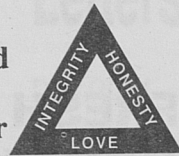


Dr. Tiffany Renaud
and
Dr. Mary C. Spicer



Center For Chiropractic & Holistic Health

"health care for the whole person"

We are honored to serve our community
and are committed to offering you
Gentle Effective Chiropractic

Plus...

- Applied Kinesiology
- Homeopathy
- Acupuncture
- Therapeutic Massage
- Nutritional Counseling

New Patients Welcome

4 San Remo Drive • So. Burlington, VT 05403
802-658-6092

Eileen Blackwood

and

Pamela Kraynak

are pleased to announce
the formation of their partnership
for the general practice of law

Blackwood and Kraynak
Attorneys at Law
84 Pine Street
P.O. Box 875
Burlington, VT 05402
(802) 863-2517
fax (802) 863-0262

Sawyer Pleads Guilty to Murder

On December 2nd Robert Sawyer pled guilty to first degree murder in the stabbing death of Judith Fournier. Sawyer was accused of stabbing Fournier in a Brattleboro parking lot on September 15th after stalking her for several months. He had previously been arrested on an assault charge and released on the condition that he stay away from her. Fournier was with her partner Robyn Burke at the time of the murder. Sawyer also pled guilty to a charge of assault on Burke.

Judge George Ellison is scheduled to sentence Sawyer on December 15. The plea agreement means Sawyer would serve a minimum sentence of 40 years to life, with eligibility for parole in about 20 years. ▼

Appeal Filed in Second Parent Adoption Case

A Chittenden county lesbian couple has filed an appeal with the Vermont Supreme Court requesting that the court reverse a Probate Court decision denying the second parent adoption of their two sons. Probate Court Judge George Belcher denied the petition of the parents to have the non-biological parent be legally recognized on the ground that the parents could not be married.

In appealing the decision, the couple asked the Supreme Court to rule that Vermont's adoption statute does not preclude the non-biological parent from adopting while keeping intact the rights of the biological parent. They also requested that the court determine on the basis of the Probate Court hearing that the adoption is in the best interests of the children (a fact even Judge Belcher stated) and grant the petition.

This is the first time a second parent adoption case has been considered at the state supreme court level in the U.S.

Julie Frame, David Curtis, and Leslie Dunn of the firm of Hoff, Agel, Curtis, Pacht, and Cassidy of Burlington are acting as attorneys for the couple. A friend of the court brief has also been filed on behalf of the Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, and the National Center for Lesbian Rights by attorneys Paula Eitelbrick of Lambda Legal Defense and Susan Murray of Langrock, Sperry, & Wool in Middlebury, VT. Susan Murray was the attorney for Vermont's only successful second parent adoption case, granted by Addison County Judge Chester Ketchum in December of 1991.

A hearing date has not yet been set. ▼



GOLDEN THREADS

a contact publication for lesbians
over 50 and women who love
older women.

Canada and U.S. Confidential, warm reliage. for
free information send self-addressed envelope;
(U.S. residents please stamp it). Sample copy
mailed discreetly, \$5:00 U.S. funds.

P.O. Box 3177, Burlington, VT 05401