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**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

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This Section's 2008 Annual Meeting in New York City was very well attended, and the following officers were elected:

Brian Bix, University of Minnesota, [bix@umn.edu](mailto:bix@umn.edu), Chair  
Robin Fretwell Wilson, Washington & Lee University, [wilsonrf@wlu.edu](mailto:wilsonrf@wlu.edu), Chair-Elect  
Alicia B. Kelly, Widener Law School, [abkelly@widener.edu](mailto:abkelly@widener.edu), Secretary/Treasurer

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Wallace, Loyola University New Orleans School of Law; Merle Hope Weiner, University of Oregon School of Law.

Chair-Elect Robin F. Wilson is planning a wonderful panel (described in greater detail elsewhere in the Newsletter) for the 2009 AALS Meeting in San Diego, entitled "Are Marriage and Family Becoming Irrelevant?"

Additionally, the Section will be co-sponsoring a panel at the AALS Meeting relating to the problem of Youth at Risk, a program originating from the ABA Commission on Youth at Risk.

We welcome your participation and involvement in the Section's activities. Feel free to contact an officer or member of the executive committee if you have a question or suggestion, or if you want to get involve in the work of the Section.

Best Wishes,  
Brian Bix, Chair

### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR-ELECT**

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We are really excited about this year's upcoming panel: "The Growing Disconnect Among Work, Family and Marriage," Thursday, January 8, 2009, 8:30 – 10:15 am.

This panel will examine why it is hard for women and men across the socio-demographic spectrum to combine work, marriage, and family. This difficulty plays out differently for different people. For example, highly educated men and women often face difficulties combining work, family and marriage; hence the "opt-out revolution," in which professional women are leaving the workplace in droves, sometimes temporarily and sometimes permanently, to focus on their families. Significant numbers of professional men and women have never been married or are divorced or separated. Many also have no children living with them. The split between work and family are equally pronounced for lower income persons. Less educated women often combine work and children, but may not marry or have long-term stable relationships on which they can draw. Many low-income men are not marrying, although fathering children, and struggle to find work. This panel will examine these phenomena in detail. Understanding the disconnect among marriage, family, and work for individuals across the socio-demographic spectrum is important to understanding the limits of what family law can and cannot do in this regard.

**Co-Sponsors of this program are sections on:** Women in Legal Education; Socio-Economics; Minority Groups (tentatively agreed); Law & Social Science; Poverty; Children and the Law; and Employment Benefits Plans

**Planned Speakers are:** June Carbone, University of Missouri – Kansas City; Nancy Dowd, University of Florida, Levin College of Law; Steven Martin, Assistant Professor, University of Maryland; Ruth Milkman, Professor & Director, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, UCLA Dept. of Sociology; Sharon Sassler, Associate Professor, Cornell

University College of Human Ecology; Robin Fretwell Wilson, Washington & Lee University School of Law (Program Chair and Moderator).

All are invited and encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there.  
Robin Fretwell Wilson, Chair-Elect

## **SECTION WEB SITE & LISTSERV**

The Section website includes a list of officers as well as sections on Upcoming Meetings and Events, Teaching, Scholarship, News, and Links to other Family Law Sources and Organizations.

The web site is managed by Peg Brinig at Notre Dame. If you would like to have anything published on the Section web page, <http://law.nd.edu/faculty/brinig/aals/>, please send it to her ([mbrinig@nd.edu](mailto:mbrinig@nd.edu)). She welcomes contributions. The site can serve as a between-newsletter place to post conference information that can be accessed by people outside the Section. Contact Peg by email at [mbrinig@nd.edu](mailto:mbrinig@nd.edu).

The listserv for the Section is [aals-familylaw@uidaho.edu](mailto:aals-familylaw@uidaho.edu). You must be a subscriber to post to the list. To subscribe, go to <http://www.lists.uidaho.edu/mailman/listinfo/aals-familylaw> and follow the instructions or email Liz Brandt at [ebrandt@uidaho.edu](mailto:ebrandt@uidaho.edu).

## **CONTINUATION OF THE MENTORING PROGRAM**

The Section's Mentoring Program for teachers and scholars in the fields of family and juvenile is going strong. This program provides opportunities for new professors or those new to family law and juvenile law to build relationships with experienced teachers and scholars in these subject areas. If you are interested in participating in the Mentoring Program, either as a volunteer mentor or mentee, please contact Chairperson Alicia Kelly at [abkelly@widener.edu](mailto:abkelly@widener.edu). This program is available in addition to, and, if a participant so desires, in coordination with, the Scholarship Feedback Program (described below). We welcome your participation.

## **CONTINUATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP FEEDBACK PROGRAM**

The Section invites your participation in the Scholarship Feedback Program designed to allow members to solicit feedback on works in progress in the family and juvenile law arenas. Although scholarship review can and should come through many avenues, the section provides this resource to help make the scholarship review process less intimidating and more effective, particularly for more junior faculty or for faculty members who are beginning to write scholarship in a new area. As we all know, it can be invaluable to have someone who is knowledgeable in the field in which you write to review your work. The Scholarship Review Chairperson, Vivian Hamilton, continues to seek the names of people willing to review scholarship in targeted areas. If you are interested, please contact Vivian at [vhamilton@wm.edu](mailto:vhamilton@wm.edu) and provide your name, contact information, and the specific subject areas in which you would be willing to review. The Chair acts as a "gatekeeper" of the list of volunteers and will be sure that no one volunteer is overburdened with reviews. Members should also contact Vivian once

you have a manuscript ready for review; she will then contact volunteers to determine their availability. This program provides feedback on scholarship, but also opens the door to new relationships among scholars in targeted subject areas. We welcome your participation.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**THE INAUGURAL ANNUAL MIDWEST FAMILY LAW CONFERENCE, "JAZZING UP FAMILY LAW," FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2008** is being held at the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis on The Indy Jazz Fest will be taking place across the street in Military Park that same weekend. Join the fun! Registration Fee: is \$195 for government employees and academics, free for students Some confirmed speakers include: Prof. Amy Applegate, Prof. Susan Appleton, Prof. Kathy Baker, Prof. Julia Belian, Prof. June Carbone, Prof. Elaine Chui, Prof. Sacha Coupet, Prof. Karen Czapanskiy, Prof. Jennifer Drobac, Prof. James Dwyer, Prof. Ann Estin, Ms. Rozlyn Fulgoni-Britton, Prof. Barbara Glesner-Fines, Ms. Lauren Grattenthaler, Prof. Vivian Hamilton, Prof. Jacquie Hand, Prof. Leslie Harris, Prof. David Herring, Prof. Clare Huntington, Prof. Melanie Jacobs, Prof. Courtney Joslin, Prof. Patrice Kunesh, Prof. Pamela Laufer-Ukeles, Prof. Maria Pabon Lopez, Prof. Cynthia Mabry, Ms. Sandie McCarthy-Brown, Prof. Adele Morrison, Prof. Antony Page, Prof. David Papke, Mr. Michael Ruppert, Ms. Cathy Sakimura, Ms. Joni Sedberry, Prof. Julie Shapiro, Prof. Sheila Simon, Ms. Judith Sperling-Newton, Ms. Amy Stewart, Prof. Evelyn Tenenbaum, Prof. Tracy Thomas, Prof. Mikah Story Thompson, Ms. Larkin Walsh, Ms. Holly Wanzer, and Prof. Susan Waysdorf.

The Founding Members of the Midwest Family Law Consortium are Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis; the University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Law (UMKC) and William Mitchell College of Law. For more information, see the conference website at <http://indylaw.indiana.edu/familylaw/jazzreg.cfm>

**"FAMILY FINANCES" THE 13TH WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF FAMILY LAW, SEPTEMBER 16-20, 2008** in Vienna, Austria. The theme of this triennial conference is "Family Finances." The deadline for submission of proposed paper presentations was May 15. Conference details including submission information, registration, tourist information, and a preliminary program outline are available online at <http://public.univie.ac.at/index.php?id=19584isfl/> . Information about the ISFL, the largest international scholarly society for academics and professionals interested in family law, also is available online at <http://www.law2.byu.edu/isfl/index.php> .

**"LAW AND EMOTION: RE-ENVISIONING FAMILY LAW" CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2008** hosted by The Center for Children, Families, and the Law at the University of Virginia School of Law in Charlottesville, Virginia. This conference will be the first broad, systematic effort to examine family law through the lens of law and emotion scholarship. Using emerging findings from psychology and neuroscience, leading academics in law and social science from across the country will offer new visions of the goals, substance, and procedures of family law. Speakers will consider a range of intimate emotions—attachment, anger, love, fear, anxiety, forgiveness—in re-envisioning a role of law in regulating family

conflict and promoting and preserving a diverse array of family relationships. Scheduled speakers include: Kathryn Abrams, Kathryn Bradley, Gerald Clore, James Coan, Robert E. Emery, Frank Fincham, Jonathan Haidt, Clare Huntington, Mark Leary, Solangel Maldonado, Terry Maroney, and Phillip Shaver. For a complete conference schedule or to register for the conference, please contact Erin Horn at [eeh3t@virginia.edu](mailto:eeh3t@virginia.edu).

**EUROPEAN FAMILY LAW CONFERENCE, DECEMBER 11-12 2008**, in Brussels. The CCBE (Conférence sur le droit européen de la famille) is organising, in partnership with ERA (Academy of European Law), an important meeting on the practice of European family law. The conference is focused on the fact that cross-border legal relationships and their consequences (e.g. divorce, custody decisions and their enforcement abroad, maintenance) confront family lawyers with complex legal problems. New legal acts at the European and international level affect their daily work. Legal practitioners are therefore required to deal ever more with legal questions arising from cross-border family and parental responsibility cases. The event is organized by family law professionals for family law professionals and will have the following format: Roundtables on Thursday afternoon to provide thorough information on European texts and proposals; Workshops and discussions on Friday in order to consider practical cases, to debate and to exchange know-how.

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## **RECENT EVENTS**

**“THE BABY MARKET: THE FUTURE OF HIGH-TECH AND LOW-TECH MARKETS IN CHILDREN”** was held February 14, 2008 at Cumberland Law School, Samford University, Center for Biotechnology, Law, and Ethics. Speakers included Professor Michele Goodwin, Professor Judith Daar, Professor Gregory Pence, Arun Dohle, and Professor David Smolin.

**NEW FRONTIERS IN FAMILY LAW**, was held in February 2008 at Utah School of Law, organized by Laura Kessler with Martha Ertman. Articles from the symposium will be published in a forthcoming joint issue of the Utah Law Review and Journal of Law and Family Studies.

## **CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

The University of La Verne Law Review is seeking submissions for our Volume 30 (2008-2009) Juvenile Law Issue. For 30 years, from 1977 to 2007, the University of La Verne College of Law published the Journal of Juvenile Law. We are now a general-interest law review, but we publish one issue per year dedicated to issues of juvenile and family law. Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis until the issue is filled or September 1, 2008, whichever comes first.

The Law Review seeks submissions addressing novel legal issues such as:

Abortion, contraception, fetal rights, pregnancy, wrongful conception/life  
Adoption, assisted reproductive technology, nonmarital children  
AFDC, foster care, welfare policy, child abuse  
Juvenile death penalty, corporal punishment, delinquency, the juvenile justice system, juvenile witnesses, gangs, curfews  
Child pornography, child molestation, sexual offenses  
Divorce, child support, custody and visitation, fathers' rights, Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act, paternity  
Education, students' rights, First Amendment, Title IX  
Emancipation, termination of parental rights, loss of parental consortium, parental liability/immunity  
Social networking sites (MySpace, Facebook)

The issue is scheduled to be published in November-December, 2008. Early submissions are encouraged. We will enter into binding Prepublication Agreements with selected Authors whose abstracts (not exceeding 1500 words) are received by June 1, 2008. All authors should anticipate delivery of edit-ready draft Articles by September 1, 2008.

Please email your abstracts, manuscripts, or any questions to Leslie Riley, Juvenile Law Issue Editor, lawrevjuvenile@ulv.edu. Thank you for your interest.

#### **MEMBER NEWS AND RECENT AND FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS**

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**Susan B. Apel**, published Access to Assisted Reproductive Technologies, 12 J. Med & Law 33 (2008).

**Annette Ruth Appell** published ABad@ Mothers and Spanish-Speaking Caregivers, 7 Nev. L. J. 759 (2007); Endurance of Biological Connection: Traversing Old and New Family Values through Open Adoption, 22 B.Y.U.J. Pub. L. \_\_ (summer 2008); Representing Children Representing What?: Child Advocacy & Norm Enforcement, 39 Columbia Human Rights Law Rev. \_\_ (spring 2008); Palmore v. Sidoti, 466 U.S. 429 (1984), in Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States (David Tanenhaus, ed.) (in press); Santosky v. Kramer, 455 U.S. 745 (1982), in Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States (David Tanenhaus, ed.) (in press).

**Barbara Atwood** published The Voice of the Indian Child: Strengthening the Indian Child Welfare Act Through Children's Participation, 50 Ariz. L. Rev. 127 (2008); Comment on Warshak: The Approximation Rule as a Work in Progress, 1 Child Development Perspectives 126 (2008); Forthcoming: The Uniform Representation of Children in Abuse, Neglect, and Custody Proceedings Act: Bridging the Divide Between Pragmatism and Idealism, 42 Fam. L. Q. \_\_ (2008); Achieving Permanency for American Indian Children: Lessons from Tribal Traditions, \_\_ Capital University Law Review \_\_ (2008)(Fourth Annual Wells Conference on Adoption).

**Barbara Babb** announces: The University of Baltimore School of Law Center for Families, Children and the Courts Broadens its Scope of Services to Courts and Communities. This year

has been an extremely productive one for the University of Baltimore School of Law's Center for Families, Children and the Courts (CFCC), with funding from grants and contracts totaling over a half-million dollars.

Among CFCC's many current activities is the ongoing implementation of its Truancy Court Program (TCP), now in the third year of operation in six Baltimore City elementary/middle schools and one high school. The program is designed to intervene early in the lives of truant children and their families using judges who volunteer their time, mentors, and law students, all of whom function as a team to identify and address the root causes of truant behavior and to promote improved school attendance.

To complement its work on the issue of truancy, CFCC conducted a two-part series of roundtable discussions last fall to focus and coordinate attention on the overall truancy crisis in Baltimore. The roundtables brought together stakeholders and leaders from citywide agencies, departments, organizations, and groups invested in school attendance and truancy issues. CFCC published "A Comprehensive Approach to Truancy for Baltimore City: A Roundtable Discussion" in February. The report, which was funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, recommended the creation of a Task Force on Truancy to develop and implement a continuum of interventions into truant behavior.

Consistent with its mission, CFCC continues to provide consulting services to family court systems embarking on reform initiatives. In January 2008, the Shelby County Family Court Task Force in Memphis, Tennessee, hosted a series of three presentations on Unified Family Courts (UFCs) to help inform the county's burgeoning family court reform initiative. CFCC's Director, Professor Barbara Babb, along with Gloria Danziger, CFCC's Senior Fellow for Programs, and Judith Moran, CFCC's Senior Fellow for Administration, were the keynote speakers at these events.

CFCC's expertise in family justice reform is becoming more well-known, particularly as a result of its newsletter, The Unified Family Court Connection, the third issue of which is ready for circulation to a national audience. Among the articles in the forthcoming issue is an overview of Professor Babb's most recent nationwide survey of family justice systems, published in its entirety in the April 2008 issue of the Family Court Review, and an article by Victor Eugene Flango, Executive Director for Program Resource Development in the President's Office at the National Center for State Courts. Dr. Flango writes about the importance of electronic data exchange between family courts and child welfare agencies. Other articles include one that discusses the advantages of cutting-edge technology for family court case management and another that describes a court-connected substance abuse treatment collaborative aimed at reuniting parents recovering from substance abuse problems with their children.

CFCC plans to publish and distribute soon a bench book on addiction and substance abuse for Maryland's family court judges. The bench book includes chapters on the science of addiction, addiction treatment, how the disease affects the family, how it manifests itself in the adolescent, and how family courts can structure programming to address the problem of substance abuse among family court litigants. The bench book is designed to be a resource for family court judges, court personnel, and attorneys in Maryland to help them to become more familiar with addictive illnesses and their consequences for families. According to data collected by

Maryland's Administrative Office of the Courts, a significant number of family court litigants grapple with drug and alcohol dependence themselves or as a result of a family member's addiction. Thus, educating family justice system stakeholders about these diseases is a particularly important initiative.

In sum, CFCC's contributions to the courts and to the community this year have been many and varied. Its successes highlight the capacity of the University of Baltimore School of Law to make significant contributions to family courts and to address community problems locally, regionally and nationally. For further information, or if you would like to receive the Unified Family Court Connection, please contact Professor Barbara Babb, CFCC's Director, bbabb@ubalt.edu or 410-837-5661.

**Tamar R. Birkhead**, Assistant Professor of Law, UNC-Chapel Hill, has two recent publications: North Carolina, Juvenile Court Jurisdiction, and the Resistance to Reform, 86 N.C. L. Rev. (forthcoming 2008); and The Age of the Child: Interrogating Juveniles after Roper v. Simmons, 65 Wash. & Lee L. Rev. 385 (2008). Recent speaking engagements include being a featured guest on "The State of Things" with Frank Stasio on WUNC-NPR, March 19, 2008 (discussed the state of the juvenile justice system in North Carolina in the wake of the murder of UNC undergraduate, Eve Carson); "Recent Developments in Juvenile Defense," presented at the UNC School of Law Festival of Legal Learning, February 2008; serving as a panelist in a discussion of "Welcome to Durham," the Award-Winning Gang Documentary on Juveniles and Gang Violence, UNC-Chapel Hill, October 30, 2007; "The Age of the Child: Interrogating Juveniles after Roper v. Simmons," Faculty Workshop Series, University of Maryland School of Law, October 25, 2007; and "The Age of the Child: Interrogating Juveniles after Roper v. Simmons," Faculty Workshop Series, UNC School of Law, August 30, 2007

**Melissa L. Breger**, Albany Law School, happily announces that she was recently awarded tenure and was promoted to Clinical Professor of Law.

**Jim Dwyer** has a forthcoming article in the Minnesota Law Review entitled The Child Protection Pretense: States' Continued Consignment of Babies to Unfit Parents.

**Marsha B. Freeman** has a forthcoming article in UCLA Women's Law Journal, entitled: Love Means Always Having to Say You're Sorry: Applying the Methodologies of Therapeutic Jurisprudence to Family Law. In it she proposes adopting not only the goals but also the actual practices of therapeutic jurisprudence and restorative justice to family law, especially dissolution, in an effort to move beyond controlling the behavior of the parties to effecting actual healing.

**Theresa Glennon** has contributed a chapter entitled "Regulation of Reproductive Decisionmaking" to a book tentatively entitled Individual Freedom, Autonomy and the State, edited by E. Jackson, S. Day Sclater, F. Ebtehaj, and M. Richards (forthcoming summer, 2008). She also has an article in the upcoming summer 2008 issue of the Utrecht Law Review entitled "Divided Parents, Shared Children: Conflicting Approaches to Relocation Disputes in the U.S." She will present a paper based on this article at a conference, Current

Debates in Family Law Around the Globe, taking place at Utrecht University, The Netherlands, in June, 2008.

**Melanie Jacobs** published "Why Just Two? Disaggregating Traditional Parental Rights and Responsibilities to Recognize Multiple Parents," 9 *Journal of Law & Fam. Studies* 309 (2007). Happily, she was awarded tenure in April.

**Alicia Brokars Kelly** has a forthcoming article titled *Money Matters in Marriage: Unmasking Interdependence in Ongoing Spousal Economic Relations*, \_\_ *U. Louisville L. Rev.*\_\_ (2008). Speaking engagements include International Society of Family Law North American Regional Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (June 2007); Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Cardozo School of Law (June 2008). Professor Kelly serves on the executive committee for the AALS Family and Juvenile Law Section as the Chair of the Mentor Program and also as Secretary/Treasurer.

**Laura Kessler** published *Community Parenting*, 24 *Wash. U. J.L. & Pol'y* 47 (2007). With Martha Ertman, she hosted a symposium on the New Frontiers in Family Law in February 2008. Articles from the symposium will be published in a forthcoming joint issue of the *Utah Law Review* and *Journal of Law and Family Studies*. Professor Kessler also organized The AALS Women In Legal Education Section's extended program at the annual meeting in NYC entitled *Gender and Class: Voices from the Collective*, featuring panels on Children, Work, Care, Criminalization, the State, National Security, Globalization, and the Family. She is now the Secretary of the Women's section.

**Nancy G. Maxwell**, Professor of Law and Director of International Legal Programs, Washburn University School of Law, was a panelist at 2008 Edward M. Wise Memorial Symposium "Comparative Legal Approaches to Same-Sex Unions," Wayne State University Law School, March 31, 2008. The topic of the panel discussion was "Same-Sex Relationships in Comparative Perspective: The Laws of Europe, Canada, and the United States.

**Sy Moskowitz** (Valparaiso) was on sabbatical in Fall 2007. He taught Comparative Family Law at a law school in Chile and lectured on child labor issues at the University of Melbourne (Australia) Law School. His most recent article is "Discovery in State Civil Procedure: The National Perspective," in a Symposium on State Civil Procedure Rules in \_\_ *Western State Law Review* \_\_ (forthcoming 2008).

**Melissa Murray** recent publications are *The Networked Family: Reframing the Legal Understanding of Caregiving and Caregivers* in 94 *Va. L. Rev.* \_\_ (April 2008); *When War is Work: The G.I. Bill, Citizenship, and the Civic Generation* (Book Review of Suzanne Mettler's *Soldiers to Citizens*) in 96 *Cal. L. Rev.* (forthcoming August 2008); Her presentations include *The Space Between: The Intersection of Criminal Law and Family Law* at SMU Dedman School of Law's Law and Citizenship Colloquium (September 2007); *The Space Between: The Intersection of Criminal Law and Family Law* at University of Utah College of Law's New Frontiers in Family Law symposium (February 2008).

**Nancy Polikoff**, American University published *Beyond (Straight and Gay) Marriage: Valuing All Families under the Law* (Beacon 2008). The book website, [www.beyondstraightandgaymarriage.com](http://www.beyondstraightandgaymarriage.com), contains the introductory chapter and information about Prof. Polikoff's speaking engagements around the country.

**Sarah Ramsey** published with Douglas Abrams, *CHILDREN AND THE LAW IN A NUTSHELL* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 2008, Westgroup).

**Dr. Charles J. Reid, Jr.**, has nearly completed a book-length manuscript entitled "Lucifer's Children: A Story of Free Love, Religion, Politics, and Law in Nineteenth-Century America." The book is a study of the 1887 Kansas Supreme Court decision of *State v. Walker*, 36 Kan. 297. It makes generous use of newspapers and archival sources to tell the interconnected stories of the free-love marriage of Edwin Walker and Lillian Harman and the three members of the Kansas Supreme Court who sustained their verdicts for unlawful cohabitation.

**Janet Leach Richards** published: *A Guide to Spousal Support and Property Division Claims Under the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005*, 41 FAM L. QTR. 227 (2007).

**Catherine Ross** will be a Member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J. during the 2008-9 academic year where she will be working on a book on pluralism, children's rights and parental values. In January Catherine spoke on the experience of second generation Turks in Germany at a conference on Turkey and the European Union at American University. In March she spoke on parents' rights in the child welfare system at the annual Wells Conference on Adoption at Capital University. On March 31 she commented on Marci Hamilton's work on sexual abuse of children by members of the clergy at a workshop at the Program on Law and Public Affairs at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School. Additionally, as Co-chair of the Committee on Children's Rights of the ABA's Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities, she helped author a resolution on enforcing the Religion Clauses of the Constitution in public schools that was adopted by the ABA's House of Delegates at the Mid-year meeting in February.

**Elizabeth M. Schneider** (Brooklyn) published with Cheryl Hanna (Vermont), Judith G. Greenberg (New England School of Law) and Clare Dalton (Northeastern): *DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE LAW: THEORY AND PRACTICE* (2d. 2008) with Teacher's Manual (2008).

**Julie Shapiro** hosts a blog ([julieshapiro.wordpress.com](http://julieshapiro.wordpress.com)) that includes an ongoing discussion of parental status. It includes reference to national and international legal developments as well as a more sustained discussion.

**David M. Smolin** published *Child Laundering as Exploitation: Applying Anti-Trafficking Norms to Intercountry Adoption Under the Coming Hague Regime*, 32 Vermont Law Review 1 (2007).

**Elaine E. Sutherland**, CHILD AND FAMILY LAW (2nd ed., 2008, W. Green/Thomson) (1,385 pp.)

**Nancy Ver Steegh** published (with Robert E. Oliphant) the second edition of *Work of the Family Lawyer* (Aspen Publishers (ISBN 978-7355-7092-4)). The casebook offers succinct and accessible coverage of family law that encourages the development of knowledge and skills used in practice. The second edition expands coverage of non-adversarial processes and new professional roles and includes hypothetical problems that relate chapter topics to a variety of family structures. The casebook is supported by a Teacher's Manual and website featuring additional teaching ideas and materials.

This summer, the Report from the Wingspread Conference on Domestic Violence and Family Courts by Nancy Ver Steegh and Clare Dalton will be published in a special domestic violence issue of the *Family Court Review*. In February of 2007 the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) brought together a working group of thirty-seven experienced practitioners and researchers to identify and explore conceptual and practical tensions that have hampered effective work with families in which domestic violence has been identified or alleged. Five central sets of issues were raised at the conference and are discussed in this report. These include the following: differentiation among families experiencing domestic violence; screening and triage; participation by families in various processes and services; appropriate outcomes for children; and family court roles and resources. The report emphasizes the need for continued multidisciplinary collaboration in order to better serve families affected by domestic violence and it includes an appendix of consensus points as well as suggestions for formation of ongoing work groups. . An advance copy of the report is available on the AFCC website at [http://www.afccnet.org/pdfs/Report from the Wingspread Conference on Domestic Violence and Family Courts.pdf](http://www.afccnet.org/pdfs/Report%20from%20the%20Wingspread%20Conference%20on%20Domestic%20Violence%20and%20Family%20Courts.pdf)

**Lynn D. Wardle** published (with Lincoln C. Oliphant), *In Praise of Loving: Reflections on the \*Loving Analogy\* for Same-Sex Marriage*, 51 *Howard L. J.* 1117-1186 (2007). This article unpacks the popular equality argument for same-sex marriage, compares the history of anti-miscegenation with the history of marriage protection, and reviews civil rights and gender considerations relevant to the "Loving analogy."

**Merle H. Weiner** has a new article: *Half-truths, Mistakes, and Embarrassments: The United States Goes to the Fifth Special Session to Review Operation of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction*, [2008] *Utah L. Rev.* 221.

**Robin Fretwell Wilson** published several article and book chapters: "The Overlooked Costs of Religious Deference," 64(4) *Washington & Lee Law Review* 1363 (2007); Essay: the Limits of Conscience: Moral Clashes over Deeply Divisive Healthcare Procedures, 34 *American Journal of Law & medicine* 41 (2008); "Blind Trust: The American Law Institute's Proposed Treatment of De Facto Parents," in *PRAVNI ZIVOT (LEGAL LIFE) NO 9 OR 10 (ASSOCIATION OF THE JURISTS OF SERBIA, BELGRADE, SERBIA, 2007)*; "The Harmonisation of Family Law in the United States," in *EUROPEAN CHALLENGES IN CONTEMPORARY FAMILY LAW* (Katharina Boele-Woelki and Tone Sverdrup, eds., 2008); and "Keeping Women in Business (and Family)," in *Rethinking Business*

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