

Fourteenth Annual Bread and Butter Issues in Family Law

Family Law



In person



Webcast

Date: Friday, October 06, 2023 | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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

Program Chairs: **Emma Katz**, Kelly D. Jordan Family Law Firm
Sarah Strathopoulos, Epstein Cole LLP



Substantive Hours: This program contains up to 4 hours.

From recent need-to-know developments impacting family law practice to the application of fundamental family law principles to emerging parenting, evidentiary and financial issues, hear expert perspectives and strategies from our top-notch faculty and walk away with the knowledge you need to represent your clients effectively.

Get the practical insights you need to navigate the issues arising in your practice confidently with this popular annual program.

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am **Spousal Support: Dealing with post-separation changes to income**

The Honourable Deborah L. Chappel, Superior Court of Justice (Hamilton)

Chelsea Hooper, Lenkinski Hooper Carr LLP

Marie A. Tukara, Siskinds LLP (London)

With the fluctuating job market, changes to income post-separation are becoming more prevalent. Our panelists discuss the implications for payors and recipients of spousal support, compensatory vs. non-compensatory claims, and evidence needed to support new claims and motions to change.

9:45 am **Navigating uncommon and emerging parenting arrangements**

The Honourable Justice Wiriranai Kapurura, Ontario Court of Justice

Jessica Braude, JJ Integrative Family Law

Alison Southern, Fresh Legal (Ottawa)

The constellation of post-separation family units continues to evolve where families with long distance parents, multiple parents and post-separation stepparents are becoming more prevalent. Our panelists discuss practical considerations and tips on how to assist your clients make things work.

10:25 am **A refresher on starting, restarting and moving your case**

Vanessa Lam, Lam Family Law

Michael Zalev, Epstein Cole LLP

Where should you be bringing your matter? Our speakers provide a refresher, including:

- Jurisdiction: Where to bring your matter
- Old and new: claims: Application vs. motion to change
- Appealing your order: where do you go?

11:05 am **Health Break**

11:20 am **A quick update from the Courts**

The Honourable Suzanne M. Stevenson, Senior Family Judge, Superior Court of Justice

The Honourable Justice Sheilagh O'Connell, Senior Advisory Family Justice, Ontario Court of Justice

Find out what's new with our family courts from our court's senior family judges.

11:40 am **Dealing with Complex Assets: Income or Property?**

The Honourable Justice Melanie Kraft, Superior Court of Justice

Cheryl Suann Williams, Williams Family Lawyers

Matthew Krofchick, Krofchick Valuations

Characterizing your assets can be tricky and significantly impact your clients' financial entitlements and obligations. Our panelists discuss a variety of complicated assets and how you can address them proactively.

12:20 pm **Authenticating and proving digital evidence**

Lorna M. Yates, Laurel Family Law

Heather L. Hansen, McCarthy Hansen & Company LLP

From screenshots of text messages to online posts, electronic communications and social media have changed the evidentiary landscape for parenting and financial claims in family law matters. Our speakers discuss how to authenticate digital evidence, tips on how to spot and address potentially inauthentic evidence and other resources to assist you with presenting digital evidence effectively in court.

12:55 pm Questions and Concluding Remarks

1:00 pm Program Concludes