

West LegalEdcenter and the Guthrie Theater present

A FREE EVENT – LIVE AT THE GUTHRIE OR ONLINE

Seeking Safety Across Borders:

*Cases involving domestic violence and
The Hague Convention on the Civil
Aspects of International Child Abduction*

GUTHRIE THEATER

December 10, 2010

1:30-4 P.M.

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This course delves into the complex aspects of international child abduction cases in U.S. courts involving allegations of domestic violence. This event will explore the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and potential gender-based bias against mothers who have fled from one country to another to protect themselves and their children.

The course includes staged readings by professional actors of actual transcripts of interviews with U.S. mothers and their attorneys from a recent study supported by the U.S. Department of Justice. These readings will be interspersed with discussion by internationally recognized legal and social science experts. Topics covered will include:

- When residence in another country is the result of coercion or deception
- Defenses for preventing the return of a child
- Defining a child's domestic violence exposure as a grave risk
- Undertakings, mirror orders and what happens after a child is returned when domestic violence is present.

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If you are a first time user of West’s system you will need to register yourself.

We welcome anyone interested in this topic. **If you are not an attorney** you can still register, just choose “Other” or “No Practice Area” under several of the practice questions in part two of the registration page. Only items with an * by them must be completed. Once you “Submit” this form you will receive an email confirming your registration with West.

After registering be sure to continue to your Shopping Cart and “Purchase” the free program. You should receive a separate email immediately from West providing a confirmation number and instructions for live attendance or online access to the event. (West’s emails may get caught in your Spam filter.)

On the day of the event: If you’ve signed up for the live event come to the Guthrie Theater. If you signed up for the Webcast you can sign into West’s website and click “My Programs” in the upper left column and you will see the event listed with a “Start Program” button. Click “Start Program”. After the event is over, a recording will be available on demand on West’s website for three months.

If you will join us live, we’ll see you at the Guthrie Theatre on December 10th at 1:30pm. There will be a reception following the event. If you will join us online, we’re happy to be able to provide this to you anywhere in the world on your computer screen!

If you have any questions about the program, please contact the Hague Domestic Violence Project at info@haguedv.org. Please contact westlegaledcenter.com for help with technical problems.



Panelists

Prof. Merle Weiner

Philip H. Knight Professor of Law, University of Oregon School of Law

Professor Weiner is recognized globally for her extensive legal research on the issue of domestic violence in Hague Convention cases.

Prof. Jeffrey L. Edleson

Professor of Social Work, University of Minnesota

Professor Edleson is one of the world's leading authorities on how children's exposure to violence poses a grave risk to them. He is the author of over 100 articles and 10 books on this and related topics.

Prof. Taryn Lindhorst

Associate Professor of Social Work, University of Washington

Dr. Lindhorst has just completed an extensive study of Hague Convention cases involving allegations of domestic violence and has written extensively on battered women in health and welfare systems.

Laura E. Nelson, Esq.

Associate, Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi, L.L.P.

Ms. Nelson is a business litigation Associate with Robins. Prior to joining Robins she was a staff attorney with Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, Women's Human Rights Program. She was a member of the firm's pro bono team that received the "2008 Volunteer Award" from The Advocates for Human Rights for work involving state and social services programs for trafficking victims in Minnesota.

Matthew L. Woods, Esq.

Partner, Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi, L.L.P.

Mr. Woods is a Partner with Robins who practices in Intellectual property, anti-trust and trade regulation and business litigation. He chairs the firm's Professional Development Committee which focuses upon best practices, skill development and transition training.

Sudha Shetty, Esq.

Instructor of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

Ms. Shetty developed the original Hague Domestic Violence Project at Seattle University and supervised both the development of a national database on Hague Convention cases and a Washington State judges' bench guide on this issue. She is regularly in contact with battered mothers, attorneys and judges involved in Hague Convention hearings.

Moderator **Chris Carlson** teaches law, defends asylum seekers and, as a performer, has amassed more than 100 film, television, radio and stage credits.