

15th Family Law Summit



CO-CHAIRS: **Kelly D. Jordan, C.S.**, *Kelly D. Jordan Family Law Firm*

Mary-Jo Maur, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law
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Shawn Richard, *Lenkinski, Carr + Richard LLP*

April 12, 2021

April 13, 2021

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

**Total CPD Hours = 9 h Substantive + 1 h 45 m Professionalism ^P
+ 1 h 15 m EDI Professionalism ^E**

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Agenda

DAY 1: Monday, April 12

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Kelly D. Jordan, C.S., Kelly D. Jordan Family Law Firm

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9:05 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

Keynote Speaker

How to be an Effective Advocate (5 m )

J. Thomas Curry, C.S., *Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin LLP*

9:50 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Focus on Alternative Dispute Resolution (15 m )

John P. Brown, *McCarthy Tétrault LLP*

Claire Farid, Senior Counsel and Manager, *Department of Justice*

Deborah Graham, Barrister and Solicitor


10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Question and Answer Session

11:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Break

11:10 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

Limitation Periods in Family Law: What Are They and How do we Use Them? (5 m )

Carol Craig, *Nelligan O'Brien Payne LLP*

11:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.


COVID-19 and Child Protection (5 m )

Eliza Montour, *Montour Law*

Patric Senson, *Office of the Children's Lawyer, Ministry of the Attorney General of Ontario*

12:10 p.m. – 12:20 p.m.

Question and Answer Session

12:20 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.	Lunch
1:10 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	Update on Tech in Family Law (1 h )
Moderator:	Shawn Richard, <i>Lenkinski, Carr + Richard LLP</i>
Panelists:	The Honourable Sharon Shore, <i>Superior Court of Justice</i> Vicky Ringuette, <i>Vicky M. Ringuette Barrister & Solicitor</i> Lorna Yates, <i>Cohen Alves Peeters Yates LLP</i>
2:10 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.	Assisted Reproduction and Pre-conception Agreements
	Shirley Levitan, <i>Family and Fertility Law</i>
2:25 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.	Question and Answer Session
2:35 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Break
2:50 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Judges Panel- Children’s Issues
Moderator:	Mary-Jo Maur, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law <i>Queen’s University</i>
Panelists:	The Honourable Freya Kristjanson, <i>Superior Court of Justice</i> The Honourable Nicole Tellier, <i>Superior Court of Justice (Family) (Belleville)</i> The Honourable Maria Sirivar, <i>Ontario Court of Justice</i> The Honourable Victoria Starr, <i>Ontario Court of Justice (Milton)</i>
3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Question and Answer Session

4:00 p.m.

Program End

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How Do I Practice in a Culturally Competent Way?
(1 h )

Moderator:

Shawn Richard, *Lenkinski, Carr + Richard LLP*

Panelists:

The Honourable Harry LaForme, *Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP*

Zahra Taseer, *Simpson Taseer LLP*

Cheryl Suann Williams, *Williams Family Lawyers*

10:05 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Update on Case Law

Aaron Franks, *Epstein Cole LLP*

10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Question and Answer Session

11:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Break


11:10 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Everything you Wanted to Know About
Evidence: The New Rules on Expert Evidence and More**

Heather Hansen, C.S., *McCarthy Hansen & Company LLP*

Lisa Kadoory, *Kadoory, Cho Family Law*

11:45 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

**The 2021 Amendments to the *Divorce Act* and *CLRA*:
Revolution or Evolution? (5 m )**

Professor Nicholas Bala, LSM, Faculty of Law
Queen's University

12:20 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Question and Answer Session

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Psychological Testing: Panacea or Placebo (20 m^P)

Moderator:

Aaron Franks, Epstein Cole LLP

Panelists:

The Honourable Sheilagh O'Connell, Ontario Court of Justice

Dr. Irwin Butkowsky, C.Psych., Acc.FM.

David Frenkel, Frenkel Tobin LLP

2:00 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

To Appeal or Not to Appeal? Reasons, Routes and More (5 m^P)

Frankie Wood, Wood Gold LLP

Vanessa Lam, Lam Family Law

2:40 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Question and Answer Session

2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Spousal Support: Riches, Retirement, Retro and More

Professor D.A. Rollie Thompson, Q.C., Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University

3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Question and Answer Session

4:00 p.m.

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