

20th Family Law Summit



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Shawn Richard, TEP, *A. Shawn Richard Family and Estate Law*

March 25, 2026
March 26, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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+ 1 h EDI Professionalism ^E

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DAY 1: Wednesday, March 25, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

Welcome

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- 9:10 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.** **This presentation and associated materials have been removed at the request of the speaker**
- 10:10 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.** **Advanced Property Issues in Family Law (15m )**
- Moderator:** Aaron Franks, *Epstein Cole LLP*
- Panelists:** Camelia Amiri, *Thomson Rogers LLP*
- Lisa Kadoory, *Kadoory | Cho Family Law*
- 10:55 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** **Question and Answer Session**
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.** **Break**
- 11:20 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.** **Family Violence and How it May Present when the Abused is a Man (5 m EDI )**
- Brian Burke, *Burke and Co. Family Law Litigation and Advocacy Group*
- Emily Lam, *Emily Lam Law*
- Shely Polak, PhD, MSW, RSW, Acc.F.M., *Mackenzie Clinic*
- 12:20 p.m. – 12:25 p.m.** **Indigenous Video (5 m EDI )**
- Reva Bomberry, *Six Nations of the Grand River*
- 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. – 2:20 p.m.** **Spousal Support Case Law**
- Professor Emeritus D. A. Rollie Thompson, K.C., Schulich School of Law, *Dalhousie University*, Counsel, *Epstein Cole LLP*
- 2:20 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** **Question and Answer Session**
- 2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.** **Break**
- 2:50 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.** **Presentation of the Chief Justice of Ontario’s Annual Mary Lou Benotto Award for Excellence in Family Law**
- Winner to be announced
- 3:10 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.** **Judicial Panel**
- The Honourable Justice Suzanne Stevenson, Senior Family Judge, *Ontario Superior Court of Justice*
- The Honourable Justice Kendra Coats, *Ontario Superior Court of Justice*
- The Honourable Justice Heather Mendes, *Ontario Court of Justice*
- 3:55 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** **Question and Answer Session**
- 4:00 p.m.** **End of Day 1**
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** **Cocktail Reception**
- Please join us for a reception immediately following Day One.*

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DAY 2: Thursday, March 26, 2026


9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

Welcome

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- 9:05 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.** **Keynote: Court ordered Shared Parenting, the AFCC Guide update and Section 9 of the Child Support Guidelines**
- Professor Nicholas Bala, LSM, Faculty of Law, *Queen’s Law*
- Dr. Rachel Birnbaum, King’s School of Social Work, *Western University*
- Vicky Ringuette, *Scarfone Hawkins LLP*
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- 10:25 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** **Indigenous Video (5 min EDI)**
- Reva Bomberry, *Six Nations of the Grand River*
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- 10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** **Question and Answer Session**
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- 10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** **Break**
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- 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.** **Indigenous Presentation (45 m EDI )**
- The Honourable Justice Heather Mendes, *Ontario Court of Justice*
- Simon Fisch, *Clarke Child & Family Law Professional Corporation*
- Scott Robertson, C.S., *Metallic Law, Barristers & Solicitors*
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- 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Evidence Primer (10 m )**
- Associate Professor Mary-Jo Maur, Faculty of Law, *Queen’s Law*
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- 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.** **Evidence Update**
- Moderator:** Associate Professor Mary-Jo Maur, Faculty of Law, *Queen’s Law*

Panelists:	The Honourable Justice Faisal Mirza, <i>Ontario Superior Court of Justice</i> Martha McCarthy, LSM, <i>McCarthy Hansen & Company LLP</i>
12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Question and Answer Session
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.	How to Use AI in Family Law - Practice Management Tips and More (35 m ) Phil Brown, Director, Practice Supports and Resources, <i>Law Society of Ontario</i> Jennifer Reynolds, <i>Fresh Legal</i> Joshua Schachnow, J.D. <i>Osbourne Valentine Family Law</i>
2:40 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Question and Answer Session
2:45 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.	Break
3:05 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.	Update on Case Law Adam Prewer, <i>Epstein Cole LLP</i> Kristy Warren, <i>Epstein Cole LLP</i>
3:55 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Question and Answer Session
4:00 p.m.	Program Ends