

Fall Social Justice Symposium

California Faces End of Life Choice: Legal Issues and the Contemporary Controversy

Friday, October 28, 2005

12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**Santa Clara University School of Law
500 El Camino Real, Bannan Hall 142
Santa Clara, California 95053**

The California legislature currently is considering legislation, modeled on Oregon's Death with Dignity Law, to allow physicians to assist dying for competent, terminally ill adults. *End of Life Choice* highlights several themes.

Panelists will address:

- *Hastening Death – Drawing the Line*
- *Medical Care Decisions for Children at the End of Life*
- *End of Life Choice as a Civil Rights Struggle*
- *When Law and Politics Lag Behind Popular Will*
- *From Glucksberg v. Washington to Gonzales v. Oregon : The Supreme Court Issues an Invitation; the Attorney General Seeks to Cancel the Event*

All attendees must register for the symposium, as space is limited. Admission is **free** for Santa Clara University Community members and \$25.00 for other attendees. The **\$25.00** registration fee includes a box lunch. Santa Clara University Community members who wish to reserve a box lunch should enclose **\$10.00** with their registration.

Make all checks payable to Santa Clara University-Center for Social Justice. **Registration Deadline Monday Oct. 24, 2005 at noon.**

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“Throughout the Nation, Americans are engaged in an earnest and profound debate about the morality, legality, and practicality of physician-assisted suicide. Our holding permits this debate to continue, as it should in a democratic society.”

Chief Justice Rehnquist for the Court in *Washington v. Glucksberg*, 521 U.S. 702, 735 (1997).

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Moderator

Michelle Oberman,
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Presenters

Dr. Robert V. Brody: *Hastening Death – Drawing the Line*

- Clinical Professor of Medicine and Family & Community Medicine, University of California San Francisco
- Chair, Ethics Committee and Chief, Pain Consultation Clinic, San Francisco General Hospital
- Medical Director, Health at Home, home care agency of the San Francisco Department of Public Health

Dr. Joel E. Frader: *Medical Care Decisions for Children at the End of Life*

- Division Head, General Academic Pediatrics, Children's Memorial Hospital (Chicago)
- Professor of Pediatrics/Professor of Medical Humanities and Bioethics, Feinberg School of Medicine Northwestern University



Sylvia A. Law: *End of Life Choice as a Civil Rights Struggle*

- Elizabeth K. Dollard Professor of Law, Medicine and Psychiatry, New York University School of Law
- Co-Director, Arthur Garfield Hays Civil Liberties Program, New York University School of Law



Robert Raben: *When Law and Politics Lag Behind Popular Will*

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Presenters (continued)

Kathryn Tucker: *From Glucksberg v. Washington to Gonzales v. Oregon : The Supreme Court Issues an Invitation; the Attorney General Seeks to Cancel the Event*

- Director of Legal Affairs, Compassion & Choices
- Affiliate Professor of Law, University of Washington School of Law and Seattle University School of Law



Commentators

Santa Clara University School of Law Professors



Margalynne Armstrong



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Background on End of Life Choice

In 1997, when the Supreme Court decided *Glucksberg*, states threatened criminal sanctions against doctors or others who helped competent, terminally ill people hasten death. Since then, Oregon's Death with Dignity Law has allowed doctors to help people control the circumstances of death. Each year the Oregon Department of Health provides extensive documentation of that state's experience, and this information has been extensively analyzed in the medical literature. It has, however, received almost no attention in the legal literature. *End of Life Choice* will consider and debate the significance of the Oregon experience, asking whether it is transferrable to other places.