



27th ANNUAL INSTITUTE OF FAMILY LAW

Friday, April 13 – Saturday, April 14, 2018

Fairmont Le Château Montebello

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9:00 - 9:05

Welcome!

Pam MacEachern, *Conference Co-Chair*
Mimi Marrello, *Conference Co-Chair*
Karen Reid, *CCLA President*

MODERATOR:

MIMI MARRELLO

9:05 – 9:30

Address from Chief Justice Heather Forster Smith

9:30 – 10:00

Can you be replaced? Artificial intelligence in family law
Anne Vespry, Sole Practitioner

10:00 – 10:15

When should you make “the call” to LawPRO?
Susanne Sviergula, Cavanagh LLP

10:15 – 10:45

Self-represented litigants are here to stay
Dayna Cornwall, Project Coordinator, National Self-Represented Litigants Project

10:45 - 11:05

Networking Break & Exhibitor Showcase

MODERATOR:

JODIE REYNOLDS

11:05 – 11:35

Q & A Panel with the Masters – How do you prepare effective pleadings? How can you get the most out of a First Appearance and Case Conference?

Moderator:

Sarah Kennedy, Bowles Kenny Kennedy

Speakers:

Master Nathalie Champagne, Superior Court of Justice
Master Marie Fortier, Superior Court of Justice

11:35 – 11:55 **Family Law in Ontario**
Justice George Czutrin, *Superior Court of Justice*

11:55 – 12:05 **Parlez-vous français? The right to bilingual services**
Julie Guindon, *Sole Practitioner*

12:05 – 12:10 **Institute Donation to Centre 454**

12:10 – 12:30 **Presentation of the Hon. Heidi Levenson Polowin
Award for Family Law**

12:30 - 1:45 **LUNCH**

MODERATOR: **KERRI ROSS**

1:45 – 2:25 **SNAPPERS**

1. **Revenge Porn – Don't press the send button!**
Legal options for responding and what are options. Questions you may want to ask and clauses to consider including in Agreement.
Natasha Chettiar, *Nelligan O'Brien Payne LLP*
2. **Severed relationship, severed joint tenancy?**
Concillia Muonde, *Concillia Muonde Law Office*
3. **Is a Will or POA null and void on divorce or on remarriage?**
Ozlem Eskicioglu, *Alt Divorce*
4. **When they both want the flat screen TV. The best way to deal with distributing household contents when the parties can't agree**
Matt Brown, *CCY Family Lawyers*
5. **Dispelling the Myths of the new Law Society of Ontario's Diversity Policy**
Michael Wonham, *Galarneau & Associates*
6. **Finding the hidden treasure: How to discover if a person has offshore and/or hidden accounts**
Will Webber, *Gorrell Grenkie Remillard*

2:25 – 2:40 **When Marriage Contracts Cross the Bridge: The Ontario/Quebec Divide**
Chris Rutherford, *Low Murchison Radnoff LLP*

- 2:40 – 3:10** **The Children’s Lawyer**
Marian Jacko, *Office of The Children’s Lawyer*
- 3:10 - 3:30** **Networking Break & Exhibitor Showcase**
- MODERATOR:** **DAVID ANG**
- 3:30 – 4:15** **What is to be paid when you can’t just read a Table?**
Child support in shared custody and hybrid situations
Professor Rollie Thompson, *Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University*
- 4:15 – 4:30** **What Can I Do to Give Back?**
Opportunities and benefits of charitable participation
Jonathan Richardson, *Augustine Bater Binks LLP*
- 4:30 – 5:00** **Voice of the Child**
Dr. Rachel Birnbaum, *King’s School of Social Work, Western University*
- 5:00 – 5:05** **The Rant**
- 5:30 – 7:00** **Hospitality Suite (Heritage Room - Outbuilding)**
- 7:00 – 9:30** **Dinner (Main Dining Room)**
- 9:30 – 1:00** **Hospitality Suite (Heritage Room - Outbuilding)**
Musical Entertainment with *¢.10 Wings* and the Institute’s first “Lip Sync Battle”

Saturday, April 14, 2018

- 7:00 AM** **Lifestyle Fun Run (Start at the Front Entrance of Hotel)**
Organized by Rachelle Laforge
- MODERATOR:** **HUNTER PHILLIPS**
- 9:00 – 9:45** **The Year in Review**
Phil Epstein, QC, *Epstein Cole LLP*
- 9:45 – 10:00** **A “child” forever? Child Support for the Disabled Adult**
Louise Vrebosch, *Tennant Jackson Peters LLP*
- 10:00 – 10:20** **What’s Worse than Being Dead?**
Excluding Estate Freeze Shares from Net Family Property

(McNamee v. McNamee)

Shane Kelford, *Howard, Kelford & DuBois LLP*

10:20 – 10:45

Where do I begin?

Working Through Complex Family Property Issues

Gord Sheiner, *MacKinnon & Phillips*

Steve Pittman, *Andrews & Co.*

10:45 – 11:05

Networking Break & Exhibitor Showcase

11:05 – 12:35

WORKSHOPS – CHOOSE 1 OUT OF 3

ALL RUN CONCURRENTLY

Workshop #1

How do I make sure that I am ready for Trial?

Get Your File Ready Before Trial

Moderator:

Carol Cochrane, *Low Murchison Radnoff LLP*

Speakers:

Stephen Appotive, *Kelly Santini LLP*

Jennifer Jolly, *Law Office of Jennifer E Jolly*

Workshop #2

How can I run an effective practice? Tips and Traps

Moderator:

Tanya Parker Wallace, *Parker Wallace Family Law*

Speakers:

Christopher Arnold, *Christopher Arnold, Barrister & Solicitor*

Jennifer Reynolds, *Fresh Legal*

Marta Siemiarczuk, *Nelligan O'Brien Payne LLP*

Workshop #3

10 Ways to Sabotage a Lawyer Assisted Mediation

Moderator:

David Ang, *Nelligan O'Brien Payne LLP*

Speakers:

Barb Cohen, *Cohen Lyngseth*

Jane Murray, *Mann Lawyers LLP*

Caspar van Baal, *Mann Lawyers LLP*

12:35 – 1:35

LUNCH

MODERATOR:

GERRY YEMENSKY

1:35 – 1:45

State of the Union

Regional Senior Justice James McNamara, *Superior Court of Justice*

1:45 – 2:15

Tips from Judges who Used to be Family Law Lawyers:

Effective Settlement Conferences and Changing Perspectives from Bar to Bench

Justice Julie Audet, *Superior Court of Justice*

Justice Darlene Summers, *Superior Court of Justice*

2:15 – 2:30 **Tax Rules Frustration**
What tax benefits and credits should I know about when I am doing up a Separation Agreement?
Cynthia Runolfson, *Runolfson, Kehoe & Haché Prof. Corp.*

2:30 – 2:45 **Top 10 Mistakes & Tips from DivorceMATE**
Christine Montgomery, *DivorceMATE*

2:45 – 3:30 **Dealing with difficult people: A Clinical Perspective**
Dr. Susan Farrell, *The Royal Ottawa Health Care Group*

3:30 – 3:40 **Break**

MODERATOR: **PAM MACEACHERN**

3:40- 4:40 **The Fabulous Spousal Support Panel**

Moderator: Carol Cochrane, *Low Murchison Radnoff LLP*
Panelists: Justice Tracy Engelking, *Superior Court of Justice*
Justice John Johnston, *Superior Court of Justice*
Justice Mark Shelston, *Superior Court of Justice*

4:40 **CONCLUDING REMARKS & EXHIBITOR PRIZE DRAW**
Pam MacEachern, *Conference Co-chair*
Mimi Marrello, *Conference Co-Chair*

Your 2018 Conference Planning Committee
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