

Lawyers and Court Workers Welcome

311 Open Bar Series

Presents

Order outside the Court!

The Right to Counsel in Out-of-Court Child Protection Matters

Chair: Justice Alex Finlayson, Superior Court of Justice

Speakers: Tammy Law, Barrister and Solicitor, past President OACPL.
Simon Fisch, counsel, Children's Aid Society of Toronto
Tom Kelsey, Director-General, Legal Aid Ontario
Cathy Tempesta, counsel, Office of the Children's Lawyer

Where: Online through ZOOM

When: Monday, April 4, 2022

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

Many child protection issues involve out-of-court solutions. However, despite the critical issues at play, too often parents and children do not have the benefit of representation or legal advice until or unless a case is brought to court. Our panel of experts will address critical gaps in access to counsel and discuss the following issues:

- Efforts being made to ensure that parents/children get access to representation/advice before a case gets to court;
- Circumstances when it would be prudent to have out of court representation/advice;
- Funding options available through Legal Aid Ontario;
- Remedies available when matters go awry without parties having the benefit of legal advice.
- *Charter* implications and creative court challenges ahead.

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Join us for an exploration of this un*Chartered* territory, as we search for innovations to improve access to justice for our clients.

This program has been approved as an Accredited Provider of Professionalism by the Law Society of Ontario. CPD: 75 minutes substantive; 15 minutes professionalism.

*This is a continuing education program **NOT** open to the public. You must register in advance through Eventbrite at the link above no later than March 31, 2022. Admission cost is \$25.00. You will receive information on how to access Zoom through Eventbrite after ticket purchase.*