

Student Discipline: Practical Strategies for Helping High Risk Students Succeed

Education Law & Child and Youth Law Sections



In-Person



Webcast

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 | 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Location: Twenty Toronto Street Conferences and Events
20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto

Program Chairs: **Mary Birdsell**, Executive Director, Justice for Children and Youth
Brenda Stokes Verworn, Board Lawyer, District School Board of Niagara



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Whether you represent the school board or students and their families, you need the latest insights and practical strategies to chart a course through the student discipline landscape. Ensure you have the tools to effectively manage the parties involved, and discover the resources available to assist you and your clients. Get the benefit of years of honed experience from our exceptional faculty of both board and student counsel, with critical take-aways to implement in your practice.

1:30 pm **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

1:35 pm **Maximizing the Effectiveness of Police, CAS and Threat Assessment Protocols**

Paul Collins, Educational Liaison, Family and Children's Services Niagara

Nadine Wallace, Executive Director, Contact Niagara
Brenda Stokes Verworn, Board Lawyer, District School Board of Niagara

Protocols on police and Children's Aid Society intervention, as well as Violent Threat/Risk Assessments, aim to enhance inter-agency effectiveness. While helpful in defining processes and keeping schools safe, they can be complex and require flexible implementation. Join our seasoned panelists as they tackle the issues, including:

- Exploring the benefits of protocols
- What challenges do the protocols pose?
- How can protocols be leveraged to protect all children, including high risk students?

2:25 pm **Best Practices for Navigating Student Discipline Processes and Alternative Programs**

Mary Birdsell, Executive Director, Justice for Children and Youth

Nadya Tymochenko, Partner, Miller Thomson LLP

- Unraveling early intervention opportunities
- Helpful techniques for handling expulsion hearings
- Determining alternate program options: key questions to ask
- Examining the impact of special education on discipline
- Expert advice for appearing before the Child & Family Services Review Board

3:10 pm **Networking Break**

3:25 pm **Successfully Managing People and Utilizing Resources**

Eric Roher, Partner, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP
Emily McKernan, Justice for Children and Youth

- How to conquer barriers to success: dispelling myths and confronting stigma
- What to do when parents disagree with professional recommendations
- Essential guidance on common hurdles when advising students and parents
- Dealing with children who have withdrawn from parental control
- What resources are available to assist children and their families through this process?

3:55 pm **Tackling Student Discipline in the Real World: A Case Study**

Dolores Barbini, Partner, Hicks Morley Hamilton Stewart Storie LLP

Engage with our expert facilitators and your fellow colleagues as you work through a fact scenario, sharing practical tools and helpful strategies for addressing a myriad of issues arising in the school discipline context.

4:25 pm **Questions and Concluding Remarks**

4:30 pm **Program Concludes**

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