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Speakers & Moderators

Dr. Amy Blair, MD, Medical Director, Center for Service and Global Health, Assistant Professor, Family Medicine, Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University Chicago
Dr. Amy Blair received her undergraduate degree through the University of Iowa in Biochemistry, Spanish, and Global Health. She completed her medical school training at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, and her residency in Family Medicine at the University of Michigan, including a Chief resident year.

Through her Global Health undergraduate training, local and global service during medical school and residency, and as a visiting professor and volunteer faculty since completing residency, she has had field experiences in Central America and the Caribbean, South America, and Southern Africa. She is currently the Director of the Stritch School of Medicine Center for Service and Global Health, which works to provide a service-learning framework and coordination for the local and global service activities of Stritch students. She is interested in and can advise on women’s health, community health, and careers in primary care and global health. She oversees international electives and is creating a Global Health Scholars program with emphasis on international field experiences. Dr. Blair continues clinical practice as a Family Physician in Maywood, Illinois.

Arthur J. Lurigio, PhD, Loyola University Chicago
Dr. Arthur J. Lurigio, a psychologist, is Associate Dean for Faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences, and a Professor of Criminal Justice and Psychology at Loyola University Chicago, where he received tenure in 1993. He is also a member of the Graduate Faculty and Director of the Center for the Advancement of Research, Training, and Education (CARTE) at Loyola University Chicago and a Senior Research Advisor at Illinois Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC). In 2003, Dr. Lurigio was named a faculty scholar, the highest honor bestowed on senior faculty at Loyola University Chicago. In recognition of the overall outstanding contributions of his research to criminology and criminal justice practices, Dr. Lurigio was conferred the highly prestigious University of Cincinnati Award in 1996, the Hans W. Mattick Award in 2003, the Champion for Recovery: Excellence in Research Award in 2008, and the University of Illinois Award for Distinguished Contributions to Criminal Justice Research and Practice in 2010. Also in 2010, Dr. Lurigio received a Distinguished Career Award from the American Psychological Association for his contributions to practice through scholarship and pedagogy.

For nearly 20 years, Dr. Lurigio served as the Director of Research and Evaluation for the Cook County (Chicago) Adult Probation Department. In that capacity, he helped launch the country’s first specialized unit for adult probationers with mental illness. More recently, Dr. Lurigio was instrumental in designing the Cook County Mental Health Court, which is one of the few that supervises an exclusive caseload of prison-bound, felony probationers. He is also a member of a cadre of researchers evaluating the Chicago Police Department’s Crisis Intervention Team for the mentally ill, was the principal investigator on a study of the Cook County Juvenile Court Clinic, which evaluates youth for mental health problems, and is the principal investigator on an evaluation of Mental Health Courts in Illinois.

Dr. Lurigio's research is focused primarily in the areas of offender drug abuse and dependence problems, drug treatment services, mental disorders and crime, community corrections, police-community relations, criminal victimization, and victim services. His ground-breaking research on Project IMPACT in the Cook County Department of Corrections (CCDOC) was praised by the Office of National Drug Control Policy for its innovativeness and relevance to practice. Dr. Lurigio is currently the director of the Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring Program at the CCDOC where he also has served as the primary evaluator of the Day Reporting Center.

Breeda McGrath, PhD, M.Ed, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Associate Professor of School Psychology, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
Dr. Breeda McGrath is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Certified School Psychologist. She is the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of School Psychology at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, in addition to working in private practice. Dr. McGrath also consults with school districts and advocacy groups such as Chicago Volunteer Legal Services and Health and Disability Advocates. Prior to working at The Chicago School, Dr. McGrath worked for over 10 years as a school psychologist in public schools in Illinois. Dr. McGrath earned a Ph.D. and an M.Ed. in School
Psychology at Loyola University Chicago. Prior to coming to the US to further her education, Dr. McGrath was a high-school teacher in Ireland.

Bruce Boyer, JD, Director, Civitas ChildLaw Center, Loyola University Chicago
Professor Boyer is a nationally-recognized expert in child welfare law who has litigated, taught, consulted and written extensively in the area of child abuse and neglect. He has represented clients in a wide range of proceedings including child welfare, adoption, juvenile delinquency, special education, and disability hearings, with his focus being primarily on issues of child maltreatment. He has designed and co-directed an intensive trial skills course for child advocates, and his publications include a book of training materials for child advocates, as well as numerous scholarly and practice-oriented articles. He has served as Chair of the American Bar Association's Steering Committee on the Unmet Legal Needs of Children and as a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism, and he has been elected as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation in recognition of his "outstanding dedication to the welfare of the community and the highest principles of the legal profession." He currently sits on the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute's Board of Directors. Before joining Loyola in 2001, Professor Boyer taught for 12 years at the Northwestern University Law School, where he helped in 1991 to establish Northwestern's nationally-renowned Children and Family Justice Center, a multidisciplinary project focused on Juvenile Court reform. He was an associate at the law firm of Jenner & Block before joining the Northwestern Law School faculty in 1989.

Elizabeth Walker, JD, Staff Attorney, Chicago Medical-Legal Partnership for Children, Health & Disability Advocates
Elizabeth Walker is a staff attorney with the Chicago Medical-Legal Partnership for Children and has worked at Health & Disability Advocates since 2008. Prior to joining HDA, she worked at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago in coordination with Health & Disability Advocates on the Chicago Medical-Legal Partnership for Children, representing and advising low-income families in several areas of law, including housing, domestic violence, special education, guardianship, and unemployment. At HDA, Ms. Walker specializes in particular in advocating for families in need of special education services. She is also actively involved in education policy, serving on state policy subcommittees relating to special education. Ms. Walker is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School, where she was a Mansfield fellow at the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis and a volunteer at Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Oregon.

Ellen M. Chiocca, MSN, RNC, APN, CPNP, Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, Loyola University Chicago
Ms. Ellen Chiocca received her bachelor’s degree in nursing from St. Xavier University in 1982, master’s degree in child health nursing from Loyola University Chicago in 1991, and earned a post-master’s certificate as a pediatric nurse practitioner (PNP) from Loyola University Chicago in 1999. Since that time, she has been certified as a PNP through the National Certification Board of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Nurses. Since becoming a nurse, she has worked as a staff nurse in general pediatric, pediatric intensive care, pediatric emergency room, and neonatal intensive care settings. Since March of 1999, she has worked as a PNP in a domestic violence shelter, providing health maintenance and acute care health care to the children of the women there, some of whom have been victims of human trafficking. Ms. Chiocca has authored over twenty five articles in nursing, and published a textbook on pediatric health assessment in March, 2010.

Gregory Lewis, PsyD, Clinical Psychology, John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
Dr. Greg Lewis is a Clinical Psychologist in the Division of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County, where he has been on staff since 1987. He is also a Lecturer in the Department of Behavioral Sciences at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago and has a part-time private practice in Wheaton, IL doing individual, couples, and family therapy. He received his doctorate from the Illinois School of Professional Psychology. Dr. Lewis works with children, adolescents, and adults in a variety of settings and specializes in treating those who suffer from chronic illnesses or have been traumatized or abused. He is Co-Director of the Adolescent & Young Adult Clinic at Stroger Hospital, and regularly consults to the Child Protective Services team, the pediatric and trauma units, and the emergency room.

Dr. Lewis has done numerous presentations on mental health issues including violence, depression, suicide, trauma, and the effects of war on children. He has done forensic evaluations of refugees and unaccompanied minors who are seeking political asylum and has done trainings for the Immigrant Child Advocacy Project at the University of Chicago and for the Vera Institute of Justice in New York. Dr. Lewis has worked extensively with immigrants and refugees from around the world including many from Africa and Central America and is a member of the United Nations Association – USA Greater Chicago Chapter World Health Services.
James Garbarino, PhD, Loyola University Chicago
Dr. James Garbarino holds the Maude C. Clarke Chair in Humanistic Psychology and was founding Director of the Center for the Human Rights of Children at Loyola University Chicago. Previously he was Elizabeth Lee Vincent Professor of Human Development and Co-Director of the Family Life Development Center at Cornell University. He earned his B.A. from St. Lawrence University in 1968 and his Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies from Cornell University in 1973. He is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Garbarino has served as consultant or advisor to a wide range of organizations, including the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, the National Institute for Mental Health, the American Medical Association, the National Black Child Development Institute, the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect, and the FBI. In 1991 he undertook missions for UNICEF to assess the impact of the Gulf War upon children in Kuwait and Iraq, and has served as a consultant for programs serving Vietnamese, Bosnian and Croatian child refugees.

Dr. Garbarino serves as a consultant to television, magazine, and newspaper reports on children and families, and in 1981, he received the Silver Award at the International Film and Television Festival of New York for co-authoring "Don't Get Stuck There: A Film on Adolescent Abuse." In 1985, he collaborated with John Morrow to produce "Assault on the Psyche," a videotaped program dealing with psychological abuse. He also serves as a scientific expert witness in criminal and civil cases involving issues of violence and children. The National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect honored Dr. Garbarino in 1985 with its first C. Henry Kempe Award, in recognition of his efforts on behalf of abused and neglected children. In 1987, he was elected President of the American Psychological Association's Division on Child, Youth and Family Services. In 2000, he received the President’s Celebrating Success Award from the National Association of School Psychologists and in 2003 the Outstanding Service to Children Award of the Chicago Association for the Education of Young Children.

Honorable Jennie L. Giambastiani, Immigration Judge
Jennie Giambastiani was appointed by the United States Attorney General as an Immigration Judge for the Immigration Court at Chicago, Illinois in May 2002. She received her B.A. in 1983 from Loyola University of Chicago and her J.D. from Loyola University Chicago in 1986. She also attended the Cesare Alfieri Institute of the University of Florence, Italy, and the Loyola University Rome Center.

Prior to her appointment as an Immigration Judge, she served as the District Counsel, the Deputy District Counsel, and as an Assistant District Counsel for the INS District Counsel’s Office at Chicago between 1986 and 2002. She has also served as an Assistant Public Guardian at the Cook County Public Guardian’s Office in 1986.

Judge Giambastiani is involved in numerous civic and benevolent organizations and has served as a guest lecturer and instructor at law schools, universities, and at training programs for legal assistance organizations such as the National Immigrant Justice Center and the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago. While unquestionably dedicated to all facets of her position as an Immigration Judge, she derives the most professional satisfaction from her work as the presiding Immigration Judge over the unaccompanied alien children’s docket for the Chicago Immigration Court.

Julie Biehl, JD, Director, Children and Family Justice Center, Northwestern University School of Law
Julie L. Biehl is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Law and has served as Director of the Children and Family Justice Center since 2009. Her work focuses on the representation of indigent youth charged with crimes in juvenile court and at post-dispositional hearings, and on policy reform in the areas of juvenile sentencing, the over-incarceration of youth, mental health services for children, and the reintegration of children discharged from juvenile correctional facilities. In January 2010, Governor Quinn appointed Julie to the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission and she sits on its Executive and Communications Committees. In addition, Julie sits on the Juvenile Justice Initiative’s Board of Directors and leads Illinois’ John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Juvenile Indigent Action Network and Mental Health and Juvenile Justice Action Network.

Prior to joining the CFJC, Julie was the Director of the Cook County Juvenile Court Clinic, a collaborative project between the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the CFJC, and the Office of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County. As Director, Julie developed and implemented a model juvenile court forensic clinic. Before founding the court clinic in 1997, Julie was an Assistant Cook County Public Guardian ad Litem representing abused and neglected children in juvenile court proceedings and an attorney at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago’s Homeless Rights Project.

Katherine Kaufka Walts, JD, Director of the Center for the Human Rights of Children at Loyola University Chicago.
The Center for the Human Rights of Children represents, coordinates, and stimulates efforts of the Loyola University community to understand and protect the human rights of children utilizing an interdisciplinary approach. Prior to joining
Loyola, Ms. Kaufka Walts served as the Executive Director of the International Organization for Adolescents (IOFA). At IOFA she developed several projects in the US and abroad advancing the rights of children and youth, including a program to develop the capacity of child welfare and protection system to better respond to child trafficking and exploitation cases. Prior to IOFA, Ms. Kaufka Walts managed the Counter-Human Trafficking project at the National Immigrant Justice Center, where she led a multi-disciplinary team and worked with several local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies on single and multiple-victim cases, and successfully represented dozens of victims of human trafficking in the United States. She has been recognized as a national expert on human trafficking issues, has provided expert testimony to local, national, and international governmental bodies, including the U.S. Senate, Judiciary Subcommittee on Human Rights.

Ms. Kaufka Walts continues to provide technical assistance, training and consultation to law enforcement, service providers, task forces and coalitions, government agencies, federal and local law enforcement, members of U.S. Congress, and media in the US and internationally on the subject of human trafficking. She has authored *The Commodification of Domestic Care: Illegitimacy of Care Work and the Exploitation of Migrant Workers* (Georgetown Immigration Law Journal), and *T Nonimmigrant Visa and Protection and Relief for Victims of Human Trafficking, A Practitioner’s Guide* (Immigration Briefings, September 2006). She received her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin, and her B.A and B.S. from the University of Michigan.

**Lynne Golomb, M.Ed., Program Co-Director, Psychology and Research in the Schools, School of Education, Loyola University Chicago**

**Linus Chan, JD, Asylum & Immigration Law Clinic, DePaul College of Law**

Linus Chan, a 2002 Northwestern School of Law graduate, developed an interest in public interest and human rights as a law student. Linus worked at the National Immigrant Justice Center (formerly the Midwest Immigrant Human Rights Center) as the Senior Staff attorney at NIJC's Detention Project. He represented individuals held in custody by Immigration and Customs Enforcement before joining DePaul’s Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic.

At DePaul, Mr. Chan works with the Legal Assistance Program, a program designed to help community based organizations who are accredited and recognized with the BIA, but who do not have attorneys on staff. Aside from taking a broad range of cases, he helps provide community presentations, staff trainings, technical assistance on complex legal issues for different neighborhood organizations.

**Maria Woltjen, J.D., Director, Immigrant Child Advocacy Project, Chicago, IL**

Maria Woltjen is the Director and founder of the Immigrant Child Advocacy Project (ICAP) at the University of Chicago. ICAP’s primary work is to serve as guardian ad litem (Child Advocate) for trafficking victims and unaccompanied immigrant children pursuant to the Wilberforce Trafficking Victim Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008. ICAP trains bilingual law students, graduate social work students and lay volunteers to serve as Child Advocates for children in immigration detention, as well as children who have never been apprehended by immigration authorities. The Child Advocates help unravel the children’s life stories and ensure that while they are most vulnerable—separated from their families and subject to deportation—decision-makers consider the children’s best interests in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Informed by its work on behalf of individual children, ICAP advocates for policy change at the national level and local level. Ms. Woltjen is appointed a Lecturer in Law at the University of Chicago Law School where she teaches in the legal clinic. Ms. Woltjen is a graduate of the Loyola University of Chicago School of Law. She began her legal career in 1987 with the law firm of Coffield Ungaretti Harris & Slavin, where she devoted substantial time to pro bono cases. Since then her career has centered on children’s rights. From 1991 to 1996, Ms. Woltjen directed the Children’s Advocacy Project of the Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights, focusing on juvenile justice, health disparities and disability rights.

Additionally, Ms. Woltjen worked for two years as adjunct faculty at the ChildLaw Center at Loyola University of Chicago School of Law. Ms. Woltjen has spoken at numerous national and local conferences on integrating child welfare principles in immigration proceedings for children and youth. Ms. Woltjen serves on boards and committees in the immigration field including the Washington D.C. based Working Group on Unaccompanied Children and the Illinois Task Force on Unaccompanied Immigrant Children. For more information, please see www.ImmigrantChildAdvocacy.org
Dr. Michelle Lorand, MD, Department of Pediatrics, John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
Dr. Michelle Lorand is an attending pediatrician in the Department of Pediatrics at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County where she is the Chair of the Division of Child Protective Services and serves as the Medical Director of the Chicago Children’s Advocacy Center. She is Board Certified in Pediatrics and Board Certified in the sub-specialty of Child Abuse Pediatrics. Dr. Lorand has worked in the field of Child Abuse Pediatrics since the 1980’s and has been appointed to numerous advisory boards and committees relevant to child abuse including the Illinois Attorney General Forensic Advisory Review Board, the Cook County State’s Attorney Sex Crimes Advisory Board, the Cook County Child Death Review Team, the Child Endangerment and Risk Assessment Protocol Advisory Board and the Children’s Justice Task Force to name a few.


Dr. Lorand is also an elected member of the Helfer Society, an honorary professional society for physicians specializing in Child Abuse Pediatrics.

Dr. Minal Giri, MD, FAAP, Medical Director, Melrose Park Pediatrics
Dr. Minal Giri is a board-certified pediatrician who graduated from University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine in 1999. She completed her pediatric internship at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles and her pediatric residency at Lutheran General Children's Hospital. Dr. Giri joined Melrose Park Pediatrics in 2002. She is currently medical director. She is on staff at Westlake Community Hospital and Gottlieb Memorial Hospital and holds an academic appointment at Rush University Medical Center. In addition, Dr. Giri is an active member of the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

In addition, Dr. Giri has been performing pro bono forensic evaluations for asylum cases for the last 9 years. She has volunteered for the Marjorie Kovler Center for Survivors of Torture, Physicians for Human Rights, and the National Immigrant Justice Center. She specializes in the issue of unaccompanied minors. She has served as a consultant for DUCS on behalf of unaccompanied minors in detention. She has also provided input to officials at the Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) as they develop regulations related to children who apply for asylum in the US.

Dr. Giri has considerable experience working with refugees and asylum seekers both here and abroad. She has also worked extensively with asylum seekers and refugees in Cairo, Egypt, through an organization called Refuge Egypt. There she provided health care to Sudanese refugees and asylum seekers. In this setting, she was exposed to victims of torture (Sudan civil war) and abuse by Egyptian police and military officials (due to the forced removal of Sudanese protesters in December, 2005).

Dr. Giri is fluent in Spanish and Gujarati.

Sacha Coupet, J.D., Ph.D., Loyola University School of Law
Professor Sacha Coupet joined the Loyola law faculty in 2004. She received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Michigan in 1997 after completing her dissertation research on African-American kinship caregivers. During her doctoral program, she served as a psychological consultant to the Michigan Child Welfare Law Resource Center, the Child Advocacy Law Clinic at the University of Michigan Law School, county juvenile court and state human service departments. While at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, she continued her psychological practice, consulting with both the Consortium Children's Growth and Development Program and Children's Service Incorporated, treatment agencies serving at-risk children in Philadelphia. In law school, she served as an Associate Editor of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review and was awarded the James Wilson Fellowship. Upon graduation, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Theodore A. McKeel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Philadelphia, and then as a law clerk to the Honorable Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. She went on to become a Dean's Fellow at the University of Michigan Law School, where she taught for two years in the Child Advocacy Law Clinic. Professor Coupet's research focuses on policy and practice issues in child and family welfare and juvenile justice. Her approach aims to incorporate empirical inquiry into legal discourse with a particular emphasis on the use of social science research in the development of law and policy.
Sarah O’Connor, JD, Senior Attorney, Chicago Medical-Legal Partnership for Children, Health & Disability Advocates
Sarah O’Connor, Senior Attorney for the Chicago Medical-Legal Partnership for Children, joined HDA in 2007. Ms. O’Connor represents medically complex and chronically ill children referred by La Rabida Children’s Hospital in a wide variety of special education matters. She also advocates on behalf of immigrants and their children for access to public benefits. Prior to joining HDA she worked at a private law firm specializing in immigration law. Ms. O’Connor’s practice focused on representing individuals in asylum applications and family immigration benefits before the Departments of Homeland Security and Justice. She represented many individuals facing deportation in immigration court. Before attending law school at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, Ms. O'Connor worked as a Board of Immigration Appeals Accredited Representative for Heartland Alliance Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center. During law school, she received the Francis Leos Award for Excellence in Clinical Studies, Center for Legal & Social Justice, Immigration Clinic. Ms. O’Connor is fluent in Spanish.

Sioban Albiol, JD, Asylum & Immigration Law Clinic, Depaul College of Law
Sioban Albiol practices exclusively in the areas of asylum and immigration. Ms. Albiol joined DePaul College of Law in 2001 as the Asylum and Immigration Coordinator and Clinical Instructor. Ms. Albiol teaches law students in a yearlong clinic focused on representation of asylum-seekers and immigration remedies. Through the Clinic, Ms. Albiol also provides technical assistance, training and support to a network of community-based organizations providing immigration services. Prior to joining DePaul, Ms. Albiol served as staff attorney, managing attorney, and associate director of the agency now known as the National Immigration Justice Center where she represented immigrants and refugees in administrative proceedings and federal litigation, trained immigrant advocates, directed the detention project and citizenship project, and developed community outreach initiatives. Ms. Albiol previously chaired the Chicago Bar Association Immigration and Nationality Law Committee and was Chair of the Executive Board of the Chicago Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Wendy T. Wylegala, Esq., Supervising Attorney for Pro Bono Programs, Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)
Wendy Wylegala is Supervising Attorney for Pro Bono Programs in the New York office of Kids in Need of Defense, a national non-profit that seeks to expand pro bono representation for unaccompanied minors in immigration matters. She joined KIND in November 2008 as a Pro Bono Coordinator, serving first in the Newark, NJ office for two years, before transferring to KIND’s New York office in March 2011. After law school, Wendy worked for eight years at the law firm of Cahill Gordon & Reindel on a range of litigation and transactional matters. Wendy first began working with unaccompanied children during this time as a pro bono attorney, and was recognized by The Legal Aid Society in 2007 and 2008 for outstanding pro bono service. During law school and again for four months in 2007, she interned with the New York office of the International Rescue Committee. At KIND, Wendy trains and mentors attorneys who represent children on a pro bono basis, and conducts intake interviews and know-your-rights programs for children. She is admitted to practice in New York and in the federal district courts for the Southern and Eastern districts of New York. She received her law degree from New York University School of Law in 2000 and her B.A. from Barnard College.

Honorable Virginia M. Kendall, Judge, Northern District of Illinois
Judge Virginia Kendall was appointed to the federal bench in January 2006. Prior to her appointment she worked at the United States Attorney’s Office in Chicago for over ten years where she served as Deputy Chief in the Criminal Division, Child Exploitation Coordinator, and Coordinator of Project Safe Neighborhoods. Prior to working with the United States Attorney’s Office, Judge Kendall clerked for Hon. George Marovich in the Northern District of Illinois. She currently serves on the Codes of Conduct Committee for the federal judiciary, the Seventh Circuit’s Civil Jury Instruction Committee, and has sat with both the Seventh Circuit and the Federal Circuit Courts of Appeal as a visiting judge.

Judge Kendall has been an adjunct professor at Loyola University School of Law for the past sixteen years and an adjunct professor of law at Northwestern University Law School for the past five years. She has published law journal articles on a variety of topics including child molestation statutes, human trafficking and community reform projects. She currently lectures extensively in the areas of electronic discovery, internet and computer investigations, intellectual property case management, ethics, and victims’ rights. She has traveled to Nairobi, Kenya where she has trained investigators, trial attorneys, and judges how to effectively use the recently-enacted Kenyan public corruption laws and sexual offense laws. She has lectured at Cornell University on human trafficking as part of the Avon Global Center for Women and Justice, served as a delegate to the Vital Voices Global Partnership to End Violence Against Women international summit, and spoken at the Inaugural Conference of the Avon Global Center’s Symposium on Post Conflict Violence Against Women. She has traveled to Zambia to teach judges there about crimes against women and will travel later this year to continue her training on anti-human trafficking laws and procedures through the State Department and Lawyers without Borders.
As a trial attorney, Judge Kendall tried a variety of federal jury trials involving white collar fraud, insurance fraud, police corruption, public corruption, child molestation and racketeering. While a federal prosecutor, she served on the United States’ Attorney General’s National Advisory Committee responsible for reviewing all nationwide child exploitation investigations and coordinated the federal program Project Safe Neighborhoods designed to reduce gun violence within the city of Chicago.

Judge Kendall has participated in a number of service projects that support high school students, including moderating service trips to Peru, establishing trial training programs in both Chicago Public Schools and the federal courts, and developing awareness and support programs to curb gun violence and aid offender re-entry into the community. She opens her courtroom regularly to students from around the Chicago area where she enjoys teaching them about the judicial system. She tutors inner-city students after hours and continues to make public presentations to encourage professionalism in the field and to support underprivileged children who seek to gain a legal education. She was awarded the Chicago Crime Commission’s Star of Distinction Award for her work in law enforcement, Loyola University Law School’s Robert Bellarmine Award for her distinguished legal and service contributions to the community, the Rape Victim Advocates Visionary Award in recognition of her work on behalf of survivors of sexual assault and abuse, and DePaul University School of Law’s Women and Gender Right’s Leadership Award.