



# Family Law Chambers Advocacy Workshop

Attend this intensive hands-on workshop to develop exceptional family law Chambers advocacy skills and receive constructive feedback in a small group setting. Learn from your own performances, that of the other participants, and the faculty demonstrations. This workshop specific to family law provides an opportunity to hone your written and oral skills in a number of exercises, including notices of application, draft orders, Chambers appearance memos, affidavits, memos of law and oral submissions. The workshop is similar in format and intensity to the very successful Trial Advocacy Workshop that the Law Society has been delivering for years. Don't miss this opportunity to access the knowledge and expertise of our esteemed faculty of judges and accomplished practitioners!!

## Learn by doing in this intensive hands-on Workshop. Features of the Workshop include:

- **Working small groups** The faculty-to-student ratio is 8 instructors to 24 students.
- **"Learn without the burn"** Provides concentrated practice of your advocacy skills in a supportive non-threatening environment. Develop skills in a risk-free setting without compromising your client's case.
- **Faculty of experienced judges and lawyers** Access the skills and knowledge of experienced trial judges and some of Saskatchewan's finest courtroom practitioners.
- **Current Saskatchewan-specific curriculum** Exercises will be drawn from a family law fact pattern which will address parenting issues and support (income determination, child support and spousal support). The exercises will develop your skills in oral submissions as well as writing notices of applications, draft orders, affidavits, Chambers appearance memos and memos of law. The fact pattern and exercises have been prepared locally by our Workshop Planning Committee ensuring the content is relevant and current.
- **Faculty feedback and constructive suggestions** After each skills performance, you will receive constructive feedback from your instructors. Learn from your own performance and those of other participants. Demonstrations by instructors will provide you with the opportunity to observe effective advocacy skills.

## Saskatoon TCU Place

Thursday, March 21, 2024

9:30 am to

Friday, March 22, 2024

3:15 pm

**Registration Deadline**  
**February 15, 2024**

## Time Commitment

- This is an intensive hands-on Workshop which requires preparation and submissions in advance in order for the faculty to effectively provide feedback. Please make sure you plan accordingly. Please come prepared.
- **Friday, March 7, 2024** You will receive the fact pattern, reading materials, schedule and exercises for review and preparation.
- **Friday, March 14, 2024 (by 5:00 p.m.)** You will be expected to prepare and submit to the Law Society a notice of application, draft order, Chambers appearance memo and an affidavit based on the exercises assigned to you in relation to the fact pattern.
- Participants will be involved throughout the Workshop with performing skills and receiving feedback. When you are not performing or receiving feedback, you are expected to watch and learn from others. Full attendance for the entire Workshop is required.

## Workshop Planning Committee

Sean Sinclair (Robertson Stromberg LLP, Saskatoon)  
Greg Walen, K.C. (retired from Scharfstein LLP, Saskatoon)  
Sherry Fitzsimmons, K.C. (McDougall Gauley LLP, Saskatoon)  
Justice G.V. Goebel (Court of King's Bench - Family Law Division, Saskatoon)

## Faculty

**Chair:** Sean Sinclair (Robertson Stromberg LLP, Saskatoon)  
Justice F.N. Turcotte (Court of King's Bench - Family Law Division, Saskatoon)  
Justice G.V. Goebel (Court of King's Bench - Family Law Division, Saskatoon)  
Justice D.J. Brown (Court of King's Bench - Family Law Division, Regina)  
Justice C.M. Richmond (Court of King's Bench - Family Law Division, Regina)  
Greg Walen, K.C. (retired from Scharfstein LLP, Saskatoon)  
Sherry Fitzsimmons, K.C. (McDougall Gauley LLP, Saskatoon)  
Christine Hansen-Chad (OWZW Lawyers LLP, Regina)

## Guest Speaker

The Honourable D.L. Wilson (Former Court of King's Bench - Family Law Division, Saskatoon)

## General Information

Register online here: [Chambers Advocacy Workshop 2024](#)

**Registration Fee: \$1000 + \$50 GST (\$1050.00)**

Register early! Enrollment is limited to 24 lawyers and will be on a first come, first served basis. However, preference will be given to lawyers with 10 years or less experience at the Bar. The registration fee must accompany your registration. The registration deadline is **Thursday, February 15, 2024**. You will receive confirmation of your registration. In the event the maximum enrollment is reached, a waiting list will be kept in case there are cancellations. We will notify you no later than February 26, 2024 if we are able to add you to the Workshop list. After this date, we will return your registration fee to you.

Your registration fees include:

- case files and reference materials;
- hot breakfasts and lunches; and
- dinner on Thursday evening with Faculty and participants (**Note:** The dinner is an integral part of the overall experience of the Workshop. It is expected that participants will attend).

**Note:** The registration email confirmation is your invoice.

## Cancellation Policy

Notification of cancellation must be in writing and received by the Law Society no later than **February 22, 2024**. Registration fees, less a \$100.00 (plus GST) administrative fee, will be refunded. Refunds cannot be given for cancellations received after February 22, 2024. Should there be a waiting list, the individuals on that list will fill the cancelled spots.

## Accommodation

- A block of rooms has been reserved at the **Hilton Garden Inn, (90 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Street East)** for March 20-22, 2024. **The block will be held until February 20, 2024.** The rate per night is **\$149.00** plus applicable taxes. Parking is \$15.95 per day plus applicable taxes.
- To reserve a room, please [follow this link](#), call the Hilton Garden Inn at (306-244-2311) or email [hgisaskatoon@gmail.com](mailto:hgisaskatoon@gmail.com) with the date of your arrival and the Group Code: CAWLAW.