

CHILD ABUSE, FAMILY RIGHTS, AND THE CHILD PROTECTIVE SYSTEM (CPS): LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY IN CRISIS

**A CONFERENCE FOR LAWYERS, PROFESSIONALS, ACADEMICS,
STUDENTS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

Co-sponsored by the Society of Catholic Social Scientists and the Catholic Social Workers National Association

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2012 - 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m

**THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA, Washington, D.C.
Caldwell Hall, Happel Room**

SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS AND TOPICS:

9:00-10:00 a.m. - Dr. Stephen M. Krason, Esq. (Franciscan University of Steubenville) - "The Mondale Act and Its Aftermath: An Overview of Forty Years of American Law, Public Policy, and Governmental Response to Child Abuse and Neglect"

10:00-11:00 a.m. - Michael Rosman, Esq. (Center for Individual Rights) - "Nonjudicial Interference in Family Relations"

11:00 a.m.-noon - Michael Farris, Esq. (Home School Legal Defense Assn.) - "Fourth Amendment Litigation and the CPS"

Attendees on their own for lunch – Caldwell Hall is very close to the Pryzbyla Center on the CUA campus, where lunch facilities are available

1:00-2:00 p.m. - Dr. Patrick Fagan (Family Research Council) - "An Analysis of NIS-4 and Child Abuse Data"

2:00-3:00 p.m. - Richard Wexler (National Coalition for Child Protection Reform) - "The Failure of the Political Left on Child Welfare, and Race and Class Bias in the Child Welfare System"

3:00-4:00 p.m. - William Saunders, Esq. (Americans United for Life) - "The Family and Parental Rights in Light of Catholic Social Teaching and International Human Rights Law, as a Background for Thinking about the CPS"

4:00-5:00 p.m. - Commentary Panel: Prof. Ronald Rychlak, Esq. (University of Mississippi Law School), Prof. D. Brian Scarnecchia, Esq. (Franciscan University of Steubenville); Dr. D. Paul Sullins (The Catholic University of America); Prof. Robert Destro, Esq. (Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America)

The conference is free for the general public with no advance registration. For further information, contact: Dr. Stephen Krason (catholicssocialscientists@gmail.com or 740-284-5377). The Mississippi Commission on Continuing Legal Education has approved this program for 4.5 hours of credit. Attorneys seeking credit in another jurisdiction are encouraged to self-report their hours. The cost is \$100 in advance or \$110 at the door. The conference also has been approved for 7 CEU credits by National Association of Social Workers CE Approval Program. The cost is \$30. Registration in advance is preferred. Registration information and forms for both lawyers seeking CLE credit and social workers seeking CEUs are at the SCSS website (www.catholicssocialscientists.org).