

March 20, 2025

# 19<sup>th</sup> Family Law Summit



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**March 26, 2025**  
**March 27, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

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**Toronto, ON**

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**DAY 1: Wednesday, March 26, 2025**

**9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.      Welcome**

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- 9:05 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.**      **Self-care and Vicarious Resilience for Lawyers Managing Cases Involving Intimate Partner Violence (30 m<sup>P</sup>)**
- Melanie Battaglia, *Battaglia Law PC*
- Tom Curry, C.S. LSM, *Lenczner Slaght LLP*
- Pamela Cross, LLD
- 9:50 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.**      **Update on Case Law**
- Adam Prewer, *Epstein Cole LLP*
- Kristy Warren, *Epstein Cole LLP*
- 10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**      **Question and Answer Session**
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.**      **Break**
- 11:05 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.**      **Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Human Rights: What Family Law Lawyers Need to Know (25 m<sup>E</sup>)**
- Jeffrey Adams, *Spring Law Professional Corporation*
- 11:40 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**      **The Importance of the Anishinaabe Language in Describing the Specific Roles and Responsibilities of Family, and Clans as They Relate to Child Welfare (5 m<sup>E</sup>)**
- Joel Syrette, Wolf Clan, Member of Batchewana First Nation
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.**      **Litigation Abuse (30 m<sup>P</sup>)**
- Professor Nicholas Bala, Faculty of Law, *Queen's Law*

- 12:20 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.**      **Advanced Financial and Property Issues - Part 1**
- Kristy Maurina, MacDonald & Partners LLP*
- Marni Pernica, Aird & Berlis LLP*
- Nyla Roopnarinesingh, CBV, CDFA, FDRP-Val, Fruitman Kates  
Ornstein Valuations*
- Carolyn Shelley, Cunningham, Swan, Carty, Little & Bonham LLP*
- 2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.**      **Question and Answer Session**
- 2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**      **Break**
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.**      **Spousal Support: Appeals, the Rich, and the Retroactive**
- Professor D.A. Rollie Thompson, K.C, Schulich School of Law  
Dalhousie University, and Counsel, Epstein Cole LLP*
- 3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**      **Question and Answer Session**
- 4:00 p.m.**      **End of Day 1**
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**      **Cocktail Reception**
- Registrants attending in-person are invited to join us  
for a reception immediately following Day One.*

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**Welcome**

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9:05 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.

**Civility in Family Law** (30 m ) (10 m )

**Moderator:**

Georgina Carson, *Carson Chousky Lein LLP*

**Panelists:**

Justin Lee, *JLEE Family Law PC*

Georgette Makhoul, *Hogarth Hermiston Severs LLP*

9:55 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

**Too Old for School? Retroactivity Claims for Adult Children and Reviewing *Michel v Graydon***

Associate Professor Mary-Jo Maur, *Queen's Law*

10:25 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**An Examination of Customary Care and Indigenous Child Welfare Within the Context of Cultural Predominance** (5 m )

Larry Jourdain, Lynx Clan, Member of the Lac La Croix First Nation



10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

**Question and Answer Session**

10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Break**

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Resolution Tools** (10 m ) (5 m )

**Moderator:**

Michael Kleinman, *Kleinman Family Law*

**Panelists:**


Mathew Fordjour, *Mathew Fordjour Lawyer*

Shelly Kalra, *Kalra Family Law*

11:45 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

**The Purpose and Promise of Marriage Contracts** (10 m ) (5 m )

Assistant Professor Claire Houston, *Western Law*

- 12:20 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.**      **Question and Answer Session**
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**      **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.**      **New Federal Tool for Income Disclosure: Top 10 Things you Need to Know about FOAEAA\***
- \*(Family Orders and Agreements Enforcement Assistance Act)*
- Annick Boulay, Counsel, Family and Children’s Law Team, Family Law and Youth Justice Policy Section, *Department of Justice, Government of Canada (Ottawa)*
- Claire Farid, Director General and Senior General Counsel, Family Law and Youth Justice Section (FLYJ), Policy Sector, *Department of Justice, Government of Canada (Ottawa)*
- 2:10 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.**      **Advanced Financial and Property Issues - Part 2 (5 m )**
- Lisa Kadoory, *Kadoory Cho Family Law*
- Rishab Lohan, *The Riley Divorce & Family Law Team*
- Paul Mandel, MBA, CPA, CA, CBV, CFF  
Business Valuations and Litigation Support, *MNP LLP*
- 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. – 3:15 p.m.**      **Presentation of the Chief Justice of Ontario’s Annual Mary Lou Benotto Award for Excellence in Family Law**

**3:15 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.**

**Judicial Panel - What are the Current Trends and Challenges**  
(5 m **P**) (5 m **E**)

The Honourable Justice Lene Madsen, *Court of Appeal for Ontario*

The Honourable Justice Suzanne Stevenson, Senior Family Judge,  
*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.**

**Program Ends**