

Eighth Annual Bread and Butter Issues in Family Law

Family Law Section



In-Person



Webcast

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 | 9:00am – 1:00pm

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

Program Chairs: **Michael Cochrane**, Brauti Thorning Zibarras LLP
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Get the practical insights you need to navigate the complicated issues arising in your daily practice with confidence. From recent need-to-know developments to fundamental skills, gain expert perspectives and strategic advice from our top notch faculty.

9:00am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am **Unified Family Courts: Everything You Should Know**
Lorna Yates, Cohen Peeters Yates LLP

- How will the government's plan to expand UFCs province-wide change the landscape in Ontario?
- Exploring the practical implications of UFCs for you, your clients and the family law bar

9:20 am **Choosing the Right Custody and Access Process**
The Honourable Justice Marvin Kurz, Ontario Court of Justice (Milton)
Dan Goldberg, The Office of the Children's Lawyer
Howard Hurwitz, MSW, RSW
Dr. Helen Radovanovic, Registered Psychologist, Family Solutions
Nicole Tellier, Barrister & Solicitor (Moderator)
Parenting coordinators, custody assessments, the Office of the Children's Lawyer, Voice of the Child reports – how do you choose? Join our expert panel to explore:

- How do the processes differ from one another?
- What are the benefits and drawbacks of each process?
- Determining which option is best for your client

10:15 am **Your Rules of Professional Conduct: Critical Refreshers and Important Updates**

Michael Cochrane, Brauti Thorning Zibarras LLP
Raj K. Sharda, Sharda Law

- When does a premium or performance bonus constitute a contingency fee?
- Making sense of the new referral fee rules

10:40 am Networking Break

10:50 am **Spousal Support Variation: What, When and How it Works**
Audrey Lee, Rossi Rodriguez McNeill & Lee LLP

- When is a spousal support variation appropriate?
- Preparing your client for possible outcomes

- Helpful strategies for putting your client's best case forward

11:20 am **The Do's and Don'ts of Marriage Contracts**
Fadwa Yehia, Lenkinski Law

Negotiating and drafting marriage contracts comes with a host of challenges. Ensure you are up to speed on the potential downfalls you need to avoid while protecting both your client and yourself.

11:45 am **How a Hot Real Estate Market May Impact Your Family Law Files**
Roslyn M. Tsao, Epstein Cole LLP

How do record real estate prices, particularly in the GTA, impact the advice you give to your family law clients? Get the insights you need on real estate related matters, including:

- Successfully utilizing the *Partition Act*
- How the Court treats a post-separation increase in the value of the matrimonial home
- When and how to sever joint tenancy

12:10 pm **Excelling at Arbitration: What Arbitrators Want You To Know**

The Honourable Mary Jo Nolan, Nolan Mediation & Arbitration Services (Windsor)
Herschel Fogelman, Fogelman Law PC
Cheryl Goldhart, Goldhart & Associates

Is arbitration "just like" being in Court? Hear from our panel of experienced arbitrators as they share helpful advice on common mistakes lawyers make, and how to successfully utilize the arbitration process for your client.

12:55 pm Questions and Concluding Remarks

1:00 pm Program Concludes

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