

## Family Law Basics: Practice & Procedure

*Family Law / Young Lawyers Division*



**Date:** Thursday, October 27, 2022 | 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

**Location:** OBA Conference Centre  
20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto



**Program Chairs** **Jennifer Daudlin**, Daudlin Law Professional Corporation  
**Jill Lewis**, Nelligan Law (Ottawa)

**Professionalism Hours:** This program contains a total of 1 hour 15 minutes

**Substantive Hours:** This program contains 2 hours 15 minutes

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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 for inside and outside the courtroom. Learn how to communicate effectively with your client from the outset of your retainer to ensure that you minimize legal risk while advancing your client's interests and avoiding burnout. Plus, hear about useful tools and resources that will assist you in maximizing efficiency in your practice and help your clients throughout the family law process.

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am **Initial Client Meetings**

**Lucia Lam**, Holam Law (Markham)

- 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 or non-legal needs

9:35 am **Balancing Empathy with Boundaries – Managing Client Relationships and Communication**

**Cassandra Bruni**, Marchetti Lee Family Law LLP (Toronto)  
**Lester Ramirez Cuellar**, Cuellar Family Law (Toronto)

As a family lawyer, you will often be meeting people during a tumultuous time in their lives. Hear experienced practitioners provide valuable insights on how they communicate effectively with clients while maintaining boundaries to avoid burn-out

10:05 am **Settling Disputes Outside of Court**

**Carol Craig**, Nelligan Law (Ottawa)

- Negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and collaborative family law
- Determining if ADR will be appropriate to help resolve a dispute - Screening for family violence
- Choosing an ADR professional
- How to effect agreements
- Providing ILA for agreements – helpful tips and red flags to avoid

10:40 am Health Break

10:50 am **Navigating Family Law Proceedings**

**Andrea Kim**, Jain Family Law and Mediation (Toronto)  
**Jared Teitel**, Normandin Chris LLP (Toronto)

- Differences between *Divorce Act*, *Children's Law Reform Act* and *Family Law Act* claims
- Other important legislation (Family Law Rules, Rules of Civil Procedure, and more)
- Understanding Voice of the Child Reports, Assessments, and the role of the Office of the Children's Lawyer
- The importance of Offers to Settle

11:35 am **Enforcing and Changing Orders**

**Jenna Beaton**, Beaton Burke & Young LLP (Toronto)

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

12:10 pm **Useful Tools and Resources for Practitioners and Clients**

**Jacqueline Strybos**, Barazzutti Strybos Law (Timmins)

Insights on technology, tools and resources to assist you in your practice and your clients in managing their new normal.

12:30 pm Program Concludes