

Sixteenth Annual Bread and Butter Issues in Family Law

Family Law

Date: Friday, September 26, 2025 | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: OBA Conference Centre
20 Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto

Program Chairs: **Kavita V. Bhagat**, Family Law Solutions
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In person



Live Online



Substantive Hours: This program contains up to **3 hours and 30 minutes**.
Professionalism Hours: This program contains up to **30 minutes**.

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Bread and Butter is back for its 16th year! Join us to gain the practical insights you need to confidently navigate the issues arising in your daily practice. From recent need-to-know developments to fundamental skills and practice advice, hear expert perspectives from our top-notch faculty. Walk away with the knowledge and skills to provide better service to your clients and run your practice more efficiently. Register now to secure your spot!

9:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks		the relevant considerations and learn how to effectively assess, negotiate, and argue set-off support in complex parenting cases.
9:05 am	Greetings and Update from the Court The Honourable Suzanne M. Stevenson , Superior Court of Justice	12:00 pm	Effective Advocacy with Case Centre The Honourable Carissima Mathen , Superior Court of Justice Dani Frodis , Frodis Family Law Learn practical methods for organizing documents and presenting your case more persuasively using Case Center.
9:20 am	Navigating Resistance: When a Child Refuses Contact with a Parent Michael Zalev , Epstein Cole LLP Jane Long , Ministry of the Attorney General What happens when a child refuses to see one parent? Is it parental alienation or something else? Gain expert insights into managing one of the most challenging parenting issues in family law.	12:30 pm	Protecting Your Family Practice in the Age of Technology Moderator: Kavita V. Bhagat , Family Law Solutions The Honourable Ranjan K. Agarwal , Superior Court of Justice, Brampton William Abbott , MacDonald & Partners LLP Advances in Artificial Intelligence are changing the practice of family law. Learn how to manage risks, protect client data, update your retainers, and meet your professional obligations in this evolving landscape.
10:10 am	Beyond Divorce: Pleading Torts in Family Law Maneesha Mehra , Mehra Sample LLP Geoff Carpenter , Carpenter Law Learn when and how to properly plead tort claims alongside family law claims. Get key updates on the case law, drafting advice, and expert insights into effective advocacy.		
11:00 am	Health Break	1:00 pm	Program Concludes
11:15 am	Set-Off Child Support in Shared Parenting Cases Andrew Chris , Normandin Chris LLP Oren Weinberg , Boulby Weinberg Fishman LLP Cheryl Williams , Williams Family Lawyers Set-off child support in shared parenting arrangements raises unique legal issues. Dive into		