

Solution-Focused Planning for the Modern Family: Legal Issues for Equity-Seeking Groups



Date: Friday, February 6, 2015 | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Location: Twenty Toronto Street Conferences and Events
 20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto
Program Chairs: **Ryan Edmonds**, Lawyer, Ryan Edmonds Workplace Counsel
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The modern Canadian family doesn't always look like the ones many of us may have grown up in. Particular challenges persist for LGBT individuals, women and single parents when creating a secure future for their families. Join our faculty of experts as they unravel the issues that disproportionately, although not exclusively, affect these groups. Gain effective tools to help you proactively address legal challenges at the outset to best create your client's family and to protect your client's family's future.

12:30 pm Registration and Lunch

1:00 pm Welcome and Opening Remarks

1:10 pm **Planning For A Family**

Rhonda Levy, Founder and CEO, Empowered IVF™

Joanna Radbord, Martha McCarthy & Company LLP

- Key legal considerations to keep in mind prior to becoming a single parent
 - What discussions you should be having with your client related to their expectations and objectives
- Legal obstacles in parental recognition for LGBT individuals – naming and registrations, co-parenting
- Common legal challenges in adoption versus assisted reproduction
 - Adoption for LGBT couples and single parents
 - IVF - latest developments and considerations
- Implications of changes to Rules of Professional Conduct related to conflicts of interest and dealing with unrepresented parties

1:40 pm **Planning For A Family's Future**

Kathryn Bennett, LL.B., TEP, Senior Regional Sales

Director, Elite Cases, Desjardins Insurance

Blair Botsford, Principal, BotsfordLAW

- Unique planning considerations to provide for non-biological children and how to best protect and accommodate non-traditional family structures in estate planning
- Special life insurance considerations
- Beneficiary designations
- Addressing non-biological parent rights (eg. - is adoption necessary for succession rights?)
- Implications of changes to Rules of Professional Conduct related to conflicts of interest and dealing with unrepresented parties

2:15 pm Question Period and Concluding Remarks

2:30 pm Program Concludes

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