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UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS LAW REVIEW ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM TO FOCUS ON JUVENILE COURTS IN TRANSITION

Memphis, TN – The University of Memphis Law Review will host its annual Symposium on Friday, February 28, 2014 at the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at 1 North Front St. in downtown Memphis from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This year’s symposium will examine Juvenile Courts in Transition and feature a variety of regional and national experts on the subject of juvenile justice and reform.

The Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County reached a landmark agreement with the Department of Justice in December 2013, after a nearly three-year investigation by the Department of Justice. This timely symposium will explore the transition of the Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County, and new directions in juvenile justice.

This special symposium will analyze juvenile courts in transition from multiple perspectives, which will include speakers from the Department of Justice, the Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County, along with juvenile justice scholars and practitioners from a variety of organizations and law schools around the country. The event’s program will also analyze other timely topics in juvenile justice involving special education for juvenile detainees, confidentiality in juvenile proceedings, and advocacy for juvenile clients. CLE credits will be offered and registration for the event is open to the public.

The speaker’s for this symposium are: **Sandra Simkins**, Clinical Professor and Chair for Clinical Programs at Rutgers School of Law and DOJ Monitor for the Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County; **Mae Quinn**, Co-Director for Civil Justice Clinic at Washington University Law; **Lisa M. Geis**, Clinical Instructor, Juvenile & Special Education Law Clinic, University of the District of Columbia – David A. Clarke School of Law; **Tom Coupe**, Supervising Attorney and Coordinator for Judge’s Action Center at the Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County; **Stephen Bush & Laurie Sansbury**, Shelby County Public Defender’s Office; **Arthur Horne, III**, Horne & Wells, PLLC; **Winsome G. Gayle**, Special Litigation Counsel (Juvenile Rights) U.S. Department of Justice; **William Wesley Patton**, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, Dept. of Psychiatry, Lecturer; Prof. and J. Alan Cook and Mary Schalling Cook Children’s Law Scholar at Whittier Law School.

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