

## HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWS

### SKADDEN FELLOW JOINS CLSACC'S IMMIGRATION UNIT

Recent Harvard Law School graduate Dustin Saldarriaga will spend the next two years working in the CLSACC Immigration Unit through the Skadden Fellowship program. Attorney Saldarriaga will provide direct representation to immigrant LGBT youth who are victims of abuse or neglect, enforcing juveniles' right to education and freedom from harm. He will also create community education programs and conduct research on the courts' treatment of sexual orientation as a factor in granting protections to abused or neglected youth.

The Skadden Fellowship Foundation was established in 1988 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, in recognition of the need for greater funding for graduating law students who wish to pursue a career in legal services. Fellowships are awarded for two years during which Skadden provides each Fellow with a salary and pays all fringe benefits. It is the firm's hope that, through their efforts and their example, Skadden Fellows will increase and improve the legal services available to low income individuals. The firm hopes that the Fellows will, individually and collectively over the course of their careers, have a profound effect on the quality and delivery of legal services. Since the inception of the program, almost 90 percent of the Fellows have remained in public interest or public sector work.



### WOMEN'S THERAPEUTIC ART PROJECT FEATURED AT UNITED NATIONS EXHIBIT IN GENEVA COMMEMORATING INTERNATIONAL DAY IN SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF TORTURE

In June 2011 bubblewrap sculptures created by a women's supportive art therapy group at CLSACC were featured in an art exhibition at the United Nations in Geneva. The exhibit commemorated the 30th Anniversary of the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture and the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. In the coming months, the sculptures will also go on display at the Palais Wilson, the Headquarters of the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights. The women's group is comprised of refugee and immigrant women who have been affected by violence and are currently experiencing social isolation, and takes place at CLSACC. The group is moderated by CLSACC social worker Lauren Shebairo and CLSACC Board member and Lesley College Professor Julia Byers. Almost all of the women are represented by CLSACC immigration attorneys and seeking asylum in the U.S.



The Somebody Project: Then and Now

### IMMIGRATION ASYLUM & REFUGEE LAW ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE INTERNATIONAL LAW NEWS



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#### IMMIGRATION ASYLUM AND REFUGEE LAW DOES IT TAKE A VILLAGE, OR JUST A GOOD CIRCUIT COURT DECISION?

*Enforcing Child Testimony Guidelines for Child Asylum Seekers*

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### CLSACC IMMIGRATION ATTORNEYS HONORED



Supreme Judicial Court for her work as a “zealous legal advocate.”

Immigration Supervisor **Valerie Fisk** was honored by Lutheran Social Services at a September 29, 2011 event at the

We're pleased to announce that CLSACC Immigration Attorney **Lisa Weinberg** has been selected as a “2011 Top Woman of Law”. She and 35 other honorees “making a difference in Boston’s Legal Community” received awards for outstanding accomplishments in the legal community. The award celebrates legal educators, trailblazers and role models who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in social justice, advocacy and business.

