



## **North Toronto Family Court Education Committee**

**NORTH TORONTO FAMILY COURT EDUCATION COMMITTEE,**  
in co-operation with the Family Lawyers Association and Legal Aid Ontario, presents:

### **HOT TOPICS IN EVIDENCE FOR A COLD NIGHT**

Our expert panel will provide you with practical tips about common evidentiary issues that present in domestic family law cases and in child protection cases. You will learn how to anticipate and recognize these evidentiary issues when they arise or may potentially arise, and how to advance or defeat argument about these issues. Our panel includes an internationally recognized family law professor, as well as three respected and knowledgeable Toronto family law judges.

- Expert witnesses: what is the process and test for admission of expert evidence? How can a lawyer who is not an expert in a particular field challenge an expert witness who is? What questions should you ask to establish reliability of the methodology and conclusions of an expert, especially in child-related cases?
- Children's evidence and hearsay: How do you establish necessity and reliability for admission of hearsay? How do you introduce different kinds of children's statements? What is the state of mind exception? How do you differentiate between statements to professionals or collaterals v. statements to parents?
- Evidence on Summary Judgement motions

**Speakers:**  
Professor Nicholas Bala, Faculty of Law, Queen's University  
Justice Robert Spence, Ontario Court of Justice  
Justice Melanie Sager, Ontario Court of Justice  
Justice Manjusha Pawagi, Ontario Court of Justice

**Tuesday, January 17, 2017**  
*4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (program starts at 5:00 p.m. sharp)*

**NORTH YORK MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HALL – 5110 Yonge Street**  
**West end of Lower Level – across from the North York Public Library**

**\$20.00 cash only please** (includes refreshments)



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**Next program: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 – Litigants With Mental Health Issues**  
**Chair: Justice Carolyn Jones; Guest Speaker Dr. Dan Fitzgerald**

