

Seventeenth Annual Bread and Butter Issues in Family Law

Family Law



In person



Live Online

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2026 | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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

Program Chairs: [Joanna Radbord](#), McCarthy Hansen & Company
[Sarah Strathopoulos](#), Epstein Cole LLP



Substantive Hours: This program contains up to **4 hours and 00 minutes**.

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Bread and Butter is back for its 17th 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	11:00 am	Health Break
9:05 am	Greetings and Update from the Court Madam Justice Suzanne M. Stevenson , Superior Court of Justice of Ontario	11:15 am	The <i>Ahluwalia</i> Decision and the Trauma-Informed Family Lawyer Professor Shelley Kierstead , Assistant Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University Samantha Eisen , Samantha Eisen PC
9:20 am	From First Consultation to Final Signature: The Life of a Marriage Contract A practical walkthrough of a marriage contract file, featuring a sample initial client consultation, practice tips regarding reporting, disclosure and process, and frameworks for common types of marriage contracts. Emma Katz , Partner, Kelly D. Jordan Family Law Firm Dana Lue , Ricketts Harris LLP	12:00 pm	Incorporating Children’s Voices Dr. Rachel Birnbaum , Adjunct Research Professor & Distinguished University Professor Emerita, King's University College, Western University Caterina (Cathy) E Tempesta , Office of the Children's Lawyer
10:10 am	The Tax Principles of Family Law Tim Martin , Verity Valuations Group Adam Prewer , Epstein Cole LLP	12:30 pm	The Latest on Support in Family Law Rollie Thompson , Professor Emeritus of Law, Schulich School of Law
		1:00 pm	Program Concludes