



Civitas ChildLaw Center

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee Talk: Kate Yannias	October 6 4:00–4:50 pm
Coffee Talk: Barbara Shaw	October 13 4:00–4:50 pm
Halloween Party & “Fun(d)raiser”	October 27 4:00–4:50 pm
Children and Cybercrime Symposium	October 29 8:00–3:30 pm

OCTOBER COFFEE TALK SPEAKERS

On October 6, Kate Yannias, the federal court-appointed monitor in the landmark Corey H. case will be our Coffee Talk presenter. In 1992, Chicago-based attorneys filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of 53,000 children with disabilities who were entitled to special education services in the Chicago Public Schools. The suit attacked CPS policies that illegally segregated these children in violation of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. A settlement in the case was

reached in 1998. Kate will speak about her role and the challenges she faces in ensuring that the complicated settlement agreement is implemented as intended.

Violence in Chicago's homes, schools, and on its streets has made national headlines over the last year. On October 13, our Coffee Talk speaker will be Barbara Shaw, Director of the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority and chair of the Governor's Children's Mental Health Partnership.



She will discuss issues concerning youth who are affected by violence and initiatives to prevent and reduce violence in our communities.

Coffee Talk takes place on Wednesdays from 4:00 - 4:50 in the ChildLaw Center, 11th Floor. All are welcome and refreshments are served.

CHILDREN AND CYBERCRIME

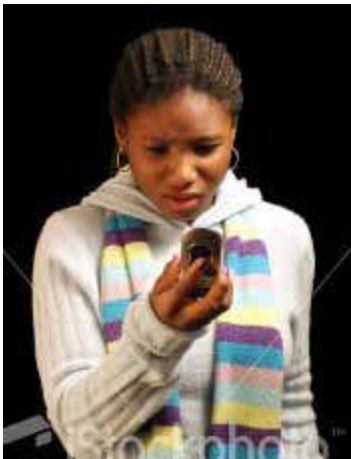
The Children's Legal Rights Journal presents, “Cyberbullying and Sexting” on October 29, 2010. This one-day conference will explore the legal issues relevant to teens and the use of technology. Keynote speaker for the program is Erika Harold, a Harvard law school graduate and former Miss America. As Miss America, Ms. Harold was actively involved in bullying prevention advocacy. The morning's program will include speakers addressing current issues, including the criminal aspects of cyberbullying and sexting, implications of

criminalizing these behaviors, and other ideas on effectively regulating teen use of technology. At lunch, Chicago area teens will share their views on cyberbullying and sexting and how these behaviors affect them and their friends. Finally, a variety of experts and professionals working to address issues associated with cyberbullying and sexting will highlight state legislation, techniques for legal intervention, and efforts at education and prevention. This program



has been approved by the Illinois MCLE board for 3.75 hours of credit (law) and for 5 hours of CEU credit (social work). Registration is free if you are not seeking MCLE or CEU credits, however it is still required.

To register visit:
www.luc.edu/law/clrj2010

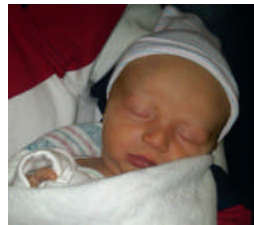


Faculty and Staff Updates

ChildLaw Faculty Diane Geraghty, Stacey Platt and Anita Weinberg and Post-Graduate ChildLaw Policy Fellow, Soledad McGrath, participated at the Human Trafficking and Exploitation of Children in the United States Conference held by Loyola's Center for the Human Rights of Children on September 22-23, 2010. Soledad McGrath served as moderator of the panel Prevention of Child Trafficking and Exploitation, Best Practices and Research. The panel focused on the need to increase efforts to prevent the trafficking and exploitation of children and discussed promising programs currently underway.

Professor Diane Geraghty has authored a set of case files for use in training law school clinical and experiential faculty in the developing world. Topics covered in the materials include child rights, family law, domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, prisoners' rights, and restorative justice. The materials will be piloted in an upcoming training in Ethiopia in November.

Congratulations to Hillary Coustan and her family who welcomed Ari Lewis Coustan on September 10, 2010.



Seize the Moment: Justice for the Child

Northwestern University's Children and Family Justice Center, in partnership with the Northwestern Journal of Law and Social Policy, will host a one day symposium on October 8, 2010. The Symposium will focus on Children Separated from Families, Children Deprived of Liberty, and Advocating for the Whole Child. Professor Bruce Boyer, Director of the Civitas

ChildLaw Clinic will be on a panel addressing children separated from their families and the challenges of lawyering for children in an economic recession. The event is free and open to the public, however registration is required. For further information and to register contact Toni Curtis at 312-503-0396 or e-curtis@law.northwestern.edu.

Child Poverty Rates Grow

According to recently released statistics from the US Census Bureau, approximately one in five American children lives below the federally-pegged poverty line -- calculated as an income of \$22,050 per year for a family of four.



In parts of Illinois, one in three children live in poverty. According to the Illinois Voices for Children 2010 Illinois Kids Court Report, Rockford has the highest child poverty rate among Illinois' 10 largest cities. Thirty-four percent of children in that community live in poverty. Chicago came in second, with approximately 30% of the city's children growing up in poverty-level income households. These figures have grown significantly in recent years as the recession has led to higher unemployment rates and lowered wages.



Congratulations!

A heartfelt congratulations to all those who recently passed the Bar !

Alumni News

Laura Lacci Michelotti (JD'08) has accepted a position with Children's Home + Aid Society as the Director of Annual Giving. Laura will be responsible for written individual appeals, e-philanthropy and donor segmentation.

Alta Jacko (MJ '00) was recently profiled in a Time Magazine article Titled "The Push to Ordain Female Priests Gains Ground."

Anthony Plaid (JD '08) is now an Assistant Public Defender in the Cook County Public Defender's Office.

Internship Opportunity

The U.S. Department of State is now accepting applications for the 2011 Summer Student Internship Program. The deadline to submit completed applications is



November 1, 2010. To be eligible you must be a U.S. Citizen and a current student (full- or part-time continuing college or university junior, or graduate student - including graduating seniors intending to go on to graduate school). For more information and to start the online application process go to: <http://careers.state.gov/students/programs.html#>

Give a Gift Program

'Tis the season! The ChildLaw Society and the ChildLaw Clinic will be holding its annual Give-A-Gift drive for the ChildLaw Clinic clients. The gift drive helps ensure that all the child clients to the clinic, who are underprivileged, receive a gift.

As in past years, we are asking the Law School Community and alumni to help make this year's drive a successful one. To participate stop by the Civitas ChildLaw Center (Room 1107) after October 6th to pick up a tag with a child's name, purchase a gift (between \$15 and \$20) and drop it off at the Center by November 5. You may also help



by donating wrapping paper or any monetary amount to help ensure that all the children receive a gift. If you have any questions contact Griselda Sánchez at gsanch3@luc.edu.

Help by spreading the word and forwarding this

information to all of your colleagues, friends, and family members to inform them about this great cause and these great events. Get into the holiday spirit early this year and help us to help our clients have a holiday season to remember. Any way in which you may be able to help is greatly appreciated.

Writing Competition

The annual Family Law Writing Competition hosted by Hofstra Law School and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. The Competition is made available to all law students from any country. The submission must be (1) student-written, (2) based on any area of family law, and (3) 25 pages, double-spaced. Among the prizes to be won is a \$500 cash prize and consideration for publication in Hofstra Law's Family Court Review. Submissions must be received by March 15, 2011.



www.hofstra.edu/pdf/law_fcr_writing_competition.pdf

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The Loyola Civitas ChildLaw Center is dedicated to promoting justice for children through interdisciplinary teaching, scholarship and service, and through the development of a new legal specialty, pediatric law.



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Upcoming Event

Join us at the Civitas ChildLaw Center at 4:00 p.m. on October 27, 2010 for our Annual Halloween Fun(d)raiser!

Funds collected go towards the purchase of holiday gifts and wrapping paper for the ChildLaw Clinic Clients.

Donations of wrapping paper and ribbon are gladly accepted.