



Civitas ChildLaw Center

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3 11:30-4:30	Juvenile Justice in Chicago
Coffee Talk: March 16	4:00-4:50 pm Bruce Boyer
Coffee Talk: March 23	4:00-4:50 pm Dr. Debra Ferguson
Coffee Talk: March 30	4:00-4:50 pm Hon. Kathy Ryg

COFFEE TALK SPEAKERS

This month our Coffee Talk sessions will start off with **Bruce Boyer**, Clinical Professor & Director of the Child-Law Clinic, who will discuss a first-hand account of the Supreme Court argument in *Camreta v. Green*. The following week **Dr. Debra Ferguson**, Senior Deputy Director of the

Illinois Division of Mental Health, will talk about mental health and juvenile justice.



This month's final speaker will be the **Honorable Kathy Ryg**, President of Voices for Illinois Children, on the topic of Illinois' Children's Report Card. Please join us every Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. in the Coffee Talk room of the ChildLaw Center. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served!

Juvenile Justice in Chicago: Moving Forward with Restorative Justice and Expungement

Please join us at DePaul Center on **Thursday, March 3rd** to learn about issues that face youth in Chicago's juvenile justice system. **Randell Strickland**, Illinois Models for Change Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator, will serve on a panel which will address expungement of juvenile records. The second panel will discuss restorative justice practices in Chicago's Juvenile Court, schools, and communities. The final panel will address the basics of expungement and the need for it, and as well focus on community and policy efforts to improve and increase access to expungement. **Soledad McGrath**, ChildLaw Post-Graduate Policy Fellow, will be a panelist.

DePaul Center (Loop Campus)
1 E Jackson Blvd., Room 8005
11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Lunch will be provided
Up to 4.25 hours of free CLE credit available
RSVP to alix.strunk@gmail.com



Children's Home & Aid Internship

Children's Home + Aid has obtained a grant from the Fry Foundation to work on an exciting new project: the Children's Mental Health Program Evaluation Collaborative Project. The project will help to inform policy and practice concerning the evaluation and reporting requirements for government contracted mental health providers in Illinois. The intern position is to assist with the project and other Development/ External Affairs work. Please e-mail **Brittany Bohn Beagley**, '07 at bbeagley@childrenshomeandaid.org for additional information.

Faculty and Staff

Dean David Yellen was quoted in the February 14th National Law Journal article titled, "ABA's Young Lawyers Division adopts resolution on truth in law school education." http://www.law.com/jsp/nlj/PubArticleNLJ.jsp?id=1202481866114&ABAs_Young_Lawyers_Division_adopts_resolution_on_truth_in_law_school_education&slreturn=1&hbxlogin=1

Professor Hillary Coustan moderated a panel on the topic of special education and charter schools at American University School of Law. The conference was entitled, "Current Issues in Special Education Advocacy" and took place on Friday, February 25, 2011.

Clinical Professor **Stacey Platt** and Associate Professor **Sacha Coupet** spoke at the Amaker Retreat on the topic of "Improving Child Client Communication."

ChildLaw Policy Fellow, **Soledad McGrath** will be speaking at Francis Parker High School this month on current efforts to reform juvenile expungement laws, including HB 2841.

Alumni News

Lydia Bueschel, '01, has been made a partner in the firm of Robinson Curley & Clayton in Chicago.

Registration for Fall is March 25 !

Get ready for the Fall Semester! Below is a listing of ChildLaw courses available for you to choose from when setting up your Fall schedules.

ChildLaw Clinic (4 credits)
Taught by Professors Bruce Boyer, Stacey Platt, and Post-Grad Salisbury Fellow Miranda Johnson.
Permission is required and an application for the course is sent out via Law School Announcements.

ChildLaw Legislation Clinic (4 credits)
Taught by Professor Anita Weinberg and Post-Grad Policy Fellow, Soledad McGrath. Instructor permission is required for the course.

Child, Parent, & State (2 credits)
Taught by Professor Sacha Coupet .

Education Law Practicum (1-3 credits)
Taught by Professor Hillary Coustan. Instructor permission is required.

Family Law (3 credits)
Taught by Honorable Robert Anderson and Professor Sacha Coupet.

Family Law Practicum (1 credit)
Taught by Professor Sacha Coupet. Instructor permission is required for this course.

Summer ChildLaw Class: Children's Summer Institute

The topic for this year's **Children's Summer Institute (Law 663)**, offered May 23-27 is "Permanency for Children in the Child Welfare System." Over the course of a week, students engage in an interdisciplinary examination of the meaning behind "best interest of the child," particularly as it relates to federal and state policies aimed at achieving permanency for children and to disparities in child welfare decision making and their impact on children and families. Students will examine a series of complex questions involving children's best interests, including: how "family" is defined; whether current laws and policies regarding permanency for children and families involved in the child welfare system adequately serve the best interest of children; and how to determine the best long term placement for each child. The course is open to students in law, social work, education, psychology, child development, and other related fields. For more information or instructor permission, contact Professor Anita Weinberg at aweinbe@luc.edu.



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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.



Upcoming Events

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Council on Contemporary Families 14th Annual Conference

The Council on Contemporary Families will be hosting its 14th Annual Conference on April 8-9, 2011, at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Student Center East. This year's theme is the "Tipping Point: When Minority Families Become the Majority." Complete conference details, including the conference schedule and online registration, can be found at: <http://www.contemporaryfamilies.org/conference/14thannualconference.html>

Carol Harding Lecture Series

The Carol Harding Lecture Series, held as part of the **Children's Summer Institute**, will be **May 23rd** and will be exploring the disparities in child welfare decision making based on race and its impact on children and families. The May 23rd program is open to the public, and continuing education credits should be available. For more information or to register, contact the ChildLaw Center at 312-915-6481.