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- 8/24/99 from **Rodney K. Smith** and **Kanko Shiraki Oliver** at UALR School of Law, who, with UAMS and Ark. Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics, have developed a symposium on Children of Embattled Divorce. They realize you cannot likely participate, but request a letter from you endorsing the concept of the symposium to help attract a nationally prominent figure as a keynote speaker. They would like to read your letter at the opening of the symposium. They would appreciate any materials or articles you could send or recommend.

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SCHOOL OF LAW
Office of the Dean

August 24, 1999

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

On September 17 and 18, 1999, a symposium on the Children of Embattled Divorce will be held at the UALR School of Law. Our Law School, along with the UAMS College of Medicine and the Arkansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, built the program over several months, and we are thrilled to see it scheduled.

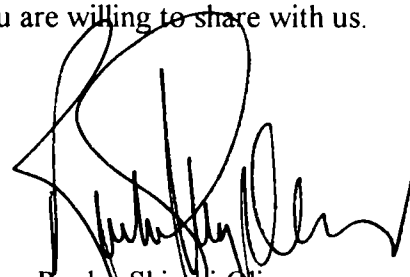
Knowing of your longstanding interest in issues peripheral to this topic, beginning with your work during law school, we wanted to inform you about the symposium, its speakers, and the other information contained in the enclosed material. Your participation would be wonderful, but we are aware it may be unrealistic to hope for that from you. However, given your extensive knowledge of the many related topics and of the community of leaders in these fields, we are writing to request your help and counsel.

We are seeking a keynote speaker, and a letter from you to the School of Law endorsing the concept of the symposium would be of enormous help in attracting a nationally prominent figure. We would be honored to read your letter to the participants at the opening of the symposium. Further, any advice you would be willing to offer us, or any materials or articles you could send or recommend for review by the participants, would be most welcome. The well-being of children is an area in which you are an expert, and we would be grateful for any expertise you are willing to share with us.

Sincerely yours,



Rodney K. Smith
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Children of Embattled Divorce

The Ben J. Alzheimer Symposium

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September 17 and 18, 1999



An interdisciplinary symposium to address protection of children from psychological damage in high-conflict divorce. A ground breaking event, the symposium will involve national experts from the behavioral/medical and legal professions.

Arkansas Continuing Legal and Medical Education credit of 7.5 hours.

CATHERINE J. ROSS is an Associate Professor of Law at The George Washington Law School, where she teaches Constitutional Law, Evidence, Family Law, Juvenile Law, and Poverty Law. Prof. Ross received her B.A., Ph.D., and J.D. from Yale University. Before joining the faculty at George Washington Law School, Prof. Ross practiced law in New York City for seven years, and taught at Boston College. Prof. Ross served as Vice Chair of the American Bar Association Presidential Working Group on the Unmet Legal Needs of Children and Their Families, which published *American Children at Risk: A National Agenda for Legal Action*. In 1995, Prof. Ross became Chair of the Steering Committee on Initiatives for Children, sponsored by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 1997, Prof. Ross was a Visiting Professor at the Center for Child, Family and Community Partnerships in Boston College.

THOMAS E. SCHACHT, PsyD, ABPP, is a Professor and Director of the Psychiatry Department Forensic Service at the James H. Quillen College of Medicine of East Tennessee State University. Dr. Schacht received his B.A. Magna Cum Laude in Psychology from Connecticut College and his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Rutgers University, Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology. He received his post-doctoral training in medical and neuropsychology, pediatric medical psychology and developmental disabilities from Oregon Health Sciences University, School of Medicine, Department of Medical Psychology. He received the National Research Service Award at the Center for Psychotherapy Research for his post-doctoral fellowship training in psychosocial treatments research from Vanderbilt University National Institute of Mental Health. From 1983 to 1992, Dr. Schacht was Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology and Research Consultant at the Center for Psychotherapy Research of Vanderbilt University. Dr. Schacht's scholarly work has been in the areas of psychotherapy, psychoanalysis, and behavior therapy.

ANDREW SCHEPARD is a Professor of Law at Hofstra University School of Law. Prof. Schepard received his B.A. from City College of New York, his Master's Degree from Columbia University, and his Juris Doctorate from Harvard University, where he was Articles Editor of the Harvard Law Review. Prof. Schepard's special interests are in family law, especially as it affects children, alternative dispute resolution, and civil procedure. He has written many articles on these subjects. Prof. Schepard has been on the law faculties of Columbia University, New York University, and the University of Southern California. He is a founder of Parent Education and Custody Effectiveness (P-E-A-C-E), a court-affiliated education program, which seeks to reduce the impact of parents' conflict over divorce and separation on children. Prof. Schepard was the Reporter for a New York State Law Revision Commission Report, which advocated that the State adopt a mediation system for child custody disputes. Recently, Prof. Schepard was the Reporter for the American Bar Association's leadership Summit on Unified Family Courts. He is currently the Reporter for the Task Force of the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association, which is revising the Standards of Practice for Divorce and Family Mediation. He is the editor of the *Family and Conciliation Courts Review*, published by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts in cooperation with Hofstra University School of Law, and the Academic Director of the interdisciplinary Child and Family Advocacy Center of Hofstra University and North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System. He writes the "Children and Law" column for the *New York Law Journal*. In 1995, Prof. Schepard was awarded the Chair's Cup of the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association for "meritorious service exceeding what is expected of our leadership."

H. PATRICK STERN, M.D., is presently Chief of the Section of Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics and Professor of Pediatrics at the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University. Dr. Stern was a faculty member at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for 18 years in the Department of Pediatrics where he established the Section of Behavioral Pediatrics. Dr. Stern received his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame where he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. He received his medical degree from Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Stern has been an associate member of the American Board of Pediatrics. Dr. Stern has worked extensively with children and families involved in divorce and has published articles on this topic.

Registration Form CHILDREN OF EMBATTLED DIVORCE SYMPOSIUM

September 17 and 18, 1999

Symposium Registration . . . \$150.00

For multiple registrations, please photocopy this form

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Please make check payable for \$150.00 to The Altheimer Symposium

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A limited number of scholarships are available. If you wish to apply one of these scholarships, please attach to your Registration Form a statement supporting your application. The registration fee will be waived for students Arkansas state employees.

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

Friday, September 17, 1999

- 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
 9:00-9:15 a.m. Welcome
 Dean Rodney K. Smith, UALR Donaghey Dean of Law
- 9:15-9:40 a.m. Concept of High Conflict Divorce
 Janet R. Johnston, Ph.D.
- 9:40-10:05 a.m. Concept of Child of Embattled Divorce
 H. Patrick Stern, M.D., F.A.A.P.
- 10:05-10:15 a.m. Case Vignette/Presentation
 Laurie Bridewell, Attorney at Law
 Immediate Past President Arkansas Trial Lawyers' Association
- 10:15-10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. "Best Interests of the Child"
 Catherine J. Ross, Ph.D., J.D.
 Michael S. Jellinek, M.D.
- 11:30-12:00 p.m. Discussion
 Moderator: Lawrence H. Diller, M.D., Private Practice in Behavioral
 Pediatrics and Child & Family Psychotherapy
 Walnut Creek, CA
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch on Your Own
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. Psychological Abuse Suffered by Children of High-Conflict Divorce
 Andrew Schepard, J.D.
 Kathleen Coulborn Faller, Ph.D.
- 2:00-2:30 p.m. Discussion
 Moderator: Martin T. Stein, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics
 University of California, San Diego
 President-Elect, Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics
- 2:30-3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Protection of Families and Professionals in High-Conflict Divorce
 Dana E. Prescott, J.D.
 Thomas E. Schacht, PsyD, ABPP.
- 4:00-4:30 p.m. Discussion
 Moderator: Prof. D. Russell Crane, Marriage & Family Therapy
 Program, Brigham Young University
- 4:30-5:00 p.m. Break
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Reception

Saturday, September 18, 1999

- 9:00-9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 9:30-10:30 a.m. Qualifications of Professionals Who Serve Children Involved in
 High-Conflict Divorce and Procedures that Should be Used by These
 Professionals
 Robert L. Halon, Ph.D.
 Janet R. Johnston, Ph.D.
- 10:30-11:00 a.m. Discussion
 Moderator: Frank Arey, J.D., Chief Counsel
 Arkansas Department of Human Services
- 11:00-11:15 a.m. Closing Remarks
 Dean Rodney K. Smith, UALR Donaghey Dean of Law

SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS

LAURIE BRIDEWELL, J.D. is an attorney and partner in Bridewell & Bridewell in Lake Village, Arkansas. Ms. Bridewell received her B.F.A. cum laude from Mississippi University for Women and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi School of Law. She is admitted to practice in Mississippi and Arkansas, and she is the 1998-1999 President of the Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association.

KATHLEEN COULBORN FALLER, Ph.D. is a Professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Michigan, Faculty Director of Civitas Child and Family Programs, and Director of the Family Assessment Clinic. Dr. Faller received her Master's Degree in Social Work and her Ph.D. in Social Work and Psychology from the University of Michigan. From 1973-74 Dr. Faller attended a one-year Advanced Course in Family and Marital Treatment at the Institute for Group Analysis in London, England. Dr. Faller has held numerous teaching appointments at the University of Michigan since 1977, and has written extensively in the area of child sexual abuse, child abuse, and child maltreatment.

ROBERT HALON, Ph.D. is a Clinical and Forensic Psychologist who practices in California. Dr. Halon has extensive clinical experience in the evaluation of child custody parental capacities and child protection issues. He is qualified regularly as an expert forensic witness in psychology and counseling in both superior and municipal courts on criminal, juvenile, and civil matters. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Southern California. He is a fellow of the Professional Academy of Custody Evaluators and of the American College of Forensic Psychology. He is a former commissioner for the California State Board of Psychology. Dr. Halon has published multiple articles and conducted research including in the topic of child custody.

MICHAEL S. JELLINEK, M.D. is Chief of Child Psychiatry and Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School. He is also Chair of Bright Futures in Practice: Mental Health Work Group, National Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children and Adolescents, which is sponsored by the Maternal/Child Health Bureau, U.S. Public Health Service, and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Jellinek received his B.A. from Columbia College and his M.D. from Albert Einstein College of Medicine. In 1978, Dr. Jellinek was the recipient of the Dupont-Warren Fellow, Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School and the Laughlin Fellow from the American College of Psychiatrists in Greenbelt, Maryland. In 1993, Dr. Jellinek was the recipient of the Simon-Wile Award from the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Dr. Jellinek's major research interests are in child psychiatric disorders in pediatric office practice, development of Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC), child abuse and neglect, management and outcome in court, and child psychiatric consultation/haison to Pediatrics. Dr. Jellinek is Associate Editor of the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

JANET R. JOHNSTON, Ph.D. is Executive Director of the Judith Wallerstein Center for the Family in Transition in Menlo Park, California. She was the Center's Director of Research from 1986 to 1996. She is also an Associate Professor in the Administration of Justice Department, San Jose State University and was formerly consulting Associate Professor at Stanford University. Dr. Johnston is a native-born Australian, who pursued her undergraduate work at the University of Queensland and her graduate work at the University of Michigan and Stanford University as a clinical social worker and sociologist. During the past two decades, Dr. Johnston has specialized in counseling and mediation with high-conflict litigating divorcing couples and their children. Two of Dr. Johnston's four co-authored books are *Impasses of Divorce* and *In the Name of the Child*, in addition to more than 40 published professional papers.

DANA E. PRESCOTT, J.D. is an attorney and partner in Prescott, Lemoine, Jameson & Nelson in Saco, Maine. Mr. Prescott received his B.A. cum laude in Psychology from Western New England College and his Juris Doctorate from Vermont Law School. He is admitted to practice in Maine and Massachusetts, and he is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Director of the New England Bar Association, and Chair of the Family Law Section of the Maine Bar Association. Mr. Prescott is the author of two books and numerous articles in the area of family law, and has presented many papers on the topic in New England and Washington, D.C.

CHILDREN OF EMBATTLED DIVORCE SYMPOSIUM

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

School of Law

September 17 and 18, 1999

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law, the UALR Law Review, the UAMS College of Medicine, and the State Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics are proud to present the Children of Embattled Divorce Symposium at UALR School of Law on September 17 and 18, 1999. This is a unique interdisciplinary symposium, which will address important issues related to children, families, and professionals involved in high-conflict divorce at the state and national level.

The primary theme of the symposium is to determine how best to protect children involved in high-conflict divorce from sustaining psychological abuse. The symposium will also examine the concept of "the best interests of the child," and how this can be achieved while serving the interests of families and professionals who attempt to care for these children.

This symposium will be a ground-breaking event that will bring together some of the nation's best minds from the behavioral/medical and legal professions to discuss the significant issues that affect families undergoing high-conflict divorces. It will include in-depth presentations and panel discussions on the following topics:

The Concept of High-Conflict Divorce

- Janet R. Johnston, Ph.D., Executive Director, Judith Wallerstein Center for the Family in Transition, Menlo Park, California

The Concept of Child of Embattled Divorce

- H. Patrick Stern, M.D. Chief of the Section of Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics and Professor of Pediatrics, East Tennessee State University.

The Best Interests of the Child

- Catherine J. Ross, Associate Professor, The George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.
- Michael S. Jellinek, MD, Chief of Child Psychiatry, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts

Psychological Abuse Suffered by Children in High-Conflict Divorce

- Andrew Schepard, Professor of Law, Hofstra University School of Law, Long Island, New York
- Kathleen Coulborn Faller, Ph.D., University of Michigan, School of Social Work, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Qualifications of Professionals who Serve Children Involved in High Conflict Divorce and Procedures that Should be Used by These Professionals

- Janet R. Johnston, Ph.D., Executive Director, Judith Wallerstein Center for the Family in Transition
- Robert L. Halon, Ph.D., Private Practice, Clinical and Forensic Psychologist
- Barry Bricklin, Ph.D., President, Bricklin Associates, Widener University, Wayne, Pennsylvania (Dr. Bricklin will not attend the symposium but will submit a paper on this topic.)

Protection of Families and Professionals Involved in High-Conflict Divorce

- Dana E. Prescott, Attorney at Law, Prescott, Lemoine, Jamieson & Nelson, P.A., Saco, Maine
- Thomas E. Schacht, PsyD, ABPP, Professor and Director, Psychiatric Department Forensic Service, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee

SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

This symposium has been approved for Arkansas Continuing Legal and Medical Education credit of 7.5 hours

Accreditation

ACCREDITATION STATEMENT FOR JOINTLY SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essentials and Standards of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through joint sponsorship of the UAMS College of Medicine and the UALR School of Law. The UAMS College of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AMA DESIGNATION STATEMENT

The UAMS Office of Continuing Medical Education designates this educational activity for a maximum of 7.5 hours in category I towards AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those hours actually spent in the activity.

Proceedings

The proceedings of the symposium will be published by the UALR Law Review in the spring of 2000. Registrants will receive the symposium issue upon its publication at no charge.

Registration

The registration fee includes the symposium materials and continental breakfast on both days. You are encouraged to register in advance and may do so by completing the enclosed registration form and mailing it with a check made payable to The Altheimer Symposium.

Symposium registration \$150.00

A limited number of scholarships are available. If you wish to apply for one of these scholarships, please attach to your Registration Form a statement supporting your application.

The registration fee will be waived for students and Arkansas state employees.

Accommodations

Accommodations are available in the downtown Little Rock area at the following hotels:

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Doubletree Hotel	800-222-8733 or 501-372-4371
Excelsior Hotel	501-375-5000
City Center Plaza	800-465-4329 or 501-376-4000