

# CALL FOR PAPERS

*The Rutgers Law Review, the National Juvenile Defender Center  
and the Northeast Regional Juvenile Defender Center  
invite submissions to*

## **THE PROMISE OF *IN RE GAULT*: PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL IN JUVENILE COURT**

*A Fortieth Anniversary Symposium*

*Friday, April 20, 2007*

*Rutgers Law School, Newark, New Jersey*

Forty years ago, in *In re Gault*, the United States Supreme Court held that children accused of juvenile delinquency are entitled to due process of law, including the right to counsel. Despite this unequivocal mandate, many ethical and practical challenges still confront the nation's juvenile defenders. What standards should govern legal representation of children in juvenile court? What systems best promote zealous juvenile defense? What are the barriers to ensuring effective assistance of counsel for young people? What strategies can and should be implemented over the next ten years to achieve the promise of *Gault*?

To celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the *Gault* decision, we encourage and invite law professors, lawyers, judges, mental health professionals, social workers, policy analysts and other professionals to submit proposals for a symposium issue of the Rutgers Law Review. Papers accepted for publication will be presented at a one-day conference on April 20, 2007. Although articles may address any issue related to juvenile defense representation, we are particularly interested in the following topics:

- ***Ethical issues, including but not limited to the role of the juvenile defender, promoting zealous advocacy, confidentiality, the attorney-client relationship, and cross-cultural legal competency.***
- ***Separation of juvenile and adult criminal court infrastructures and models for juvenile courts, defense systems, and laws that account for the unique nature of juvenile cases.***
- ***Enhancing the capacity of juvenile defender offices, litigation and law reform strategies to address overwhelming caseloads, the impact of caseloads on the quality of representation, and strategies for recruiting, training, and retaining committed juvenile defenders.***
- ***Strategies to prevent waiver of counsel and ensure access to legal representation.***
- ***Integrating alternative resources and influences into juvenile defense advocacy, including adolescent development research, international human rights standards, media coverage, and other non-traditional approaches.***
- ***Narratives and reflections of juvenile defenders, and juvenile defense practice and challenges in the Northeast region.***

One-page paper proposals should be submitted no later than January 8, 2007 to [lcohen@kinoy.rutgers.edu](mailto:lcohen@kinoy.rutgers.edu). Authors of accepted papers will be notified by January 31, 2007. Drafts will be due on April 13, 2007, and final articles of no more than 30 pages will be due on July 30, 2007 for publication in late 2007. For additional information, please contact Prof. Laura Cohen at [lcohen@kinoy.rutgers.edu](mailto:lcohen@kinoy.rutgers.edu) or Jason McCann, Editor-in-Chief of the Rutgers Law Review at [jmccann@pegasus.rutgers.edu](mailto:jmccann@pegasus.rutgers.edu).