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Syracuse University to feature child advocate Marc Klaas at 'Predators, Porn and the Law' conference

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Syracuse, NY - Marc Klaas, whose daughter was raped and murdered in California in 1993, will be the keynote speaker at a conference April 9 on the Syracuse University campus to address chat rooms, "sexting" and keeping children safe from online predators.

The conference - "Predators, Porn and the Law: America's Children in the Internet Era" - is free, open to the public and begins at 9 a.m. April 9 with parking available in the Irving Garage. It is being put on by the Syracuse University College of Law and the Syracuse Law Review.

The conference is designed to bring together legal scholars, children's advocates and law enforcement personnel from across the United States for discussions regarding children's safety in the Internet age.

Klaas, founder of the **KlaasKids Foundation for Children** and a national advocate for child safety, will deliver the keynote speech at 3 p.m. in Hendricks Chapel. He started the foundation after the 1993 kidnap, rape and murder of his 12-year-old daughter, Polly.

The conference will feature presentations by the **National Center for Missing & Exploited Children**, the U.S. Attorney Office and the federal Public Defender's Office. It also will feature presentations by leading scholars, including Ilya Shapiro from the CATO Institute, Professor Amy Adler from New York University and Professor Mary G. Leary from The Catholic University of America.

The conference will feature three different discussion tracks: one for parents and the general public, one for academics and one for legal professionals.

The community track will include presentations for parents from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, child fingerprinting by the U.S. Secret Service and free computer safety checks from the Best Buy Geek Squad.

Lawyers can earn CLE credits, including ethics credits, from the conference.

Go to <http://law.syr.edu> or http://law.syr.edu/go/predators_porn_and_the_law for a complete agenda, registration form and CLE breakdown. Additional information is available by email at lawreview@law.syr.edu or by calling the Syracuse Law Review at (315) 443-3680.

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