

Family Law Basics: Practice & Procedure

Family Law / Young Lawyers Division



Webcast

Date: Thursday, November 04, 2021 | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Webinar

Agenda: 9:00 am Webinar Commences
12:00 pm Webinar Concludes



Professionalism Hours: This program contains a total of 2 hours

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Are you new to or looking to expand your practice to include the field of family law? Don't miss this essential program to gather helpful advice on critical procedure and practice considerations. Our expert faculty will get you up to speed on practical family law resources that will help maximize your efficiency. Learn how to communicate effectively with your client from the outset of the retainer to ensure that you minimize risk while advancing your client's interests. Plus, hear the latest trends in out-of-court processes from seasoned practitioners and how to leverage these insights when advising your clients on the full range of family dispute resolution options available.

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

Program Chairs: **Christine Marchetti**, Marchetti Lee LLP
Marlee Olson, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP (Ottawa)

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am Initial Client Meetings

Jonathan Richardson, Richardson Hall LLP (Ottawa)

Chris Stankiewicz, Claims Counsel, Lawyers' Professional Indemnity Company (LawPro)

- Preparing for initial client meetings
- Strategies to collect key information from the client, and how to ask questions to assess for family violence
- Documents to obtain from the client
- Items to include in the retainer agreement
- Providing preliminary legal advice & discussing the process
- Identifying if your client has other legal needs

9:45 am Navigating Family Law Proceedings

The Honourable Jennifer A. Blishen, Superior Court of Justice, Family Court Branch (East Region)

Hilary F.E. Warder, Warder Law Professional Corporation (Kingston)

- Insights for effective advocacy in litigation
- Differences between *Divorce Act* and *Family Law Act* claims, including key legislative updates
- Understanding Voice of the Child Reports, Assessments, and the role of the Office of the Children's Lawyer
- Communicating with clients – reporting letters, setting expectations, etc.
- Insights on software programs – Divorcemate, My Support Calculator, etc.
- How to set boundaries and avoid burn-out

10:25 am Health Break

10:35 am Settling Disputes Outside of Court

Marian Gage, Berry Gage LLP (Oakville)

Seema Jain, Jain Family Law and Mediation

- Negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and collaborative family law
- Screening for family violence
- Determining if ADR will be appropriate to help resolve a dispute
- How to prepare yourself and your client
- How to effect agreements

11:15 am Enforcing and Changing Orders

Lisa Barazzutti, Barazzutti Strybos (Timmins)

Deann Nixon, Senior Counsel, Family Responsibility Office, Ministry of the Attorney General

- Different types of support
- The role of the Family Responsibility Office
- Registering Agreements
- Making Motions to Change
- Garnishing investments (registered/non-registered), accounts, and wages
- Registering and enforcing liens

12:00 pm Program Concludes