirich**, '04 has been named Deputy Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain Children's Center in Denver, Colorado.

- **Erin McCloskey Maus**, '99, been named vice-president of the Center for Disability and Elder Law's board of directors. She has served on the board for over 5 years and has handled special education cases for CDEL clients. She also is on the board of the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI).
- **Robert Stokas** '03 and his wife Rachael Stokas announced the birth of their daughter Mary Stokas, born on August 13, 2008.
- **Ilene Lin Bloom** '96 and her husband JJ Henrikson welcomed a son, Hayden Von Henrikson, on March 21, 2008. Ilene currently represents victims of domestic violence through Colorado Legal Services in Denver.
- **Sandi J. Toll** '02 welcomed Lillian Taylor Kahn on January 17, 2008.
- **Kristin Zipple-Shedd** '06 writes that she and her husband **RJ Hazeltine-Shedd** '06 have moved to Houston where she is working at the Cabrini Center for Immigration Legal Assistance, working with youth and crime victim.

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