



Family Law Seminar Update on Custody and Access Issues

“Where children’s rights are at stake, perhaps more than anywhere else, reactive legal solutions are inadequate. It takes pro-active attitudes in lawyers and judges to bring children’s problems to light and to find solutions to them.”

(Rt. Honourable Beverly McLachlin, C.J.C. “Reaction and Pro-action: Bringing Family Law Advocacy into the 21st Century”, Family Law Dinner, Ontario Bar Association, January 24, 2002, Toronto)

The list of issues surrounding custody and access cases continues to grow. The issues are often difficult ones for both family law lawyers and the courts to deal with. This seminar will address a number of those important and difficult issues while providing a balance of substantive updates and general practice considerations. The presenters will examine the role of lawyers in custody and access practice today and how they can be part of the solution for Canadian families. Listen to a prominent psychological expert, a Court of Queen’s Bench Family Law Division Justice and experienced counsel tackle the difficult issues surrounding abuse allegations in custody and access cases. Hear from Mr. Justice Harvey Brownstone of the North Toronto Family Law Court speak about the issues discussed in his book, “*Tug of War: A Judge’s Verdict on Separation, Custody Battles, and the Bitter Realities of Family Court*”. Listen to experienced family law counsel discuss a myriad of custody and access issues ranging from ethics to mobility to spousal violence. This seminar boasts an outstanding panel of presenters and promises to be valuable to all family law lawyers who are faced with custody and access issues. Don’t miss this opportunity!

Speakers

Madam Justice D. L. Wilson of the Court of Queen’s Bench for Saskatchewan, Family Law Division.

Mr. Justice Harvey Brownstone of the North Toronto Family Court, and author of “*Tug of War: A Judge’s Verdict on Separation, Custody Battles, and the Bitter Realities of Family Court*”.

Dr. Jim Arnold, a prominent psychological expert in Saskatchewan with respect to sexual abuse allegations in family law cases.

Experienced family law counsel:

- Greg Walen, Q.C., Scharfstein Gibbings Walen and Fisher LLP;
- James Vogel, Richmond Nychuk;
- Gwen Goebel, Robertson Stromberg Pedersen LLP; and
- Jackie Lane, Legal Aid Saskatchewan

Regina
 Thursday - May 6, 2010
 (9:00 am to 4:00 pm)
 Ramada Hotel & Convention
 Centre

Saskatoon
 Friday - May 7, 2010
 (9:00 am to 4:00 pm)
 Saskatoon Inn

PROGRAM	8:30	Registration
	9:00	Welcome and Introductions
	9:05	Dr. Jim Arnold – Abuse Allegations in Custody and Access Cases
	10:20	Nutrition Break
	10:35	Justice D. L. Wilson – The Court’s Perspective on Abuse Allegations in Custody and Access Cases
	11:00	James Vogel – Abuse Allegations in Custody and Access Cases – Case Law Update and Handling your Client
	11:30	Panel Discussion (Moderator: Greg Walen; Panel members: Justice D.L. Wilson, Dr. Jim Arnold and James Vogel)
	12:15	Lunch (provided)
	1:15	Justice Harvey Brownstone - Family Law Unleashed: Lessons from ‘Tug of War’ and Bringing Law to the Masses
	1:45	Justice Harvey Brownstone - Questions and Discussion
	2:15	Gwen Goebel - Emerging Issues Relating to Ethics and the Practice of Family Law
	2:45	Nutrition Break
	3:00	Greg Walen – Update on Mobility Issues
	3:30	Jackie Lane – Spousal Violence in Custody and Access Cases
	4:00	Adjournment

Registration Form

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General Information

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Please attend the registration table at the seminar. Any course materials will be given to you then. If, for any reason, the Law Society of Saskatchewan is unable to accept your registration, you will be notified prior to the seminar.

Confirmation of registration is not provided as we prefer not to have to pass on the added expense to our registrants.

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Please register me in the following location:

Regina - Thursday, May 6, 2010
Ramada Hotel, 1818 Victoria Ave.

Saskatoon - Friday, May 7, 2010
Saskatoon Inn, 2002 Airport Drive

Registrations will only be accepted until 4:00 pm two (2) days prior to the seminar. Space is limited so register early.

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