The Center for Children, Families, and the Law at the University of Virginia presents its Ninth Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on

“Law and Emotion: Re-Envisioning Family Law”

September 18-19, 2008
The University of Virginia School of Law, Caplin Pavilion

Should the law recognize, even accommodate, emotion? Emotion pervades victimization, social response to crime, and legal action. Yet in service of noble goals—fairness, justice, and objectivity—the law strives to elevate reason above passion. An emerging area of scholarship, law and emotion, questions whether it is possible, or desirable, to separate emotion from the law. To date, this new paradigm focuses largely on criminal law, disgust, and whether that emotion biases moral judgment, or perhaps should. Surprisingly untapped is the role of reason and passion in family law, topics ripe for examination given the range of emotions in intimate relationships between partners, parents, and children.

This conference is the first broad, systematic effort to examine family law through the lens of law and emotion scholarship. Using emerging findings from psychology and neuroscience, leading academics in law and social science from across the country will offer new visions of the goals, substance, and procedures of family law. Speakers will consider a range of intimate emotions—attachment, anger, love, fear, anxiety, forgiveness—in re-envisioning a role of law in regulating family conflict and promoting and preserving a diverse array of family relationships.

For more information on the conference, or to view the program, please visit the website for the Center for Children, Families, and the Law at [www.virginia.edu/ccfl](http://www.virginia.edu/ccfl).
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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
All sessions will be held in the Caplin Pavilion at the UVA
School of Law, September 18, 8:45 A.M.-5:30 P.M. and
September 19, 8:45 A.M. -12 P.M.

Thursday, September 18

WELCOME 8:45 – 9:00 A.M.
Robert Emery, Ph.D.
Professor of Psychology
Director, Center for Children, Families, and the Law
University of Virginia

PAPER SESSION I  9:00 – 10:15 A.M.
"Law and Emotion: Some Implications of a New
Paradigm for Family Law"
Kathryn Abrams, J.D.
Herma Hill Kay Distinguished Professor of Law
Boalt Hall School of Law
University of California, Berkeley

Comments
Gerald Clore, Ph.D.
Commonwealth Professor of Psychology
University of Virginia

PAPER SESSION II  10:30 – 11:45 A.M.
"What's Love Got To Do with It?: Insecurity and Anger in Attachment Relationships"
Phillip R. Shaver, Ph.D.
Distinguished Professor of Psychology
University of California, Davis

Comments
Terry A. Maroney, J.D.
Assistant Professor of Law
Vanderbilt University Law School

LUNCH 12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

PAPER SESSION III  1:00 – 2:15 P.M.
"Losing Perspective: Ego, Emotion, and
Overreactions to Undesired Events"
Mark R. Leary, Ph.D.
Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience
Duke University

Comments
Robert E. Emery, Ph.D.
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PAPER SESSION IV  2:15 – 3:30 P.M.
"Happy Families? Positive Psychology and Family Law"
Clare Huntington, J.D.
Associate Professor of Law
University of Colorado Law School

Comments
Jonathan Haidt, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Psychology
University of Virginia

PANEL DISCUSSION  3:45 – 5:15 P.M.
Practitioner Perspectives
Judge Gregory Baker, J.D.
Senior Lecturer in Law
Director, Therapeutic Jurisprudence and Interdisciplinary Studies
Virginia Bar Review Program
College of William and Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law

Hon. Charles E. Poston, J.D.
Judge
4th Judicial Circuit of Virginia
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Michie Hamlett Lowry Rasmussen & Tweel PLLC
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Susan D. White, J.D.
Attorney at Law
Charlottesville

Friday, September 19

WELCOME 8:45 – 9:00 A.M.

PAPER SESSION V  9:00 – 10:15 A.M.
"Taking Account of Children's Emotions: Love,
Anger & Forgiveness in 'Renegotiated Families""
Solangel Maldonado, J.D.
Professor of Law
Seton Hall Law School

Comments
James A. Coan, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Psychology
University of Virginia

PAPER SESSION VI  10:30 – 11:45 P.M.
"Forgiveness: Integral to Relationships and Inimical to Justice?"
Frank D. Fincham, Ph.D.
Eminent Scholar and Director, FSU Family Institute
Florida State University Family Institute

Comments
Kathryn W. Bradley, J.D.
Senior Lecturing Fellow
Duke University School of Law

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
To register for the Ninth Annual Conference on
September 18 & 19, 2008 at The University of Virginia School of Law, complete the registration form and return it, along with the $50 per person registration fee, to the address below. Make checks payable to the University of Virginia. Confirmation will be mailed to you upon receipt of this information. Conference registration is open to all interested persons. The registration form may be duplicated. For more information, please see our website at www.virginia.edu/ccfl or e-mail eeh3t@virginia.edu. CE Credit pending for lawyers, psychologists, and social workers.

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