

Moving Forward: Practical Strategies for Efficiently Getting to Resolution

Family Law Section



Webcast

Date: November 26, 2021 | 9:00am – 1:00pm

Location: Zoom webinar only

Agenda: 9:00 am – Program Begins
1:00 pm – Program Concludes



Professionalism Hours: This program contains a total of 15 minutes.

Substantive Hours: This program contains 3 hours and 45 minutes.

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The COVID-related restrictions and the resulting backlog on family court appearances have increased the importance of using all available tools to move your matter forward. Our expert faculty will share practical advice and creative strategies on how to use the law and your advocacy skills proactively to resolve your matter efficiently.

Program Chairs: **Jennifer Daudlin**, Daudlin Law Professional Corporation
Vanessa Lam, Lam Family Law

9:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	
9:05 am	Offers to Settle Shawn M. Philbert, SMP Law When to make them and what to include	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective language to promote settlement in briefs Drafting with limited page numbers – what should you include? Combining conferences Bringing motions at a conference – is this possible?
9:25 am	Rules Roadmap: Rule 13 Shmuel Stern, Disclosure Clinic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A close read of the financial disclosure obligations under the Rules The non-compliant opposing party: what are the next steps? 	
10:00 am	Rules Roadmap: Rules 19 and 20 Rosemary Masemann, Barrister & Solicitor Maneesha Mehra, Goldhart & Associates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document disclosure: what should you ask for, how should you ask, and dealing with non-disclosure Questioning: when to ask for it and when to use it 	
10:35 am	Break	
10:45 am	Advocacy Between Judicial Court Dates Kavita Bhagat, Kavita V. Bhagat Professional Corporation Julie Guindon, Barrister & Solicitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negotiation between parties Communication with counsel Other dispute resolution options Limited issue arbitration/expedited arbitration Effective appearances with Dispute Resolution Officers 	
11:10 am	Efficient Conferencing Natalie Derbyshire, Stanchieri Family Law Cheryl Suann Williams, Williams Family Lawyers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to prepare for and get the most of your conferences 	
11:40 am	Break	
11:45 am	Moving towards Trial: Getting trial ready Judith Nicoll, McInnis & Nicoll <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to use Requests to Admit and Agreed Statements of Fact to narrow issues for trial Trial scheduling conferences and endorsements – What to consider and what to request 	
12:05 pm	Rules Wrap-up: A View from the Bench The Honourable Justice Carolyn Jones, Ontario Court of Justice The Honourable Justice Katherine Stacy Neill, Ontario Court of Justice The Honourable Justice Ramona Wildman, Superior Court of Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Striking pleadings and other consequences of non-compliance with orders Rule 1: Hearings and other requests you can make Other requests from the Bench and how to proactively address them Other paths to resolution: Simcoe/Muskoka Binding Judicial Dispute Resolution pilot project 	
12:50 pm	Questions and Concluding Remarks	
1:00 pm	Program Concludes	

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