

Halton Open Bar LIVE Education Series

THE HALTON COUNTY LAW ASSOCIATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
MILTON FAMILY COURTS
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION
2019-2020 Upcoming Programs – For Lawyers Only

September 23, 2019 – Family Responsibility Office

“Enforcing support” comes with its own set of legislation, jurisdictional issues, and challenges, including dealing with the Family Responsibility Office. Benefit from the wisdom of experienced FRO counsel and counsel who act for payors and recipients. They 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.

November 14, 2019 – Practice Tips - What Judges Like and Dislike

There is no part of a lawyer’s participation in litigation that is not advocacy. Get an “insider look” into the minds of Judges in this unique seminar where esteemed members of both the OCJ and SCJ Bench and Bar 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”. Learn of the Judges’ expectations and about a lawyer’s responsibility as an officer of the court, including when to withdraw services, go on or off the record, and the importance of the duty of candour.

January 27, 2020 – Year in Review

This is one program you do not want to miss. Our speakers will review and discuss the top 2019 domestic and child protection cases. This presentation and supporting papers will be invaluable to you moving forward in 2020, on top of your game!

February 24, 2020 – Tips on Dealing with the Self-Represented Litigant

Self-represented litigants are an increasingly common challenge facing lawyers in family law matters. This is so whether the individual is the opposing party or a client receiving unbundled services from you or for whom you provide limited representation. Either way it is important to practice defensively so as to avoid a complaint or claim and to know your professional obligations owed to these litigants, the court and other members of the profession. Join us for a discussion of best practices, tips and effective strategies, to 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.

April 28, 2020 – The Crossover between Family Law and Criminal Law

At one time or another, nearly all family law lawyers find themselves either representing clients or dealing with opposing parties who have had contact with the criminal justice system. From arrest and bail to trial and sentencing, the process can be complex. Join us for a crash course in the most important issues in criminal law that can “cross-over” into family law matters and how to handle them.



These programs pending approval for eligible for professional and substantive hours. This organization has been approved as an Accredited Provider of Professionalism Content by the Law Society of Ontario.

THIS SESSION IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Please bring your professional identification/LSO card.

Fee: \$30.00 for members and \$35.00 for non-members – credit card, cash or cheque, payable to Halton County Law Association.

Location: Law Library at the Milton Court House

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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