



NEWS & NOTES

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. Nov. 5 4:00 - 5:00 pm ChildLaw Center	Coffee Talk: Brenda Welch , <i>Can Problems at the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center Be Fixed?</i>
Wed. Nov. 12 4:00 - 5:00 ChildLaw Center	Coffee Talk: Panel on ChildLaw Internships and Post-Graduate Fellowships
Wed. Nov. 19 4:00 - 5:00 ChildLaw	Holiday Party Wrapping Party for ChildLaw Clinic Client Gifts
January 3 - 10	Intensive ChildLaw Trial Practice

CHILDLAW CENTER RECEIVES FOUNDATION GRANTS TO SUPPORT POLICY REFORM

The **John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation** has awarded the ChildLaw Center a two-year \$670,000 renewal grant to support its work as lead entity for the Foundation's Models for Change juvenile justice reform initiative in Illinois.

The ChildLaw Center's Lead Safe Housing Initiative recently received a \$125,000 grant from the **Searle Funds of The Chicago Community Trust** to continue its work on prevention of childhood lead poisoning through legislative advocacy, policy reform, and community organizing.

WELCOME CATHERINE COLUMBUS

The Civitas ChildLaw Center is pleased to welcome **Catherine Columbus** as the Center's new Program Coordinator. Catherine previously served as Student Account Manager in Loyola's Office of the Bursar. Prior to that she served as a senior financial aid counselor at another institution. She holds a BA degree from the U. of Iowa (English) and intends to pursue a graduate degree in higher education. Please stop by the 2nd Floor of the ChildLaw Center and welcome Catherine. Her contact information is: 312-915-7950/ccolumb@luc.edu.

NEW EDUCATION PRACTICUM: SPRING 2009

Professors Kaufman and Coustan

Thursdays 11:00 - 12:00

This unique course has a classroom component and a field work component. The class meets formally one hour per week to cover substantive education law issues, to develop skills tailored to the practice of education law, and to serve children and families confronting barriers to educational opportunities. Students may choose to provide either: (1) direct representation and help to children and families in need of special education services; or (2) assistance with ongoing federal impact litigation regarding racial discrimination in educational opportunities. **Students may register for 1 to 3 credits, depending on their level of commitment to the field work. Permission of instructor is required.**

EXTERNSHIPS/CAREERS

► Bergstrom Child Welfare Fellowship:

Students who plan on doing a child welfare summer internship are eligible to apply for the Bergstrom Fellowship, a three day training held at the U. of Michigan (May 27 - 29, 2009). The Fellowship includes travel expenses and the possibility of a stipend. Student should send a letter, two references, a resume and application by Feb. 1, 2009. Applications are available at www.law.umich.edu/bergstrom.

► LAF school project internship:

The Children's Law Project of the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago (LAF) is accepting applications for a 3rd year law student/LL.M. externship working on special education and school discipline issues for children in foster care. LAF's work on education issues with DCFS wards includes interviews with children, their caretakers and caseworkers; advocacy at individualized education plan (IEP) and 504 Plan meetings at schools; representation of clients in due process and expulsion hearings; and research and discovery on educational, developmental, and legal issues related to the representation.

► Children's Law Center:

The Children's Law Center (CLC) (Washington, DC) invites applications for a full time staff attorney to begin in the Fall of 2009. The staff attorney will represent children in abuse and neglect, adoption and guardianship proceedings and may also represent some caregivers in similar matters. Applications

should include a cover letter, current resume, legal writing sample and list of references. Applications must be received by December 19, 2008 to:

Staff Attorney Selection Committee

The Children's Law Center

616 H Street, N.W., Suite 300

Washington, DC 20001

jobs@childrenslawcenter.org

► Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership:

The Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership (ICMHP) seeks a statewide Training Coordinator for its work in promoting and implementing the Social and Emotional Learning Standards project. The Coordinator is hired by Voices for Illinois Children on behalf of the ICMHP and will report to the ICMHP Managing Director. The Coordinator will be based in Chicago. The position involves travel to various regions of Illinois. Resume and cover letter should be submitted by November 14, 2008 to:

___ Gaylord Gieseke, Vice President

___ Voices for Illinois Children

___ 208 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1490

___ Chicago, Illinois 60604

___ akirk@coices4kids.org

FACULTY NEWS

Professor **Diane Geraghty** was inducted as the A. Kathleen Beazley Chair in ChildLaw on October 23. On October 13 she addressed a delegation from the Supreme People's Court of China on juvenile justice issues. The delegation's visit was sponsored by the MacArthur Foundation and the Dui Ha Foundation. On October 17, she presented a workshop on the human rights of children at the African Women in America Conference.

Professor **Anita Weinberg** was interviewed by On Good Authority, a continuing education company for post-graduate mental health providers to receive continuing education certification. The program, focused on ethical issues concerning the severing of family ties, will be made available on CD, audio download from the website, and transcript.

Professor **Anita Weinberg** spoke in Springfield on October 23rd at a statewide conference on childhood lead poisoning sponsored by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

ALUMNI NEWS

- **Cecilia Kline '05** is completing her work as ombudswoman at Casa Alianza Honduras and as coordinator of psycho-social-legal services at juvenile detention centers in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. She has been awarded a two year fellowship from the Institute of Current World Affairs to continue her work on behalf of youth in conflict with the law in Central and South America. As part of the fellowship, she will travel to Guatemala, Colombia and El Salvador to collaborate with others on youth violence and detention matters. For more

information about the fellowship program, please see

<http://www.icwa.org/index.asp>.

- **Christina Alderfer '02** and her husband, Zachary Bishop, welcomed a son, Nicholas James Bishop, on August 13, 2008.

CHILD LAW SOCIETY NEWS

- Hunger Week is the Week of November 3rd and the Child Law Society will be taking donations to help purchase baby formula for area shelters and selling food vouchers so that the homeless can get meals locally. Be on the lookout for important announcements regarding activities.
- The Child Law Society is also gearing up for our annual Give-A-Gift drive. Each year the CLS collects holiday gifts for the children from the families being served by the ChildLaw Clinic at Loyola. Stop by the ChildLaw Center to pick up a tag with a child's name and age. Buy a toy between \$15-20, and bring the unwrapped gift back to the ChildLaw Center by Friday, November 7th.
- On November 8th at 8:30AM the Child Law Society is volunteering to cook brunch for families at the Ronald McDonald House in Lincoln Park (622 W. Deming, Chicago, IL 60614). If you'd like to participate, please contact us!

If you would like to get involved in any of these activities or would like more information, please email

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