

## **HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CHELSEA HOUSE PUBLISHERS INTRODUCES POINT/COUNTERPOINT SERIES ON SOCIAL ISSUES**

Philadelphia, PA – September 10, 2003 – Chelsea House Publishers, a leading nonfiction publisher of curriculum-oriented books for children and young adults and a unit of Haight Cross Communications, Inc., today announced the introduction of its innovative *Point/Counterpoint* series of books on timely issues in contemporary American society. The first six titles in the series cover capital punishment, freedom of speech, gun control, mental health reform, the right to privacy, and trial of juveniles as adults.

Under the editorial guidance of Alan Marzilli, M.A., J.D., each book offers the statutes, legal opinions, and background studies that students need to structure cohesive arguments on some of today's most controversial issues. The *Point/Counterpoint* series presents the issues from multiple points of view, citing laws and opinions from each side of the debate. Touching on some of the most controversial issues in the news today, the titles in the series are designed to be research and discussion tools for use in high school-level history, government, and social studies classes -- and for use by debate teams.

By presenting different sides of each issue, the series serves as a valuable resource for students who are constructing convincing arguments for debate. Each book in the series provides a thorough listing of sources where students can find additional information to reinforce their arguments or to learn more about the topic.

Rich Blumenthal, Chelsea House Publishers President and CEO, said: "The *Point/Counterpoint* series is being extremely well received by students as well as teachers, school librarians, and parents. Each book provides a wealth of information on complex, important topics. Just as important, the 'point/counterpoint' approach helps students recognize that there are different viewpoints on different issues that deserve attention and respect."

*Point/Counterpoint* general editor Alan Marzilli is a recognized expert on public interest lobbying and advocacy, particularly in the area of mental health. He received his law degree from Georgetown University and his M.A. from Emory University. He lives in Durham, North Carolina.

Chelsea House Publisher plans to introduce additional titles in the *Point/Counterpoint* series.

**About Chelsea House Publishers:** Chelsea House Publishers, founded in 1966 and located near Philadelphia, PA, is a leading publisher of high quality, non-fiction books for children and young adults on such topics as American history, multicultural studies, biographies, sports, science, and human biology. In addition, Chelsea House offers hundreds of volumes of literary criticism and reference books for older readers. Its books are broadly adopted worldwide by school and public libraries. Chelsea House Publishers is a wholly owned unit of Hights Cross Communications, Inc. For more information, visit [www.chelseahouse.com](http://www.chelseahouse.com).

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