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311 Open Bar Series

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The Voice of the Child in Child Protection Proceedings: Methods, Challenges and Practice Considerations

Chair: Justice Michelle Cheung, Ontario Court of Justice

Speakers:

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Where: Online through ZOOM

When: Wednesday, April 10, 2024

From: 4:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Join our panel of senior child protection lawyers for a primer on the legal framework that governs the admission of children's evidence in a child protection proceeding. You will hear practical tips on how to conduct a *voir dire* on the admissibility of a child's out of court statements without looking like a first-year law student. Cases where children have testified directly in a child protection proceeding will also be reviewed. The panel will provide expert guidance on how counsel should approach the relevant evidentiary and procedural issues from the perspective of Children's Aid Society counsel, parent's counsel and child's counsel.

This program has been approved as an Accredited Provider of Professionalism by the Law Society of Ontario. Materials will be provided electronically. This is a continuing education program NOT open to the public. It contains 15 minutes of Professionalism hours and 75 minutes of substantive CLE.

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