

Constance Nielsen, B.A. (Hons.), LL.B.
Family Law Lawyer
Barrister & Solicitor

EDUCATION

- June 2020 **Family Law Arbitration Course**
Trained by Hillary Linton/Riverdale Mediation
- June 2023 **Family Law Mediation Course**
Trained by Hillary Linton/Riverdale Mediation
- June 2010 & Jan. 2011 **Collaborative Family Law training, levels one and two**
Trained by Marie B. Nickle and Karen Thompson-Harry
- June 2008 **Called to the Bar of the Law Society of Upper Canada**
- Sept. 2004 - **LL.B.**
April 2007 Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
- Sept. 2000 - **Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree**
April 2004 **Law and Society and Women Studies**
York University/ Flinders University
Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*

EXPERIENCE RELATED TO LAW

- Aug. 2011 - **Sole Practitioner**
Present **Constance Nielsen, Barrister and Solicitor, Family Law Lawyer**
- Responsible for running business while practicing as an active lawyer.
 - Agent for the Office of the Children, working representing children since November 2011.
 - Agent for the Family Responsibility Office, working assisting support recipient since June 2020.
 - Work as a duty counsel lawyer from December 2011 to present, including providing advice at the Family Law Information Centre, YRCCS and at the Sandgates Women's Shelter.
- Oct. 2020 – **Community Liaison and Resources Committee**
Present **Newmarket Family Court**
- Representative on the Committee for the Office of the Children's Lawyer. Committee is a forum for family justice partners and community organizations to work together to ameliorate Family Law operations.
- June 2020 - **Dispute Resolution Officer**
Present **Newmarket Family Court**
- Assisting litigants by providing an early neutral evaluation of their legal case.
- Oct. 2010 - **Mandatory Information Programme Presenter**
July 2019 **Newmarket Family Court**
- Provide legal information to parties involved in family law litigation.
- Apr. 2009 - **Associate**
Aug. 2011 **Feldstein Family Law Group, Professional Corporation, Family Law Lawyers**
- Acted as a junior to senior counsel and had carriage of own files.

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Sept. 2008 - **Legal Researcher, Education Chapter Editor**

Apr. 2009 **Wilson Christen, LL.P., Toronto, Ontario**

- Responsible for editing the Education Chapter of Jeffery Wilson's looseleaf book titled *Wilson on Children and the Law*.

July 2007 - **Articling Student**

June 2008 **Feldstein Family Law Group, Professional Corporation**

- Articled exclusively in Family Law under Andrew Feldstein.

May 2006 - **Legal Researcher**

Aug. 2006 **Wilson Christen, LL.P., Toronto, Ontario**

- Responsible for updating Jeffery Wilson's looseleaf book titled *Wilson on Children and the Law*.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Proficient in oral Spanish

EXTRACURRICULAR AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Member of YRLA Family Law Committee

Jan. 2020 - present

- Establishing and promoting family law related initiatives to the York Region Law Association ("YRLA") members, including events, learning opportunities, roundtable discussions and more.

Mentor through the YRLA Family Law Mentorship Program

March. 2020 – May 2022

- Mentoring newer family law lawyers.

Member of Appeals Committee, Girl Guides of Canada

Oct. 2018 - present

- Legal member of the Committee where terminated Girl Guide members may appeal termination.

Board Member, York Collaborative Practice

Jan. 2012- June 2017

- Working at improving the information available to families regarding the collaborative family law process and a member of the website subcommittee.
- Chair of Board from September 2014 to July 2016.

Ontario Justice Education Network

Periodically 2015 - 2022

- Acted as volunteer lawyer coach for mock motions/case conferences with students from Rosalie Hall and Massey Centre.
- Attended round table discussion with students of Rosalie Hall, Massey Centre and Jessie's Place.

LSUC Tutoring

April 2015 – Jan. 2020

- Assisting prospective calls in preparing for the Family Law portion of the Barrister's exam.

Girl Guide Leader, Girl Guides of Canada

Aug. 2015-present

- Co-Leader of a group of 28 girls ages 9 - 12. Responsibilities include weekly meetings, developing programming, coordinating events and attending special events.
- April 2021 – Recipient of Silver Unit Guider Award recognizing exemplary service in the Unit Guider role.
- Previously acted as a Girl Guide Leader from September 1998 – August 2000.

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Law Society Speaker

February 2016 and 2017

- Speaker at the Family Law Basics CLE. Topic of Current Developments in Family Law.

INTERESTS:

- Traveling, wilderness camping, canoeing, biking, arts and crafts, sewing, book club, brunching with friends and spending time with my children.