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Advanced Issues in Child Protection Law

Child and Youth Law



Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Webinar Only

Agenda: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Program

Program Chairs: Tammy Law, Tammy Law Professional Corporation

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Children's Aid Society of Sudbury & Manitoulin





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Join us as we bring together children's aid society and parent and child counsel perspectives to explore the most pressing issues in child protection law today. With a particular focus on issues impacting Indigenous and racialized families, get up to speed on recent developments, unravel the complexities and gather valuable insights to help you stay at the top of your field. You will walk away with helpful strategies to implement in your practice immediately.

9:00am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05am Keynote Address: Progressive Practice

The Honourable Stanley Sherr, Ontario Court of Justice

The preamble to the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act*, along with changes to the purpose section, provides an important context to the child protection regime that is significantly different to the previous legislation. In particular, the emphasis on addressing systemic racism and unique considerations for Indigenous children and families, must inform the workings of system wherein Black and Indigenous people have been disproportionately impacted. Hear from the Honourable Stanley Sherr on what this means for your practice and how to engage these important principles.

9:35am The Role of Evidence-Based Social Science Research in Decision-Making

Sarah Clarke, Clarke Child and Family Law Professor Barbara Fallon, Canada Research Chair in Child

Welfare, University of Toronto

Cheryl Milne, Executive Director, David Asper Centre for

Constitutional Rights

Caterina Tempesta, Office of the Children's Lawyer Moderator: Tina Tom, Director of Legal Services, Family and Children's Services of Frontenac, Lennox and

Addington

- Using social science research to overcome underlying assumptions about long-term impacts of child protection decisions, and why this is important
- Practical strategies for utilizing evidence-based research - When and how to use it

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10:20am Break

10:25am Working to Combat Inherent Bias and Racism in Your Child Welfare Practice

Keishia Facey, Equity, Inclusion and Organizational Change Facilitator, Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies Tammy Law, Tammy Law Professional Corporation Alison Moonsie-Mohan, Senior Legal Counsel and Director of Legal Services, Children and Family Services for York Region

- Learning to identify inherent bias and its impact on your client's case
- How to talk about racism with your client, opposing parties and the courts

11:55am Break

12:00pm Access Orders After Extended Care

Elizabeth McCarty, Office of the Children's Lawyer Ian Ross, Office of the Children's Lawyer Maryanne King, Child Protection Mediator

- The latest guidance from the Courts on applying the access test
- Key access terms to assist with a successful transition to openness

12:40pm Critical Update on Indigenous Child Welfare and Coordination Agreements

Sinéad Dearman, Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP

- What you need to know about Bill C-92
- How Bill C-92 applies to your practice
- The latest on coordination agreements

12:55pm Questions and Concluding Remarks

1:00pm Program Concludes

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