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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

Dear members of the ISFL!

The next World Conference of the ISFL, which will take place in Lyon from July 19-23, 2010, is coming closer. It is with great pleasure that I could notice in the past 3 months at different occasions and on various places (e.g. Salvador, Brazil; Dunedin, New Zealand; Sydney, Australia; Pretoria, South Africa) that the interest among practitioners and scholars for the Conference's theme

"Solidarité entre generations" –

"Intergenerational Obligations"—

is considerable. I hope that many of you will participate in the XIVth World Conference of the ISFL.

The Regional ISFL- Conference in Ulster, Northern Ireland, which took place from July 19-20, 2010 on "The Children's Convention at 21: The Rights of the Child Come of Age?" was a very successful and important event.

I will attend the Regional ISFL- Conference in Tsukuba, Japan, which will take place on November 7, 2010, on "Reconstitution of Modern Families: Recent Developments in Asian Family Law." On the occasion of my trip to Japan, I will also visit the Law Faculty of the University of Niigata, where Prof. Satoshi Minamikata is teaching, and I

intend to present a lecture there as well.

Although the XVth World Conference, scheduled for 2014, seems far ahead, we need to think of this conference too. During my stays in Rio de Janeiro, Salvador and Manaus in August this year, where I talked with many family lawyers, including representatives of IBDFam, the interest of our Brazilian colleagues to organize the conference in 2014 was manifest. I hope to be able to report more details in the spring newsletter, 2011.

It may be too late in the spring to announce a further Regional ISFL- Conference, which will take place in Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas, from March 17-19, 2011, on "The Legal and Social Consequences of the Disintegration and Reconstitution of Families", a conference that promises to be very interesting indeed. Please look for the announcement below.

I wish you all for the remaining two months of this year lots of success and the necessary energy to finalize all your projects scheduled for the end of this year.

With best regards,
Bea Verschraegen
President of the ISFL

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL:

Dear Colleagues:

First, I look forward to seeing many of you in Lyon, France, on July 19-23, 2011 for the Society's next World Conference. It is not too soon to begin planning to attend. You will find a link to the conference website in this newsletter. At the website, you will find conference information as it becomes available.

Second, now is the time to think about serving on the ISFL Executive Council or nominating another member to do so. The Society's officers and nineteen other members of the Executive Council are elected. To appear on the ballot, an Executive Council candidate must be nominated by two other members in good standing; an officer must be nominated by five other members in good standing. To make a nomination, send me a letter, by e-mail (marsha.garrison@brooklaw.edu) or fax (1-718-780-0375). The letter (or letters)

must contain the names of the nominating members and their signatures. I also need, either in the nominating letter or another letter, an expression by the nominated person that he or she is willing to serve. The nomination letter(s) and acceptance must be sent to me by 60 days before the General Meeting in Lyon, i.e., by Monday, May 23, 2010. Each candidate has the right to submit a statement of not more than 200 words, which will be distributed with the ballot.

Finally, paper proposals are due promptly! **You should send your proposal, on any topic related to the conference theme, "Intergenerational Obligations," to contribute@isfl-congress2011.org by Tuesday, November 25, 2010.** A brief, one-page description of your proposed presentation is adequate.

I can guarantee that the Lyon conference will provide many memorable experiences. Please plan to attend and participate.

With best regards,
Marsha Garrison

REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Dear colleagues,

When your address will change, please send me your new full new address and preferably also your e-mail address. We try to keep the membership list updated and with your help we can succeed in that. This is especially important at this moment because the Publisher will soon send the International Survey 2010 Edition. If you change your address or if you want to be

deleted as member, please send me a message as soon as possible, but before the end of June 2010.

I want to remind you of my message in the last ISFL Autumn Letter, which noted: Some countries has more specialists in the field of Family and Juvenile Law than the ISFL has members. **So, I challenge you to invite at least one colleague to become a member of our Society. You will find the**

Subscription Form at the ISFL-website.

When you cannot find the Form, ask me. It would be nice to have at least 1000 members from all over the World. Inviting others is especially important now because we had to delete a number of members who did not pay their fees.

We do have the possibility to pay for 5 years. Many members choose for this opportunity, which will save you and the ISFL costs. In all cases when you write me, please do so by using your computer or typewriter.

I can't always read your handwriting and especially with your Banks this gives me a lot of trouble.

Best regards to all!
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REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF FAMILY LAW

Work is well under way for the 2011 edition of the Survey. Some papers have already arrived and others are expected in due course. My hope is that the edition will be published in time for the Lyon World Conference.

I am always interested in new contributors.

Bill Atkin, General Editor
Professor of Law
Victoria University of Wellington

REPORT OF THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

In the fall of 2009, we were pleased to include two pieces, involving developments in Norway and Greece. This issue, I've received one such piece, which will be included in this Letter, involving Brazil. Please continue to send them to me if you find them useful and/or entertaining.

Many of you kindly send me updates of changes to your email addresses. This is very important, since otherwise not only will you miss the Family Letter, but also other notices that the Board asks me to send out increasingly often.

When you get these notices, please do not reply to me but to the address indicated in the notice.

The most important place to send changes of address is to Adriaan van der Linden, our Treasurer, though I will forward your notes about address changes that are sent to me.

Margaret F. Brinig, Editor,
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WEBSITE UPDATES:

Notes about the ISFL Website:

To enter the secure portion of the website, including the membership directory, use the following information:

Username: ISFL

Password: ISFL2006

The ISFL website at <http://www.law2.byu.edu/isfl/index.php> has been updated and revised in the following ways:

First, we have activated the "award plaque" and entitled it "In Appreciation for Exceptional Service to the International Society for Family Law" and put a link for it on the ISFL homepage. The first five recipients are now listed on the digital award plaque.

Second, A new feature has been installed on the ISFL Website. It is entitled "ISFL "Developments Blog and Comments Forum" and the link to it is on the front page (left) of the ISFL website homepage at <http://www.law2.byu.edu/isfl/>. It is intended to provide a place for ISFL members to post "blog entries" describing interesting new developments in family law in their state, nation, region, or internationally relating to family law subjects in which they have an interest (marriage, adoption, etc.). ISFL members may post "comments" about the blog entries posted by other ISFL members. So this "Developments Blog and Comments Forum" can function like an old bulletin board in your law school building where people could post newspaper clippings, announcements, drafts or summaries of recent legislation, copies or summaries of recent case opinions, and others can react to those postings by adding comments. There is even an entry for ISFL Business where

items relating to the ISFL organization can be posted.

Many of our students (the next generation of family law scholars, judges and lawyers) are very attuned to using such electronic blogs and making such electronic postings and comments. So this will be a way for ISFL member-scholars to begin to get familiar with such technology and to communicate with the rising generation of upcoming family law scholars through technology with which they are very comfortable.

The ISFL Developments Blog and Comment Forum includes simple instructions on how to post an entry are quite simple are included at the "Developments Blog and Comments Forum" at the first page. I invite all members of the ISFL to post an entry on the Developments Blog and to make a comment on someone else's posting on the Comments Forum.

Finally, Feedback about suggested corrections and improvements in the ISFL website are welcome. Send such comments by email to Lynn Wardle at WARDLEL@law.byu.edu.

I invite you to check out these website changes, and to let me know of any significant corrections that need to be made.

Lynn D. Wardle
ISFL Website Editor

The American Association of Law Schools, Family Law Section Website is also available at <http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/faculty/brinig/aals/>. Section members have provided material, but more suggestions would be welcome, including links, class materials, exams you

don't mind being generally available, or anything else you'd like to supply. You may write her at mbrinig@nd.edu, and may

attach electronic versions of any submissions.

REPORTS ON CONFERENCES:

A number of papers from the Israel Regional Conference were published in Issue 2 of Vol. 12 of the Journal of Law and Family Studies. Other selected papers will also be published in "Family in Law," an Israeli law review. Included in the Journal of Law and Family Studies were:

MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: COMPARATIVE LAW PROBLEMS AND CONFLICT OF LAWS SOLUTIONS

by Lynn D. Wardle

CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LAW CONCERNING DIVORCE: THE CONDITION OF WOMEN AND THEIR EMPOWERMENT

by Adelaide Madera

PROTECTING THE UNPROTECTED: RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM AND CHILD ENDANGERMENT

by Amos N. Guiora

COMPARATIVE MODELS FOR TRANSITIONING FROM RELIGIOUS TO CIVIL MARRIAGE SYSTEMS

by Brett G. Scharffs & Suzanne Disparte

CUSTODY INVESTIGATIONS IN DIVORCE-CUSTODY LITIGATION*

by Robert J. Levy

THE RELEVANCE OF RELIGIOUS LAW AND CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION DISPUTES

by Dr. Rhona Schuz

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND CALLS FOR PAPERS

XIVth World Conference of the International Society of Family Law: *Intergenerational Obligations* (Lyon: 19-23 July, 2011)

CALL FOR PAPERS

The International Society of Family Law periodically sponsors a world conference on an important issue in contemporary family law. Recent world conferences were held in Brisbane (2000), Copenhagen and Oslo (2002), Salt Lake City (2005), and Vienna (2008). The 14th world conference, organized in collaboration with the Centre

de droit de la famille, will take place in Lyon, France, **on July 19-23, 2011.**

The conference theme is:

Intergenerational Obligations

Today, increasing life expectancy, geographic mobility, and labor-market entry barriers all contribute both to the decline of the traditional family and the rise of new family forms. The traditional extended family is gradually being replaced with smaller family units centered around the parent-child relationship. The new family is also, increasingly, a family that is separated

or blended; it may include only one parent or even a single individual. New family forms and increased individualization of family relationships are fundamental aspects of contemporary life. Although these shifts are diverse and complex, all of them have a profound impact on family function and family law.

The personal and familial obligations recognized by earlier generations are disappearing. New obligations are beginning to appear, redefining intergenerational ties and highlighting, sometimes quite dramatically, the situation of those most at risk, including children, the disabled and, perhaps most of all, the elderly.

These developments raise questions about the respective roles of the family and the state in protecting the needy, as well as the relationship between public and private obligation. These questions are important both for developed countries, which contend with aging populations and economic uncertainty, and for emerging nations confronting the social, demographic, and economic changes produced by modernization.

Conference presentations may focus on economic, demographic, or social issues as well as legal policy. International, comparative, and social-science perspectives are all welcome. The conference is open to all family specialists, including specialists from the fields of anthropology, demography, economics, philosophy, psychology, and sociology as well as law. In order to encourage participation in the conference by younger scholars, a limited number of reduced subscriptions are available to junior university lecturers/researchers, doctoral students, and post-doctoral research fellows. Winners of

reduced subscriptions will be selected by the Conference Scientific Committee. ***For more information, please contact:*** contact@isfl-congress.org.

Presentation proposals should be sent to contribute@isfl-congress2011.org before **Thursday, November 25, 2010**.

The International Society of Family Law was established at Birmingham University, UK, in April 1973, following an initiative by Professor Zeev Falk. The Society's objectives are the study and discussion of family law problems. To this end, it promotes international cooperation in family law research on topics of global interest by sponsoring international conferences on important family law topics and by collecting and disseminating information in the field of family law. The Society publishes an annual survey of family law developments and occasional volumes of papers presented at Society conferences. The Society also cooperates with other regional and international associations with similar objectives. The Society's current president is Professor Bea VERSHRAEGEN of the University of Vienna.

The Centre de droit de la famille (Family Law Center) was founded in 1982 by Professor Jacqueline RUBELLIN-DEVICHI and is today headed by Professor Hugues FULCHIRON, President of the University Jean Moulin Lyon 3. The Center encourages both theoretical and practical approaches to the evolution of the family and family law. Its activities are supported by an interdisciplinary network of family experts that includes anthropologists, lawyers, philosophers, and sociologists from Europe, Asia, Africa, and North America. The Center frequently sponsors scientific meetings on important family law topics and offers continuing legal education for legal

practitioners, including judges, notaries, lawyers, administrators, members of associations.

More information on the conference is available at: www.isfl-congress2011.org.
You may register online after January 3. Before December 22, 2010, please subscribe in writing to Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3 – faculté de droit – Centre de droit de la famille - 15 quai Claude Bernard 69007 LYON (France), FAX + 33 (0) 4.26.31.86.1 **or by email to** registration@isfl-congress2011.org.

The various conference fees are given on the website. For regular ISFLmembers, the fees are 450 euros. **For more information, contact:** contact@isfl-congress.org.

Notice of ISFL Regional Conference in Japan

Sunday, 7th November 2010

International Symposium on
Reconstitution of Modern Families
Recent Developments in Asian Family Law

Theme:

Families in Asian countries are facing with challenges of their reconstitution resulting from: Disintegration of the family due to personal factors such as divorce;

Social factors such as changes in economic activity such as redundancy and transfers as well as political factors such as war; and Natural factors such as disintegration of the family due to natural disasters.

In order to grasp the reality of the reconstitution of those separated families and to devise effective methods by which society can realise more streamlined reconstitutions, this symposium seeks to conduct both legal and academic examination of the reconstitution of

families and to explore the common and diverse responses within these Asian countries. It also aims to provide an opportunity to create cooperative relations between academics and practitioners through working on the above issue together.

Schedule: Sunday, 7th November 2010

Morning Session: 10:00~12:20

Prof. Yang Sui Quan (Sichuan University, China) Study on the Special Legal Issues in Relation to Marriage and Families of Earthquake Victims--Based on the Protection after Wenchuan's Earthquake

Prof. Yang Hyun (Seoul National University, Korea) Reconstitution of a Family?: The Violence Embedded in the Inter-Cultural Marriages in Korea and the Law's In/capacity

Prof. Vicha Mahakun (Institute for Juvenile & Family Justice Development Foundation, Thailand) Delinquent Children and the Reconstitution of Families

Assoc. Prof. Michiyo Yoneno (University of the Philippine, Philippines) Overcoming Semilingualism: Family, Nationality, Migration and Language Acquisition of Japanese Filipino Children

Afternoon Session: 14:00~18:00

Prof. Bui Thi Thanh Hang (Vietnam National University, Vietnam) Effects of Dioxin to Vietnamese Families-the Victims of War after Vietnam War

Assist. Prof. Nobuaki Morita (University of Tsukuba, Japan) Psychoeducational Approaches for Domestic Violence Cases; Batterer Intervention and Rebuilding of Family Relationship

Prof. Bea Verschraegen (University of Vienna, Austria)

Comments, Discussions

Language: English and Japanese
(simultaneous translation)

Organiser: The Japan Society for Socio-Legal Studies on Family Issues

Venue: University of Tsukuba Room 1D201

Registration: Registration Fee is Free.

Please contact Satoshi Minamikata
(satoshi@jura.niigata-u.ac.jp) for further
information on registration.

International Society of Family Law
Caribbean Regional Conference

British Colonial Hilton Hotel
NASSAU, THE BAHAMAS
March 17-19, 2011

Theme: *The Legal and Social
Consequences of the Disintegration and
Reconstitution of Families.*

CALL FOR PAPERS

Families, family life and family law are dynamic. The scope, as well as the pace of changes in form, formation, structure, stability, break -up, continuity and impermanency in family relations in this period of history in the western world is unprecedented. The meaning and significance of these changes merit the attention of the best scholarship. This conference invites family law and related academics to contribute to the discussion of these trends and phenomena and to put them into conceptual, historic, theoretical, doctrinal and practical perspectives.

Venue: British Colonial Hilton Hotel, Nassau, The Bahamas. Room prices have been negotiated at an exceptional rate of \$198.32 per night, single or double occupancy, inclusive of all taxes and fees. Conference Registration Fee: \$350.00 up to January 31, 2011; Late registration fee of \$400.00 will become payable from February 1, 2011.

Conference Presenters- \$300.00

Registration fee includes conference materials, lunch, tea or coffee breaks.

Format of the Conference:

The conference will comprise keynote speakers in plenary sessions, panel discussions, luncheon speakers and break-out sessions. There will be an opening cocktail reception and a banquet. Exciting social activities are being planned for accompanying persons during the conference, as well as post -conference tours for participants, such as a visit to Atlantis on Paradise Island to view the largest aquarium in the world, fun at the casino, swimming with the dolphins and sharks, and a number of other treats.

Target Group:

Academics, judges, practitioners, family therapists and students from the fields of law, social work, social policy, education and related disciplines are being invited to attend.

Sub -themes of the conference for paper proposals:

These include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Divorce and separation
- (b) Property disputes
- (c) Custody and access
- (d) Adoption and foster care
- (e) Step- families and blended families
- (f) Cohabitation
- (g) Right to family life and immigration laws
- (h) Paternity and inheritance laws
- (i) Citizenship laws
- (j) Emigration and parental alienation
- (k) Registered partnerships and same sex marriages.

Submission of Abstracts:

Abstracts of around 250 words should reach the Scientific Committee by **December 3, 2010**. They should be sent to the convenor of the conference, Hazel Thompson-Ahye at HThompsonAhye@edls.edu.bs.

Prospective presenters should also provide the following information: Full name of presenter, title or position, university or institution (if applicable), postal address, telephone, fax, email address and a one paragraph mini-resume'.

Publication of Papers:

The West Indian Law Journal and the Ave Maria Law Review have expressed interest in publishing a selection of the papers presented at the conference.

Conference support:

This conference is being supported by funds from the Marriage & Family Law Research Project at the Brigham Young University Law School, through Professor Lynn Wardle, the Bruce C. Hafen Professor of Law at the J. Reuben Clark Law School of Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Other avenues of support are being explored.

OTHER CONFERENCES OF INTEREST

Kazan Federal University (Kazan, Russia) and the Research Centre of Private Law (Moscow, Russia) are inviting the ISFL members to participate in the Conference on December 18, 2010 in the city of Kazan (Tatarstan, Russia).

Theme "Family Law on a Boundary of the XX-XXI Centuries: Twenty Years of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child". The conference will consider various influences, institutions and interactions relating to the rights of children in the post-

Communist countries. For visa, travel and accommodation details, please contact odyuzheva@mtu-net.ru and/or family-conf@yandex.ru

On February 28, 2011, a Symposium on Belonging, Families and Family Law will convene in room 472 of the Brigham Young University Law School, hosted by the Marriage and Family Law Research Project at BYU Law School and Professor Lynn D. Wardle. The purpose of this symposium is to provide an opportunity for a dozen respected scholars of family law, from throughout the United States, as well as Israel and Japan, whose work has focused on the significance of the family as a legal entity, and upon the concept of belonging as it relates to family and family law, to discuss those issues. With numerous public policy issues being debated today concerning the definition, structure, regulation, protection and reconstitution of families in society and in the law, these dimensions of family law are particularly relevant today. The work of distinguished former Professor of Family Law and former Dean of the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University, Bruce C. Hafen, will be featured, as much of his academic and general public writings in the past related to these themes. There is no cost to attend the symposium, except for those registering for CLE credit, but RSVPs are encouraged by contacting Lorelie Sander at sanderl@law.byu.edu. More information about the conference, the presenters, abstracts, and program is or will be posted on the conference website at http://www.law2.byu.edu/organizations/marriage_family/index.php.

A Symposium on the Jurisprudence of the Family: Parenting and Culture will convene May 12-13 at the Pontifical University of

Buenos Aires, hosted by that university and Professor Ursula Basset of the law faculty, and sponsored by the International Academy for Study of Jurisprudence of the Family . Presentations will be made by 15 academics and experts, half from South America and half from other regions of the world. Persons interested in attending and participating in the discussions or otherwise may contact Lorelie Sander at

sanderl@law.byu.edu . There is no registration fee but RSVPs will be required. More information about the conference, the presenters, abstracts, and program is or will be posted on the conference website at a link at http://www.law2.byu.edu/organizations/marriage_family/index.php.

FOREIGN NOTES

The Brazilian Institute of Family Law - IBDFAM proposed a Family Statute, composed of 274 articles. A more humanitarian legal system is needed in order to adequately include the plurality of family arrangements present in the Brazilian society, which are not effectively protected by the Present Civil Code. Brazilian society is at the same time conservative and progressive. Although there were several modifications to the original proposal, mainly concerning the homosexual family

composition, the need for major changes in Family Law is now more obvious to a great number of Congressmen. It does not seem that the approval will occur soon, but IBDFAM's aim in discussing issues as common marriage, social parenthood, adoption, family composition, joint custody, children's rights, and so on, was achieved.

Giselle Groeninga – Member of Executive Council of IBDFAM, Vice-President of ISFL

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE BY ISFL MEMBERS:

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University of Miami Law Review 809 (2010).

Mark Strasser, "Current Developments Regarding LGBTs and the Law: Life After DOMA," 17 Duke Journal of Gender Law and Policy 399 (2010).

1. Family Law in General: History; Theories; Overviews

Lynn D. Wardle, "Marriage and Religious Liberty" Comparative Law Problems and Conflict of Laws Solutions," 12 J. L. & Fam. Stud. 315-365 (2010).

2. Before/Creation of Spousal or Quasi-Spousal Relations

Robert E. Rains, "Marriage in the Time of Internet Ministers: I Now Pronounce you Married, But Who Am I To Do So?," 64

Lynn D. Wardle, "Gender Neutrality and the Jurisprudence of Marriage," in The

Jurisprudence of Marriage and Other Intimate Relationships at 37-65 (Scott FitzGibbon, Lynn D. Wardle, & A. Scott Loveless, eds., Wm. S. Hein & Co. 2010).

Lynn D. Wardle, "Gender Neutrality and the Jurisprudence of Marriage," in The Jurisprudence of Marriage and Other Intimate Relationships at 37-66 (Scott FitzGibbon, Lynn D. Wardle, & A. Scott Loveless, eds., Wm. S. Hein & Co. 2010)

Scott FitzGibbon, "'Just Like Little Dogs': The Law Should Speak with Veracity and Respect," in The Jurisprudence of Marriage and Other Intimate Relationships at 107-142 (Scott FitzGibbon, Lynn D. Wardle, & A. Scott Loveless, eds., Wm. S. Hein & Co. 2010)

Shahar Lifshitz, "Spousal Rights and Spousal Duties: The Liberal Case for Privileging Marriage," in The Jurisprudence of Marriage and Other Intimate Relationships at 165-194 (Scott FitzGibbon, Lynn D. Wardle, & A. Scott Loveless, eds., Wm. S. Hein & Co. 2010)

Ruth Deech, Rt. Hon. Baroness, "Cousin Marriage," in The Jurisprudence of Marriage and Other Intimate Relationships at 291-304 (Scott FitzGibbon, Lynn D. Wardle, & A. Scott Loveless, eds., Wm. S. Hein & Co. 2010)

Bea Verschraegen, Legal Protection of lifestyles and family forms – A European overview, in O. Kapella/Chr. Rille-Pfeiffer/M. Rupp/N. F. Schneider (eds), Family Diversity. Collection of the 3rd European Congress of Family Science, Barbara Budrich Publishers (2010) 379-390

3. Before/Creation of Parent-Child or Similar Relations

Cynthia R. Mabry, "MEPA-IEP Review from Adoption Attorneys' Perspectives: Continuing to Make Permissible Assessments Based on Race in the Best Interests of Children of Color," 38 Capital University Law Review 319 (2009).

Cynthia R. Mabry, "Joint/Shared Parenting: Valuing all Families as Applicants in the Adoption Process," 17 American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law, 101 (2009).

4. Spousal Relations in the Ongoing Family or Similar Relations

5. Parent-Child Relations in the Ongoing Family or Similar Relations

6. Termination/Post-Relations of Spouses & Quasi-Spouses

7. Termination/Post-Relations of Parents and Children

Brian H. Bix, "Best Interests of the Child," in THE CHILD: An ENCYCLOPEDIA COMPANION (Richard A. Schweber, ed., Chicago, 2009).

Ann Laquer Estin, "Families Across Borders: The Hague Children's Conventions and the Case for International Family Law in the United States," 62 Florida Law Review 47 (2010).

Margaret M. Mahoney, "Permanence and Parenthood: The Case for abolishing the Adoption Annulment Doctrine," 42 Indiana Law Review 639 (2009).

Laurence C. Nolan, "Identifying Parents Who May Kill Their Children in Highly Contested Custody Cases: Can Mental Health Providers Help Judges to Avoid the

Deadly Game of Russian Roulette?," 9 Whittier Journal of Child and Family Advocacy 227 (2010).

Other Publication Notes:

Professor Brian H. Bix of the University of Minnesota Law School has been appointed the Reporter for the Uniform Law Commission Committee working on a Uniform Premarital and Marital Agreement Act.

Douglas E. Abrams & Sarah H. Ramsey, CHILDREN AND THE LAW: DOCTRINE, POLICY AND PRACTICE, LAWS - FAMILY and SUCCESSION LAW – USA monograph, Supp 51 (Wolters Kluwer Publishing Company 2010).

Bea Verschraegen, Interdisziplinäre Studien zur Komparatistik und zum Kollisionsrecht (Bd. I) / Interdisciplinary Studies of Comparative and Private International Law (Vol. I), Jan Sramek Verlag / Wien (2010) 274 pp

Bea Verschraegen, Austrian Law – An International Perspective. Selected Issues, Jan Sramek Verlag /Wien (2010) 396 pp

NOTE: The Newsletter will publish notices of recent publications dealing with family law topics if the following information— Name of author, title of article or chapter, title of book or journal in which it is published, the volume and pages, the year of publication (and if the title of the article, chapter and/or book or journal is not in English a translation of the same into English - so that the entry can be placed in the appropriate category)—is sent to Prof. Laurence C. Nolan, Howard University School of Law, 2900 Van Ness Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20008; 202-806-8428

Fourth Edition (Thomson Reuters 2010).

Mark Ellman, Paur Kurtz, Lois Weithorn, Brian Bix, Karen Czapanskiy, & Maxine Eichner, FAMILY LAW: CASES, TEXT, PROBLEMS, Fifth Edition (Lexis-Nexis 2010).

Cynthia R. Mabry & Lisa Kelly, ADOPTION LAW: THEORY, POLICY, and PRACTICE, Second Edition (William S.Hein & Co, Inc. 2010).

Lynn D. Wardle & Laurence C. Nolan, INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPAEDIA of Bea Verschraegen, Rechtswahl – Grenzen und Chancen (Private Autonomy in Private International Law), Jan Sramek Verlag / Wien (2010) 136 pp

Bea Verschraegen, Legal Sources of Private International Law / Pramene Medzinárodného Práva Súkromného a Procesného, together with Miloš Haťapka, Eurokodex / Bratislava (2010) 645 pp

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Personal Notices:

Bea Vershragen, among other honors, was recently elected President of the Interdisciplinary Association of Comparative and Private International Law (IACPIL).

