

# Call for Presentations and Papers

## Searching for Family: The Impact of Technology and Social Media on Adoption



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## 8th Annual Wells Conference on Adoption Law

March 8, 2012

Capital University Law School  
Columbus, Ohio

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The conference is seeking proposals for presentations and papers  
emphasizing the following themes:

### **Facilitating Adoptions through the Internet**

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to: using the internet to facilitate adoptions, the legal barriers to using the internet to facilitate adoptions, and the ethical implications of using the internet to facilitate adoptions.

### **Changes in Search and Reunion Activities through the Internet and Social Media**

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to: the psychological and attachment implications of search and reunion activities through the internet and social media, whether regulation of search and reunion situations facilitated through the internet is desirable, and the role of intermediaries.

### **Legal Implications of Technology's Impact on Evolving "Family" Dynamics**

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to: how the law responds to advances in technology, whether the law can keep up with changes in technology, and issues with children who have not been adopted. Participants are asked to lead a forty-minute discussion on one of the above topics. Each topic will have three panel members who will give a presentation, followed by a discussion at the end. In addition, participants are requested to prepare an article associated with their presentation for publication in the Capital University Law Review next year. The article would be due on August 1, 2012.

Capital University Law School is home to the National Center for Adoption Law & Policy. In light of the University's strong focus on child welfare and adoption law, the Capital University Law Review initiated the Wells Conference on Adoption Law in 2005. The First Annual Wells Conference was entitled "Illuminating the Child's Perspective," and highlighted speakers such as Barbara Bennett Woodhouse, Elizabeth Bartholet, and Martin Guggenheim. Each year the Wells Conference attracts respected professionals and academics who are pioneers in the field of Adoption Law. With your help, we expect to continue that tradition this year. Thank you for your consideration.

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