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7 Bedford Row invites you to an evening seminar:

**“ The participation of children in family proceedings
and their protection from media interest ”**

Topics to be included:

- How children are represented in proceedings and whether this is adequate or not
- Children as witnesses
- Young people as clients
- Understanding wishes and feelings; a judicial perspective
- Should the Judge speak to children?
- Protecting children from media interest; anonymity orders and injunctive relief

Date: Thursday 24th November 2011

Registration: 5:30pm

Seminar: 5:45pm – 7:45pm

Drinks and light snacks to follow

Venue: 7 Bedford Row, London, WC1R 4BS

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Speakers

HHJ Mitchell: Chair of the board of NYAS Trustees; experienced Circuit Judge and previous DFJ. When in practice, Judge Mitchell was a solicitor advocate in family law cases, and frequently represented children.

Nick Armstrong: Partner, Charles Russell LLP. Nick specialises in media and reputation management law, and is recognised in Chambers & Partners as “a fantastic strategist who is talented across the board”.

Rachel Langdale QC: Recognised in Chambers & Partners as a leading silk in Children Law.

Panel Discussion (to be chaired by Lord Justice Hughes)

Debbie Singleton: Director of Legal Services, National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS), since 2008. Debbie is committed to promoting the rights of children, and has extensive experience of representing children in private law proceedings.

Ann Thompson: A partner at Goodman Ray Solicitors, Ann has been a qualified solicitor since 1992, having originally trained and worked as a barrister. She has extensive experience in all fields of family law, and Ann’s caseload includes both publicly and privately funded work.

Afua Hirsch: Afua Hirsch is one of the country's leading newspaper journalists and a star writer on the Guardian. She is the inspiration behind the newspaper's recently launched website www.guardian.co.uk/law. Since joining The Guardian in 2008, Afua has expanded the paper's coverage of law, and puts together the Afua Hirsch Law Blog - a regular commentary on the intersection between social, political, economic and international issues and law.

Mike Hinchliffe: Mike has been a principal lawyer at Cafcass for 10 years, and he has unrivalled experience of representing children. Mike is a member of Resolution’s Children Committee.

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