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Television's "Judge Hatchett" will give a talk at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, in the Keller Hall courtroom about the role of everyday citizens judges appoint to advocate for the safety and well-being of children removed from their homes because of parental abuse and neglect.

Judge Glenda Hatchett also is a national spokesperson for Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children. Her talk is free and open to the public, but seating is limited and reservations are required. Contact Mary Boston at 937-229-3794 or [lawannouncements@notes.udayton.edu](mailto:lawannouncements@notes.udayton.edu).

It is part of the University of Dayton School of Law's 2011 Gilvary Symposium on Law, Religion and Social Justice that continues 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, in Keller Hall.

Recent changes in Ohio law regarding court-appointed guardians and how children see custody battles are among the topics at the symposium Friday.

Other topics of Friday's session include children's needs and preferences; alternative dispute resolution as an effective strategy; and how courts and lawmakers could balance the best interests of children with policy and constitutional concerns such as discrimination, religious freedom, freedom of movement.

Speakers include: former Duke University law school dean Katherine Bartlett; University of Missouri-Kansas City law professor Barbara Glesner-Fines; Washington University law professor and child advocacy, adoption and child welfare expert Annette Appell; and The Ohio State University law professor and Justice for Children Project director Katherine Hunt Federle. Speakers are subject to change.

The cost is \$20 for University of Dayton School of Law alumni and \$50 for the general public; it includes five hours of continuing legal education credit, lunch and symposium materials on CD. The symposium is free for anyone not seeking continuing legal education credit or ordering lunch.

Contact Mary Boston at 937-229-3794 or [lawannouncements@notes.udayton.edu](mailto:lawannouncements@notes.udayton.edu) to register for the symposium.

The School of Law's Gilvary Symposium on Law, Religion & Social Justice is one of many initiatives within its Lawyer as Problem Solver program emphasizing service and applying legal education to solving problems for clients, communities and the world. The symposium honors the memory of the late Montgomery County Common Pleas Judge James J. Gilvary.

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