

The Regulation of Adoption: Protecting Children and Families

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9:00 – 3:00

American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, 6th floor
Washington, DC

An in-depth discussion on the current landscape of adoption regulation, and the need for reform on the state, federal and international levels. Panelists include federal and state officials responsible for regulation of international and domestic adoption, who will discuss current regulatory challenges and the need for intrastate and interstate cooperation in addressing problematic practices. Adoption and human rights experts will present information on the current state of affairs and necessary protections to guard against abduction, the sale of, or trafficking in, children; coercive techniques to compel placement; and the current lack of consumer regulation devices for adoptive parents.

Speakers will include :

- *Katherine Monahan*, Chief of the Hague Intercountry Adoption Convention Implementation Unit , U.S. Department of State's Office of Children's Issues
- *Michael Valverde*, Chief of Children's Issues, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- *Douglas Gansler*, Maryland State Attorney General
- *Jamie Raskin*, Maryland State Senator, Director, Program on Law and Government and Professor, Washington College of Law
- *Robert Lentz*, *Special Agent, Immigration and Customs Enforcement*
- *David M. Smolin*, Professor of law and ethics at Samford University, Cumberland School of Law
- *Jini Roby*, J.D. MSW, Brigham Young University
- *Johanna Oreskovic*, Professor of Law, University of Buffalo Law School

*General Registration – no charge**

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