

# Who Will Speak for the Child

Human Rights at Home and the  
Convention on the Rights of the Child

## An Evening of Literature and Law

With remarks by **Philip Alston**, CHR&GJ, and  
**Susan Kuklin**, of PEN's Children's Book Committee

### Moderator, Nadine Strossen

(Professor of Law, New York Law School),

### Deborah Ellis

(Human rights activist and award-winning author  
of *The Breadwinner*, *Looking for X* and *Women of  
the Afghan War*, among others)

### Uzodinma Iweala

(Award-winning author of *Beasts of No Nation*)

### Laura W. Murphy

(President, Laura Murphy & Associates, LLC)

### Walter Dean Myers

(Award-winning author of *Dope Sick*, *Amiri &  
Odette*, and *Sunrise Over Fallujah*)

### Jonathan Todres

(Associate Professor, Georgia State University Law School),

**Monday, December 7th**  
**6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**FREE** with reception following the event

**New York University Law School,  
Tishman Auditorium at Vanderbilt Hall  
40 Washington Square South**  
(between MacDougal and Sullivan)

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In 1989, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child, a document that would ensure the legal rights and protection of children. **The United States and Somalia are the only two countries that failed to ratify this document.**

As the 20th anniversary of its UN adoption passes, please join us as writers and lawyers come together to discuss human rights for children and the importance of safeguards to ensure their safety.

What role can lawyers and policymakers play to protect the rights of children? How can writers and the arts contribute to ensuring that we safeguard the rights of our most vulnerable and most valuable citizens?