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### ***Changing Families: Marriage, Divorce, and Conflict in Children's Lives***

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The Center for Children, Families and the Law conferences disseminate information not only among professionals working with families but also to policy makers and the public.

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The Center for Children, Families, and the Law hosts speakers from different academic areas for two days to give both a formal colloquium and an informal talk, as well as meet with interested faculty and students.

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**Virginia Youth Violence Project at the Curry School of Education, U.Va.**  
<http://youthviolence.edschool.virginia.edu/>

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## **speaker**

Robert E. Emery is the Director of the *Center for Children, Families and the Law* and a Professor of Clinical Training in the Department of Psychology at the University of Virginia. He received his Ph.D. at SUNY at Stony Brook.

The faculty at the University of Virginia includes some of the most distinguished experts on children, families, and the law in the country. The multidisciplinary Center for Children, Families, and the Law was created to focus and coordinate efforts in addressing pressing family problems. It recognizes both the talent of the family faculty and the benefits of promoting multidisciplinary collaboration. The center includes members of the departments of psychology, sociology, economics, and government as well as the law school and education school.

Professor Emery's general research interests focus on children and families, especially family conflict that affect children and involve legal/policy issues. More specific interests include the consequences of divorce for children, child custody disputes, divorce mediation, and how children are affected by marital conflict or violence, triads in conflict, and child abuse. He also has a general interest in alternative family structures (divorce, nonmarital childbearing, cohabitation), family dysfunction, and abnormal behavior among children, as well as the interface between psychology and family law/mental health law. A growing interest for Professor Emery is behavior genetics and evolutionary psychology, and how these approaches inform and can be used to study children, family structures, and family relationships.

Included among his many publications are *Marriage, Divorce, and Children's Readjustment* (1998) and *Renegotiating Family Relationships: Divorce, Child Custody, and Mediation* (1994).

