



**Representing Children in Families:
Children's Advocacy and Justice Ten Years After Fordham**

Professor Linda Elrod, Editor of the *Family Law Quarterly*, and Scott Friedman, Section Council Member, represented the ABA Section of Family Law at a national conference on "Representing Children in Families: Children's Advocacy and Justice Ten Years After Fordham."

The Conference brought together child advocates from across the country, including law professors, practicing attorneys, and leaders of child advocacy organizations. The three day conference built on a 1996 conference held at Fordham on Ethical Issues in Representing Children which was partially a result of the work of the ABA Family Law Section in drafting the Standards for Lawyers Representing Children in Abuse and Neglect Cases.

This Conference divided into working groups discussing: Role of Family; Age and Stage of Development; Race, Ethnicity and Class; International Norms; Representing the Whole Child: Competencies and Models; Representing the Whole Child as Members of Communities; and the Best Interests of the Child and the Role of the Attorney. In addition to Linda and Scott, other active ABA Section of Family Law members who attended were Bruce Boyer, Frank Cervone, Ann Haralambie, Howard Davidson and Linda Rio Reichmann.