

## **HIGH CONFLICT PILOT PROJECT IN OTTAWA: We still have availabilities!**

We wish to remind the Family Bar of the fact that there are still several spots available for custody and access cases showing indicia of high conflict in Ottawa. 25 new spots were made available since April, 2014. We remind you of the following main benefits for parties to become engaged in the High Conflict Project:

- One judge assigned to the case up to trial
- An early trial date
- Access to early assistance by a team of two “non-lawyers” (social worker, mediator or other social science professional) to provide early intervention and suggestions as to required services (the Service Advisory Group)
- Assistance for reducing conflict and improving communication
- More expeditious access to appropriate community resources and services, such as counselling, custody assessment, parenting support, mediation, and divorce coaching

We also wish to remind you that self-represented parties are now accepted into the Project. Finally, while parties now have to pay up to \$2,500 for the services of the Advisory Group, if one party is on Legal Aid one half of the fees up to 100% of the fee will be paid by Legal Aid Ontario. To apply for acceptance into the Project, litigants (or their lawyer) should submit completed intake forms to the Family Local Administrative Judge or by motion to the Family Court LAJ brought on notice to the opposing party. For more information, visit the CCLA website or contact Julie Audet at [Julie@fliab.com](mailto:Julie@fliab.com).