

OBA | Professional Development

Family Law Toolkit to Enhance your Practice

Family Law / Young Lawyers Division

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 | 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Location: OBA Conference Centre

20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto

Program Chairs: Christopher Mamo, Niman Gelgoot and Associates LLP

Frankie Wood, Wood Gold LLP





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Make sure you are aware of the latest resources for family law practitioners and how to maximize their effectiveness. Learn how to build a strong evidentiary case and avoid common mistakes. Hear the latest trends and tips from the pros. Join our expert faculty to learn about practical resources and how to use them.

Register now to secure your spot. We look forward to seeing you there!

8:30 am Registration and Coffee

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

KEY FAMILY LAW RESOURCES

9:05 am Divorcemate and SSAG Userguide – Advanced Tips Frankie Wood, Wood Gold LLP

- How to use the software to your advantage
- Avoid commonly made mistakes
- When will a contract be set aside?
- How to increase the enforceability of the contract
 - Achieving balance
 - o Financial disclosure
 - o Independent legal advice
- Managing your client's expectations: how to explain the issues of enforceability to your client

9:25 am Voice of the Child Reports – Everything you need to know

Joanna Harris, Miller Thomson LLP

- What are they? What is the jurisdiction?
- When are they appropriate?
- Recent case law

9:45 am Private Enforcement of Support Orders – How to? Michael Zalev, Epstein Cole LLP

- Garnish investments (registered/non-registered), accounts
- Garnish wages
- Registering and enforcing liens

10:05 am Resources Q&A

10:15 am Networking Break

EVIDENCE

10:30 am Benefits of a Vocational Assessment – Imputing Evidence Christine Marchetti, Stanchieri Family Law Colleen O'Brien, Practical Solutions (London)

- We all know there needs to be a rational basis to impute income, but how do you obtain the evidence to build
- When is it appropriate to use a vocational assessment?
- What are the advantages? Recipient? Payor?

10:50 am Modern Evidence – Using Technology to your Advantage Eric Sadvari, Goldhart & Associates

 Metadata, Social Media, Spyware, private investigator, etc.

11:10 am Tips for Working with Experts

Vivian Alterman, ap Valuations

- Getting the most out of your expert
- Issues with remaining neutral
- Common mistakes that lawyers make

11:30 am Evidence Q&A

11:45 am Tips from the Pros: Effective Advocacy, Civility and Professionalism, and Mistakes to Avoid at Arbitration or Trial

The Honourable Freya Kristjanson, Superior Court of Justice **Alfred Mamo**, McKenzie Lake Lawyers LLP (London)

12:30 pm Program Concludes