

A Primer on Managing the Family Violence File

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November 18, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

November 19, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Total CPD Hours = 8 h + 45 m Substantive + 1 h + 55 m Professionalism ^P + 1 h + 50m
EDI Professionalism ^E**

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Agenda

Day 1: FAMILY VIOLENCE AND FAMILY LAW

Thursday, November 18, 2021

**CPD Hours Day 1 = 5 h + 5 m Substantive + 20 m Professionalism ^P
1 h + 5 m EDI Professionalism**

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Brian Burke, Epstein Cole LLP

Hilary Linton, Riverdale Mediation Ltd.

9:10 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

**What Does Family Violence Have to do with Family Law?
(10m 🕒)**

Moderator:

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

Panelists:

Pamela Cross, Legal Director, *Luke's Place Support &
Resource Centre for Women & Children*

Professor Peter Jaffe, BSc, MA, PhD, Faculty of Education,
Western University, Director, Centre for Research &
Education on Violence Against Women & Children

9:50 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

Why Family Violence Victims Don't Leave (15m 🕒)

The Honourable Phillip Sutherland, *Superior Court of
Justice*

Dr. Julie Macfarlane, C.M., Emerita Distinguished
University Professor, *University of Windsor* and Founder
and Former Director, *National Self-represented Litigants
Project*

Nilufa Husein, *Law Office of Nilufa Husein*

Deepa Matoo, Barrister & Solicitor and Executive Director,
Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic

10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Question and Answer Session

10:45 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.

Break

10:55 a.m. – 11:25 p.m.

What Does Family Violence Look Like?

Part 1: Keynote Address

Pamela Cross, Legal Director, *Luke's Place Support & Resource
Centre for Women & Children*

Jennifer Kagan, BAHons, MD, CCFP(PC)

11:25 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.

**What Does Family Violence Look Like? (30 m )
Part 2**

Tanisha Sri Bhaggiyadatta, Program Manager, Residential Services, *The Redwood*

Kay Mehrizi, Manager, Public Interest and Legal Initiatives, *The 519*

Ryan Walsh, *Aboriginal Legal Services*

12:25 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.

Question and Answer Session

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.

Social Science Evidence: Areas for Improvement in its Use and Application (10 m )

Professor Peter Jaffe, BSc, MA, PhD, Faculty of Education, *Western University*, Director, Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children

Professor Katreena Scott, Ph.D, C. Psych, Faculty of Education, *Western University*, Incoming Director of the Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women and Children

2:25 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Identifying Family Violence (5 m )

Moderator:

Pamela Cross, Legal Director, *Luke's Place Support & Resource Centre for Women & Children*

Panelists:

Alicia Blanco, *SSW, Family Court Support Worker, Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic*

Claire Farid, Director and General Counsel, *Department of Justice*

Robin Trombley, Counsel, *Department of Justice*

3:10 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Question and Answer Session

3:20 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

Litigation or Something Else? (10 m )

Brian Burke, *Epstein Cole LLP*

Hilary Linton, *Riverdale Mediation Ltd.*

Martha McCarthy, *McCarthy Hansen & Company LLP*

Andrea Jones, MSW, RSW, Provincial Manager, Clinical Services, *Office of the Children's Lawyer*

Dr. Dan Ashbourne, Ph.D., C. Psych., AccFM,
Clinical Psychologist, Accredited Family Mediator, and
Executive Director, *London Family Court Clinic (LFCC)*

4:25 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Question and Answer Session

4:30 p.m.

End of Day One

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Day 2: PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

Friday, November 19, 2021

CPD Hours Day 2 = 3 h + 40 m Substantive + 1 h + 35 m Professionalism ^P
+ 45 m EDI Professionalism ^E

- 9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- Brian Burke, *Epstein Cole LLP*
- Hilary Linton, *Riverdale Mediation Ltd.*
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- 9:05 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.** **Family Violence and the Intersection with other Areas of Law**
- Moderator:** Brian Burke, *Epstein Cole LLP*
- Panelists:** Erin Ellis, *Jellinek Law Office*
- Jacob Jesin, *Rotenberg Shidlowski Jesin*
- Shalini Konanur, Executive Director, *South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario (SALCO)*
- Tammy Law, Barrister and Solicitor
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- 9:50 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.** **Recognizing and Understanding Trauma (10m ^P)(15m ^E)**
- Moderator:** The Honourable Nicole Tellier, *Superior Court of Justice (Family Court Branch)*

Panelists: Melissa Hamonic, Associate Director of Holistic Healing, *Native Child, and Family Services of Toronto*

Sonia Mills- Minster, *Millan & Associates*

Lisa Ogbole, Executive Director, *Imani's Place*

10:35 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. Question and Answer Session

10:40 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. Coffee Break

10:55 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. Working with a Traumatized Client (Demo)

Moderator: Brian Burke, *Epstein Cole LLP*

Panelists: J. Allison Campbell, *CCY Family*

Valerie Morinville, MSW, ACCFM (OAFM), *Social Work Services*

Raquel Simpson, Articling Student, *Epstein Cole LLP*

11:25 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. Representing the Other Side: Alleged Abuser/ Abuser

Brian Burke, *Epstein Cole LLP*

Francesca Yaskiel, Barrister & Solicitor

11:55 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. Resources to Support Families

Oluwatobi Ajibolade, Information and Referral Coordinator, *Mediate47*

Professor Katreena Scott, Ph.D, C. Psych, Faculty of Education, *Western University*, Incoming Director of the Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women and Children, Lead Program Developer, *Caring Dads*

12:25 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Question and Answer Session
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Best Practice Tips and Managing the Work- (50 m^P) (10 m EDI^E)
Moderator:	Brian Burke, <i>Epstein Cole LLP</i>
Panelists:	Cheryll Harris, Barrister and Solicitor Haley Hrymak, Research & Community Outreach Lawyer, <i>Rise Women’s Legal Centre</i> Jennifer Gold, <i>Wood Gold LLP</i>
2:30 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.	Question and Answer Session
2:35 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Break
2:50p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Best Practice Tips and Managing the Work -Perspectives from the Bench (35m^P) (20m^E)
Moderator:	Hilary Linton, <i>Riverdale Mediation Ltd.</i>
Panelists:	The Honourable George Czutrin, <i>Superior Court of Justice</i> The Honourable Pamela MacEarchern, <i>Superior Court of Justice (Family Court Branch)</i> The Honourable Gerri Wong, <i>Ontario Court of Justice</i> The Honourable Roselyn Zisman, <i>Ontario Court of Justice</i>

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Question and Answer Session and Closing Remarks

Brian Burke, *Epstein Cole LLP*

Hilary Linton, *Riverdale Mediation Ltd.*

4:00 p.m.

Program Ends