

Advanced Issues in Child Protection Law

Child and Youth Law and Family Law Sections



In-Person



Webcast

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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



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This program is eligible for up to 4 Substantive Hours

Take advantage of this opportunity to join judges, mental health professionals and your colleagues to discuss recent developments and important issues in child protection law. Gather expert insights to help you stay at the top of your field, and walk away with valuable strategies to implement in your practice.

9:00am Welcome and Opening Remarks

11:10 am Networking Break

9:05 am **What is Happening at the Motherisk Commission?**
The Honourable Judith Beaman, Commissioner, Motherisk Commission
Join Commissioner Beaman to get up to date on the current status of the Commission's work, and what is next.

11:20 am **Invoking the Charter in Child Protection Cases**
Jessica Gagné, Barrister and Solicitor

- How the *Charter* can be used to affect procedural and substantive outcomes
- Developments in *Charter* jurisprudence in child protection as compared to the criminal context
- Practical strategies and procedural advice for making *Charter* arguments
- Potential *Charter* challenges under the current child protection scheme

9:45 am **Exploring Psychometric Testing in Parenting Capacity Assessments**
Dr. Monik Kalia, C. Psych., Registered Forensic and Clinical Psychologist
Hear from Dr. Kalia as he shares valuable insights on the role and limitations of psychometric testing and how it is used in parenting capacity assessments. Learn how assessors decipher and evaluate data in arriving at their conclusions, to allow you to better interpret and respond to the assessment reports you receive.

11:55 am **Best Practices for Introducing a Child's Views and Preferences Beyond the OCL**
Geoffrey Carpenter, Carpenter Law

- Is there a relaxed threshold for hearsay evidence in child protection proceedings?
- How to use video, written and recorded statements
- When is direct testimony from a child permissible and appropriate?

10:30 am **Upcoming Statutory Amendments That Will Impact Your Practice**
Estée Garfin, Counsel, Ministry of Children and Youth Services / Ministry of Community and Social Services
Currently at standing committee, Bill 89 will present significant changes to Ontario's child protection regime. Get ahead of the curve and ensure you are up-to-speed on the proposed provisions that will have significant implications for you and your clients, including:

- What are the rights of children and young people receiving services?
- Anticipated changes affecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children and families
- What's new in adoption?
- Society agreements with 16 and 17 year olds

12:25 pm **Critical Child Protection Decisions You Need to Know**

Get up-to-speed with this overview of the most interesting, significant and ground-breaking cases of 2016-2017.

12:50 pm Questions and Concluding Remarks

1:00 pm Program Concludes

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