

Motions to Change: Spousal Support Variation

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Original Program Chairs:

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Original program was held on November 6, 2020

AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Program Chairs

The Law of Spousal Support Variation

Shmuel Stern, Disclosure Clinic

A critical update on the legislative framework, foundational cases and most recent decisions on the law of varying spousal support.

Critical Disclosure and Evidence to Make Your Case For or Against a Variation Cheryl Suann Williams, Williams Family Lawyers

- Key questions to discuss with your client
- What evidence do you need to successfully establish your claim?

Break (15 Minutes)

Written Advocacy: Drafting Your Motion to Change

Julie Hannaford, JK Hannaford Barristers

- Storytelling through your pleadings
- Using the case law to inform your drafting
- Practical advice for using your pleadings to effectively frame your case

Oral Advocacy: How to Win Over the Arbitrator or Judge

Gary Joseph, MacDonald and Partners LLP





Substantive Hours: This program contains 2h 30m **Professionalism Hours:** This program contains 0h 30m



Kristen Normandin, Normandin Chris LLP

- Strategies for enhancing your persuasiveness
- Differences between argument in person vs. virtual hearings/arbitrations
- Considerations around affidavit evidence in chief vs. oral evidence

Break (15 Minutes)

CaseLines: Effectively Arguing Your Motion to Change in a Virtual World Andrea Kilby, CaseLines, part of Thomson Reuters

- How CaseLines can support your advocacy
- Uploading and working with exhibits and caselaw
- Making the most of page annotations, highlighting and notes

Closing Remarks



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