

Editor's Note

For the second issue of the nineteenth volume of the UC Davis School of Law *Journal of Juvenile Law and Policy*, we selected articles written by one young attorney and two graduates from the Class of 2015. We wanted to give an opportunity for the next generation of child advocates to express their ideas and concerns regarding the legal challenges facing children in this country. We are proud to present these articles not only for their compelling and important content, but also because of the deep dedication to public interest work that these young legal advocates maintain both in their writing and professional choices.

First we present “Applying a Totality of the Circumstances Test to the Analysis of the Persecutor and Material Support Bars in Child Soldier Asylum Cases in the United States,” authored by young attorney, and recent King Hall alumna, Anita Mukherji. This article recommends that American Immigration judges and other asylum adjudicators acknowledge that children are psychologically distinct from adults and deserve special protections; therefore, they should adopt a totality of the circumstances standard when determining whether former child soldiers should be denied asylum. Anita Mukherji is an immigration attorney with Catholic Charities of the East Bay where she represents unaccompanied minors. We wanted to recognize Anita’s dedication to this challenging and increasingly important field of law. We are pleased to have her represent UC Davis, and we hope that young law graduates continue to follow her lead, dedicating themselves to a field of law that serves other individuals, as well as the greater good.

The second article, “Lifelong Impact: Non-Uniform Interpretation of Special Education Eligibility Standards for Students with ADHD,” is authored by

Ryann Sparrow. Ryann graduated in the spring of 2015 from Hamline University School of Law. In addition to a J.D., she holds a M.A. in Teaching and Learning: Special Education from University of Iowa. This article discusses the overall cause and effect of non-uniform interpretation of special education eligibility for students with ADHD. Ryann's discussion and proposals are both poignant and reflective of her impressive ability as a zealous advocate for others. We look forward to seeing all Ryann accomplishes in what is poised to be a heartening, thoughtful, and passionate career.

Finally, we present "Feeding Hungry Mouths: Getting Healthy Food to the Kids Who Need it Most" by Rebecca Wolozin. This article discusses the need for radical structural changes to the Child and Adult Care Food Program in order to efficiently impact the nutritional well-being of most low-income children. Wolozin is likewise pursuing a public interest career. After receiving her J.D from Harvard Law School, and her Ed.M. from Harvard Graduate School of Education, Rebecca will begin her legal career as an Equal Justice Works Fellow at the Legal Aid Justice Center.

We hope that these articles facilitate a productive discussion about the legal challenges facing children and their families. An immense thank-you goes out to the entire 2014-2015 *Journal of Juvenile Law and Policy* staff, and especially John Hollis for his dedication to making this journal a success.

Sincerely,

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