

Advanced Issues in Child Protection Law

Child and Youth Law



Live Online

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 | 12:45 pm to 4:30 pm
Location: Live Online
Agenda: 12:45 pm – 4:30 pm (ET)



This program contains **0h 45m Professionalism Content**

This program is eligible for up to: **3h 30m Substantive Content**

Join our outstanding faculty for updates on the most pressing issues in child protection law. Get expert insights and advice for your practice. Whether you are counsel for a child protection agency, parent, or child, you won't want to miss this opportunity to gain helpful strategies for your practice.

Register now to secure your spot!

Program Chairs: **Dawn Dubois**, Children's Aid Society of Algoma
Allison Williams, Justice for Children and Youth

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- 12:45pm Welcome and Opening Remarks
 - 12:50pm **Artificial Intelligence Use by Self-Represented Parties and Lawyers**
[Jennifer Leitch](#), Executive Director, National Self-Represented Litigants Project
 Join us to unpack the challenges and opportunities of AI use by self-represented parties, and what it means for counsel and the Courts.
 - 1:30pm **Keynote Address: My View from the Bench**
[The Honourable Justice Stanley B. Sherr](#), Ontario Court of Justice
 - 2:00pm **Privacy Update: Changes Coming this July to Part X of the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act***
[Deana DeGrace](#), Director, Legal Services, Peel Children's Aid Society
[Alison Moonsie-Mohan](#), Director, Legal Services, York Region Children's Aid Society
 New provisions under Part X of the CYFSA, restricting the use and disclosure of personal information, come into effect on July 1. Get up to speed on these changes and what they mean for your practice.
 - 2:25pm Networking Break
 - 2:35pm **Parallel Administrative Proceedings**
[Sarah Clarke](#), Clarke Child & Family Law
[Mark Hecht](#), Legal Counsel/Manager, Legal Services, Children's Aid Society of Ottawa
 Service recipients engaged in child protection proceedings are increasingly seeking relief through administrative processes, such as those at the Child and Family Services Review Board, Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario. Whether you represent parents, societies or children, it is essential that you understand these processes and how they intersect with the child protection proceeding. We'll unpack:
 - Process essentials and relief available through these administrative forums
 - How evidence given in the administrative matter may impact the child protection proceeding
 - For parent and child counsel: how to advise your clients about whether or not to pursue these parallel proceedings
 - For society counsel: what to do when you are served with an administrative claim
 - 3:30pm **Child Protection Appeals: Mechanics, Strategies and Best Practices**
[The Honourable Justice Tammy Law](#), Superior Court of Justice, Family Court
[Cathy Tempesta](#), Office of the Children's Lawyer
 - Effective trial practice to preserve your case for appeal
 - Advising your client on appeal decisions, including threshold questions and handling difficult conversations

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- when success on appeal is unlikely
- Your essential toolkit on the appeals process and timelines, including LAO approvals and case management/settlement opportunities
- Practical advice for seeking a stay pending appeal

4:25pm Questions and Concluding Remarks

4:30pm Program Concludes