

Your Guide to Critical Child Protection Appearances

Child and Youth Law and Young Lawyers Division



Live In-Person



Live Online

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

Agenda:
8:30 am Registration
9:00 am Program Begins
12:00 pm Program Concludes



This program contains:
3hr 00m of Substantive Content
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Are you new to or considering adding child protection law to your practice? Join our experienced faculty as they walk you through the fundamentals of a child protection file, from first appearance to motions and beyond. Our skilled advocates will engage in live demonstrations to help you understand the key elements of effective advocacy in this unique and important area of the law. Don't miss out! Register now to secure your spot.

- Program Chairs:**
Anna Harris, York Region Children's Aid Society
Kenneth Atkinson, Office of the Children's Lawyer
- Demonstrators:**
Anna Harris, York Region Children's Aid Society
Kenneth Atkinson, Office of the Children's Lawyer
Julia Tremain, Phillips Barristers Professional Corporation

9:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	10:35 am	Networking Break
9:05 am	A View from the Bench The Honourable Justice Manjusha Pawagi , Ontario Court of Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none">The importance of child protection lawWhy should you consider this practice area?Key proceedings and their impact	10:50 am	Settlement Conference: <i>Demonstration and Debrief</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Settlement Conference<ul style="list-style-type: none">Resolving issues without trial where possibleJudicial guidance on realistic outcomesTrial Scheduling Conference<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identifying trial issues and setting timelinesPreparing clients for trial, including their role and expectations
9:35 am	Introduction of Fact Scenario		
9:40 am	First Appearance: <i>Demonstration and Debrief</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Understanding the purpose of the First AppearanceAdvocacy considerations for counselHow to approach kinship involvement	11:20 am	Major Motions: <i>Panel Discussion</i> Get helpful insights on significant motions including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Records MotionSpecial Party Status MotionSection 98 Assessments
10:05 am	Temporary Care and Custody Hearing (TCCH): <i>Demonstration and Debrief</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Legal test, onus and standard of proofKey evidentiary considerationsTypes of ordersImportant strategic considerations	11:50 am	Q&A and Closing Remarks
		12:00 pm	Program concludes