

Fifth Annual Earl Warren Memorial Symposium

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The fifth annual Earl Warren Memorial Symposium at the University of California, San Diego will bring together some of the state's leading authorities on the changing legal status of families Friday and Saturday, November 18 and 19.

The symposium will offer an in-depth study of "Men, Women and Families: Changing Legal Realities" through talks, panel presentations, video film and a moot court session. In addition, the second annual DeWitt Higgs Lecture will be presented by Ms. Ann Fagan Ginger, founder and president of the Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute in Berkeley, California.

The symposium has been organized and sponsored by UCSD's Earl Warren College. The major panel sessions will be held both days in the Mandell Weiss Center for the Performing Arts located on the campus at the corner of La Jolla Village Drive and North Torrey Pines Road. A registration fee of \$40, which includes lunch on Friday, will be charged for those attending the entire session with the exception of students, faculty and staff of UCSD. There is a \$15 fee for the Saturday session only and a \$5 fee for the DeWitt Higgs lecture Friday evening.

The symposium will focus on recent changes and developments in the law affecting families such as no-fault divorce, the economic impact of divorce, the problems and opportunities posed by joint custody and the legal implications of new biomedical techniques of fertilization.

As a prelude to the symposium, the film "Kramer vs. Kramer" will be shown free of charge at 7 p.m. Monday, November 14 in room 103 of the Mandeville Center at UCSD. Mary Ruth Warner, resident dean of Warren College, and Bev Harju, counseling psychologist at Warren, will lead a discussion following the film.

In addition, the works of courtroom artist and reporter David Rose will be on display in the lobby of the Weiss Center during the symposium and for two weeks prior to the symposium in the Central University Library and the Cluster Undergraduate Library at UCSD. Rose is considered one of the ablest artist-reporters sketching court trials for television in the United States. His drawings for ABC, NBC and Cable News Network have documented some of the most important landmark trials of the past decade. His subjects have included "The Pentagon Papers" with Daniel Ellsberg, Patty Hearst, William and Emily Harris, the Manson followers, Gary Gilmore, Claudine Longet, movie director Roman Polanski and the Watergate "Plumbers."

Dr. Michael Addison, provost of Warren College, will open the symposium and introduce participants at 9 a.m. Friday, November 18. San Diego County Superior Court Judge Larry Kapiloff will present the opening remarks of the symposium.

A panel on "California's No-Fault Divorce Law: A Retrospective Look Back Over 13 Years" will be presented at 9:30 a.m. Participants will include Kapiloff; Dr. Michael Parrish, UCSD professor of history; Walter J. Karabian, a Los Angeles attorney who was instrumental in getting the no-fault divorce law passed; Kenneth Ziebarth, incoming chairman of the Family Law Committee of the California Judges' Association, and Marcia Nolan, a San Diego attorney dealing with women's legal issues.

Three smaller panel sessions will be held simultaneously beginning at 11:15 a.m. "The Economic Consequences of Divorce" will feature Marge Wagner, a Vista attorney who deals exclusively in family law; Dr. Mary Walshok, dean of UCSD Extension, and George Grider, leader of the San Diego Father's Rights group. "Issues of Joint Custody" will be led by Dr. Joan Kelly, a psychologist who co-wrote a book on divorce mediation and custody, and Dr. Ruth Roth, a psychologist working with custody issues in the San Diego Conciliation Court.

The third panel, "Work Out Your Own Divorce: Mediation Instead of Conflict," will be led by Dr. Janet Rifkin, professor of law at the University of Massachusetts who is nationally known for her work in negotiation through mediation, and Dean Metzner, a psychologist working with mediation in the San Diego Conciliation Court.

Following lunch, a moot court based on the issues of surrogate parenting will be presided over by Judge Elizabeth Zumwalt of the San Diego Superior Court. UCSD drama faculty members Arthur Wagner and Mary Corrigan will play the roles of the husband and wife.

A video film depicting one partner suing another over an academic degree will be shown at 4 p.m. by visiting UCSD faculty member Dr. Denise Warren who produced the film. A panel featuring participants interviewed in Warren's film will follow at 5 p.m.

The annual DeWitt Higgs lecture is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Mandeville Recital Hall. Ann Fagan Ginger, who has a long history of active concern over human rights, will talk on "Things Don't Really Change That Fast." Ginger is a graduate of the University of Michigan and holds an LL.M. degree from the University of California, Berkeley. She is the author of many articles and books dealing with various aspects of the law. Her most recent book, "Issues for the Eighties," was published in 1982.

The Saturday session of the symposium will begin at 9 a.m. with an overview by Dr. Kristin Luker, UCSD professor of sociology, of the legal implications of such things as the new biomedical technology and birth enhancement.

A panel discussion of the more technical aspects of the new biomedical technology will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will feature Dr. Donald Helinski, UCSD professor of biology, and Dr. Bill Jones, UCSD professor of medicine. The final panel of the symposium will begin at 10:45 a.m. and will address the ethical questions that arise around the new biomedical technology. Participants will be Dr. Kristin Luker, moderator; Dr. Bernard Towers, a pediatrician on the faculty at UCLA, and Leslie Rothenberg, a Los Angeles attorney specializing in biomedical legal issues.

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