

### **Editors' Note**

It is with pleasure that we present the second issue of the twentieth volume of the UC Davis Journal of Juvenile Law & Policy. This issue explores areas of juvenile law that affect our communities both at home and abroad. The articles further academic discussions and present persuasive arguments in international child abduction, drug testing in schools, and child abuse.

The first article is “De-categorizing Child Abuse—Equally Devastating Acts Require Equally Solicitous Statutes of Limitations” by Professor Rosemary La Puma, an adjunct professor at Golden Gate University Law School. Professor La Puma’s article discusses the legislative changes made in the late 1980s and early 1990s that extended the time within which survivors of childhood sexual abuse could sue their abusers. Almost all state legislatures extended the statute of limitations well past the age of majority. Professor La Puma argues that this legislation should apply to survivors of all forms of child abuse. Implementation of such legislation, she argues, would improve survivors’ health and productivity as well as decrease dependence on welfare, disability, and unemployment.

Next, we present “Drug Testing in Schools” by Conrad Wilton, a 2016 graduate of UC Davis School of Law and host of “Conrad’s Corner®” Radio Show. Mr. Wilton’s article analyzes the United States Supreme Court’s justification of drug testing in two seminal cases and examines scholarly notes that discuss whether drug testing yields favorable policy. Furthermore, the article explores how states have determined the constitutionality of drug testing in schools and evaluated the overall effectiveness of drug testing in both athletic and extracurricular contexts.

Finally, we are pleased to present “International Child Abduction: Modifying the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of Child Abduction and Proposals for a New United Nations Judicial Body” by Megha Bhatt, a 2015 graduate of UC Davis School of Law. Ms. Bhatt’s article discusses the rights of a child born from international marriages when he or she is forcibly removed from their country of residence. Ms. Bhatt argues that the Hague Convention should be modified to include a list of factors that the governing authority can use to determine the best interests of the child. Further, she argues for a new neutral United Nations body comprised of representatives skilled in international and family law. Lastly, Ms. Bhatt’s article calls for a smaller, equally competent judicial body to conduct an appeals process for child abduction claims.

The issues presented in these articles emphasize the challenges faced by youth in our immediate communities and internationally. Our hope is that these articles will inspire not only compassion, but more importantly, action.

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Sincerely,  
Lauren Becker & Dana Cruz  
Editors-in-Chief