



### **Section Welcomes New Director Paula Nessel**

The Section of Family Law is pleased to welcome Paula Nessel as its new Director. Paula has been with the ABA for 15 years serving various roles in the Division for Public Education, Coalition for Justice and most recently in the Judicial Division as Appellate Judges Conference Program Manager and Judicial Outreach Specialist.

Paula is a national expert in youth courts and has been responsible for securing federal grant money for ABA programs in this area. In 2005, she was honored with an award from the National Youth Court Center and since 2000, she has served on the Illinois Youth Court Advisory Council.

Paula's vast experience stems from a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Illinois, a Master's degree with a concentration in Social Work from the University of Illinois, and Mediation Training at the Center for Conflict Resolution in Chicago.

The Section is very fortunate to have Paula on board as her experience and training will help us to grow and succeed in our mission.

Paula can be reached at [paulanessel@staff.abanet.org](mailto:paulanessel@staff.abanet.org) or 312.988.5619. Welcome, Paula!