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Monday, September 26, 2016

Examination/ Cross-Examination

Justice O'Connell will chair this session. Trials are won on the evidence and much of the evidence at trial comes in through witnesses. Trial counsel need to master the art of examination-in-chief and cross-examination. This "art" can be learned, and this session will provide examination "tips" from experienced counsel using vignettes.

Monday, November 7, 2016

Determining Income for Guideline Purposes

Justice Sherr has agreed to chair this session. This session will review what we know about determining income for Guideline purposes. The session shall begin with a review of an income tax return and will then discuss how the rules in the Child Support Guidelines affect the determination of income for Guideline purposes.

Monday, December 5, 2016

Client Management

Justice Sullivan will chair this session. Client management begins at the point a client enters a lawyer's office. How well a client is managed will determine how successful the solicitor/client relationship will be. Join in this discussion with your peers about how they manage their clients.

Monday, January 9, 2017

The Year-in-Review

Justice Starr has agreed to chair this session. Always a favourite, this session will identify those cases, statutory or rule changes which will affect you and your practice in the area of domestic or child protection law. A proven time saver, you really don't want to miss this session.

Monday, February 6, 2017

Motherisk 2

Justice Scully has agreed to chair this session. In May, 2016, The Honourable Susan Lang began this conversation about the Motherisk Drug Testing Laboratory at the Hospital for Sick Children and how the reports generated there were neither "adequate nor reliable." This conversation will be continued by Commissioner Judy Beaman who is currently tasked with reviewing court files and recommending what to do going forward. Please join in this important discussion.

Monday, March 6, 2017

What Does Openness Look Like Now?

Justice Murray will chair this session. The panel will discuss: When is an openness order available? Who may apply? Who are the parties to an openness application? What does an openness application/hearing look like? Is there such a thing as a typical openness order? Do we know how openness is working in the public adoption sphere? This is information your client will want you to know.

Monday, April 3, 2017

Motions

Justice Sager will chair this session. A skillfully crafted and argued motion may play a decisive role in resolving/winning your case, or at least, moving the case forward. This session will discuss when to bring a motion, how to craft your affidavit material and how to argue the motion. Expect tip sheets, precedents, and vignettes from experienced counsel.

Monday, May 1, 2017

Assessments

Justice Zisman has agreed to chair this session. This session will focus on how to assess/challenge the assessor and the assessment—the expert and the expert report. The panel will also discuss the purpose of a *voir dire* in defining the limits of an assessor's expertise, the use of the hypothetical question, and what to do with hearsay that forms the basis of an expert's opinion, and much more.

Mon, June 5, 2017

Professor Thompson on the Law of Expert Evidence

Justice Weagant will chair this session. Professor Rollie Thompson from the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie has agreed to speak to us on expert evidence. An expert witness is entitled to state his opinions and conclusions within the area of his expertise. Before accepting such evidence, a court must