



Civitas ChildLaw Center

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee Talk: Sept. 21	4:00-4:50pm Hon. Sara Feigenholtz
Coffee Talk: Sept. 28	NO COFFEE TALK
Coffee Talk: Oct. 5	4:00-4:50pm Prof. Andrea Lyon

WELCOME!

The Civitas ChildLaw Center houses Loyola's programming devoted to enhancing justice for children and promoting children's law as a legal specialty. The Center is located on the 11th floor of the Corboy Law Center. To learn more about the Center and its educational, service and law reform activities, please read our monthly newsletter (posted on Law School Announcements), visit www.luc.edu/childlaw or stop by the Center and introduce yourself.

If you are a student or alumna/alumnus who is interested in receiving the most up-to-date news about the Center, as well as internship/career

opportunities, join our list serve at <http://lists.luc.edu/listinfo/childlaw>. This semester's Coffee Talk series will feature a range of presentations from persons working with, and on behalf of children. The series takes place on Wednesdays from 4:00-4:50 in the ChildLaw Center, 11th Fl. Our first Coffee Talk speaker of the year will be the **Hon. Sara Feigenholtz**. Her presentation will focus on Illinois' new access to adoption records law.



Loyolans Honored by Chicago Bar Foundation



Congratulations to **Stacey Platt** on being selected as the 2011 recipient of the Leonard Jay Schragger Award of Excellence. The award is given annually by the Chicago Bar Foundation to an exemplary attorney in academia who has made significant and lasting contributions to improving access to justice for the less fortunate. **Richard Cozzola** '80, former program director of the Civitas ChildLaw Center is the 2011 recipient for the Chicago Bar Foundation's Thomas H. Morsch Public Service Award. Rich is an attorney for the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago. **Erin McCloskey Maus** '99, former ChildLaw Fellow, is the 2011 recipient for the Chicago Bar Foundation's Edward J. Lewis II Pro Bono Service Award. Erin is a partner at Baker & McKenzie LLP. The awards were presented at the CBF Annual Pro Bono & Public Service Award Luncheon on July 12 at the Fairmont Hotel.

<http://www.chicagobarfoundation.org/awards>

Faculty and Staff Updates

Professor **Mary Burns**, Community Projects Director for the Civitas ChildLaw Center's Lead Safe Housing Initiatives, was highlighted in the Spring 2011 issue of *St. Mary's College Courier* for her accomplished career as an advocate for justice.

During the summer, Professor **Stacey Platt** served as an instructor in the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence (ABA) and National Institute for Trial Advocacy programs "Fundamentals of Domestic Violence", "Basic Trials Skills for Domestic Violence Advocates", and "Partnering for a Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence" in Boulder, Colorado, Lexington, Kentucky and Boston, Massachusetts. This month, Prof. Platt will serve on a panel "What about the Children?" for The Lilac Tree: Resources for Divorcing Women, and

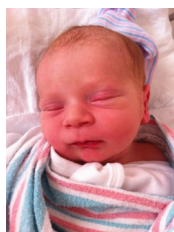
will present at Marquette University Law School's program "The Future of Court ADR: Mediation and Beyond."

Professor **Anita Weinberg** presented on "Advocacy and Policy Reform" on a Plenary Panel focused on Childhood Lead Poisoning, convened by Loyola's Stritch School of Medicine for the Family Medicine Residency Research Day. Prof. Weinberg was a speaker at the National Student Leadership Conference on Law and Advocacy. Prof. Weinberg participated in an invitational conference on juvenile justice reform issues convened by the Open Society Institute and Public Welfare Foundation in New York City.

Alumni News

Maureen Looker Kieffer '02, and her husband, Steve, welcomed a daughter, Kathleen Mary, on May 29, 2011. Maureen, an alumna of the ChildLaw Fellows program, currently serves as Associate Director of Loyola Law School's Office of Career Resources.

Nancy Drane '01, also an alumna of the ChildLaw Fellows program, welcomed a son, Braedan Drane Colarulli, on June 20, 2011. Nancy currently serves as the Training Director for the Guardian ad Litem Project at the Children's Law Center, in Washington, D.C.



Helen Kim Skinner '97, an adjunct faculty member, gave birth to a son, Mason, on August 10, 2011.

Cara Matern, '11, has accepted an attorney position with the Committee of Public for Public Counsel Services: Children and Family Law Division, in Salem, MA.

ICE Enforcement in the Tri-State Area in 2011: Practices, Advocacy and Legal Issues

This intensive one day training will focus on current ICE enforcement in the Tri-State Area (Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin) --- including advocacy and legal responses to ICE enforcement and anti-immigrant state legislation. The goal of the training is to understand the practical application of ICE enforcement policies in the Tri-State Area and to develop appropriate advocacy and legal responses. Speakers will include Stephen Smith, Organizing Director of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, Tom Ruge, attorney at Lewis & Kap-pes, Maria Baldini-Potermin, attorney at Maria Baldini-Potermin & Associates, Claudia Valenzuela, Associate Director of Litigation at National Immigrant Justice Center, and Erich Straub, attorney at Straub LLC .
When: **September 9, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.**
Where: Powers, Rogers & Smith Courtroom, 25 E Pearson 10th Fl.

To register please visit: <http://cliniclegal.org/calendar/1107/ice-enforcement-tri-state-area-2011-practices-advocacy-and-legal-issues>

Career Opportunities / Fellowships

Soros Justice Fellowship

The Soros Justice Fellowship in the advocacy category is for lawyers, advocates, grassroots organizer, activist academics, and others with important perspectives to initiate innovative policy advocacy projects that advance the Open Society Foundations' criminal justice reform priorities in the United States at the local, state, and national levels. Advocacy Fellowships are 18 months in duration and come with a stipend ranging from \$75,000-\$105,000. The application deadline is **Wednesday, October 12, 2011**. For further information, go to:

http://www.soros.org/initiatives/usprograms/focus/justice/programs/justice_fellows.



National Center for Youth Law

The National Center for Youth Law (NCYL) seeks an experienced attorney who has significant expertise in juvenile justice. The Center is currently working to reform the juvenile justice systems in several states, focusing on the over-incarceration of youth and the need for community-based alternatives to secure detention. NCYL is also working to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline in several states and opposing unduly harsh sentences for juveniles.

The new attorney will have the opportunity to shape the juvenile justice agenda for the future. NCYL employs a variety of strategies in its juvenile justice work, including working collaboratively with local juvenile justice stakeholders.

Position open until filled. Please mail or email a cover letter, resume, three professional references, and a writing sample to: Larry Nguyen

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Domestic Violence Legal Clinic: Divorce Division

Domestic Violence Legal Clinic (DVLC) is a civil legal service agency focusing on the practice of family law, with a specialization in domestic violence. DVLC provides immediate services at no expense to victims in the Cook County Domestic Violence Court-house.

Divorce Division student interns assist in all stages of divorce and parentage cases, including preparing pleadings, interviewing clients, doing legal research, and representing clients in court, all under the supervision of the Divorce Division attorney.

Students must immediately be eligible for a 711 license and be available to work at least two mornings per week.

Email resume and availability to Melanie MacBride at mmacbride@dvlcchicago.org

Family Violence Law Center

Family Violence Law Center (FVLC) is working to end domestic violence in Alameda County.

Our holistic approach integrates comprehensive protection and prevention services for abuse survivors with efforts to address and change barriers for survivors within the legal, health, education and criminal justice systems.

The Executive Director serves as the chief executive officer of FVLC, with primary responsibility for growing and improving the quality of the programs and fundraising, and providing leadership for the board committees, the agency and the community at large. Reporting to the board of directors, the Executive Director ensures that FVLC is fiscally sound and that its internal and external communications, fundraising and programs are meeting the needs and interests of its constituents. The Executive Director is responsible for the overall direction and management of the organization's programs, services, resource development, finances and personnel, in accordance with the organizational mission, strategic plan and operational policies of FVLC.

To apply:

Please submit a resume, cover letter and salary requirements to: edsearch@fvlc.org.

Applications will be reviewed beginning **September 15, 2011**.



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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.



SAVE THE DATE!

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- ◆ **November 2, 2011– *Special Education in Charter Schools: Challenges and Opportunities Conference*, hosted by ChildLaw and Education Institute**
- ◆ **November 4, 2011- *Protecting Child Rights Through Multidisciplinary Forensics Workshop*, hosted by the Center of the Human Rights of Children**
- ◆ **November 11, 2011– *LGBT Youth Conference*, hosted by the Children's Legal Rights Journal**