

Announcing the 2019-2020 Halton open Bar "live" education series

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The Halton County Law Association (in conjunction with the Milton Family Courts) has announced their Continuing Legal Education 2019-2020 Upcoming Programs.

Kicking off the series in September is a session on dealing with the Family Responsibility Office.

Benefit from the wisdom of experienced FRO counsel who will share effective enforcement strategies and tips that will be of interest to those who practice in the area of support enforcement, as well as those who would like to. You will also learn about the inner workings of the FRO, their new service model, and the services they offer. In addition, you will leave this program equipped to draft support clauses that can be quickly, easily and fully enforced along with clauses that will make the exchange of annual financial disclosure and the recalculation of support a breeze.

Next up, in November, will be a session that takes you into the minds of Judges. Titled “What Judges Like and Dislike, you’ll get an insiders’ take from members of both the OCJ and SCJ Bench who will be on hand to discuss best practices, strategies and tips on how to best advocate for your family law clients throughout the litigation process. Topics will include written advocacy, advocacy at motions, and Conferences and why it is important to “know your judge”.

In 2020, the series will resume with a year-in-review session in January where speakers will review the top 2019 domestic and child protection cases. This presentation and supporting papers will be invaluable to you moving forward in 2020 and keep you on top of your game!

Sure to be of interest to many, the February session will offer valuable tips on dealing with self-represented litigants. An increasingly common challenge facing lawyers in family law matters, it is important to know your professional obligations owed to these litigants, the court and other members of the profession. Learn best practices from members of the Bar, the Law Society, and LawPro on and effective strategies to better help you deal with these often-difficult litigants, including how to best assist them when you are prepared to provide unbundled services or act for them on a limited scope retainer, from retainer agreements to costs. This program will offer you perspectives from the Bar, the Bench, the Law Society, and LawPro.

Closing out this amazing series will be a session in April about the crossover between Family Law and Criminal Law

Available for lawyers only, each program in the series will be eligible for professional and substantive hours through the Law Society of Ontario.

See the flyer and register [here](#).