

2018 Annual Joint Family Law Program

THE TOUGH STUFF:

*Family Trusts, Pensions, Professional & Family Corporations,
The Hague Service Convention & High Conflict Cases*

March 9, 2018 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
The Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place

PROGRAM AGENDA	
8:30 am	Registration
9:00 am	Welcome & Greetings from Associate Chief Justice Marianne Rivoalen
9:05 am	<p>Family Trusts in Family Law <i>Lorne Wolfson, Torkin Manes LLP</i>, respected senior lawyer practicing family law in Ontario with wealth of experience dealing with and litigating over family trusts.</p> <p>Topics Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How are family trusts treated for equalization and support purposes?• What income tax & estate planning considerations are important?• What will be the impact of the proposed income tax changes?
9:50 am	<p>Pensions: Division at the End of the Relationship <i>Greg Gillis, B. Comm. H., CFA, FCIA, FSA, Lawton Partners</i> <i>Greg is a CFA Charterholder, as well as a qualified pension actuary.</i> <i>Connie Petersen, Petersen King Law Corporation</i></p> <p>Topics Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corporation Valuation issues & mistakes• Federal & Provincial differences• Definition problems for common law
10:35 am	Refreshment Break
10:55 am	<p>Professional and Family Corporations: After valuation is established <i>Lawrence Pinsky, Taylor McCaffrey LLP</i> <i>Douglas Finkbeiner, Q.C., Taylor McCaffrey LLP</i> <i>Glen Gerrie, MLT Aikins LLP</i> <i>Connie Petersen, Petersen King Law Corporation</i></p> <p>Topics Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corporations 101 – understand what you have• The simplest split isn't always the best – tax law implications• Practice tips from a seasoned family law lawyer - FPA & corporations• Application to a fact problem

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12:10 pm	Lunch in Grand Ballroom
1:15 pm	<p>The Hague Service Convention: <i>What do you need to know and why?</i> <u>Justice Joan MacPhail, Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench (Family Division)</u> <u>Tracy Morrow, Justice Manitoba - Legal Services Branch, Family Law</u></p>
1:55 pm	<p>High Conflict Co-parenting: <i>Complexities & Promoting Change</i> <u>Dr. Barbara Jo Fidler, Ph.D., C. Psych., Acc.FM., Registered Psychologist</u></p> <p>Is co-parenting even an option in a high conflict case? How can that work? What changes need to be made in how we all deal with these cases? Understanding our own cognitive biases and the complexities of the psychology of the parent who alienates are necessary to better address the best interests of the children in these families.</p>
2:40 pm	<p>High Conflict Cases in Court <u>Dr. Barbara Jo Fidler, Ph.D., C. Psych., Acc.FM., Registered Psychologist</u> <u>Justice John Menzies, Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench (General Division)</u> <u>Patricia Lane, Taylor McCaffrey LLP</u></p> <p>Topics Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning From Our Growing Pains • Outside the QB Family Division <p>We learn from experience and expertise. Dr. Fidler, Justice Menzies and Pat Lane discuss key points in dealing with high conflict cases, referencing <i>G v G, Ulloa, Bardarson & Wenzel</i>, four recent MB cases where mental health professionals, lawyers and judges faced "stark dilemmas".</p>
3:15 pm	<p>Continuum of Parent-Child Contact Problems <u>Dr. Barbara Jo Fidler, Ph.D., C. Psych., Acc.FM., Registered Psychologist</u></p> <p>Topics Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiated Clinical Interventions • Role of Court & Legal Remedies <p>Dr. Fidler is a respected and renowned expert in understanding and dealing with high conflict cases and her research has been used and cited with approval in court. To close the program, she will discuss clinical interventions by mental health professionals, the role of Child & Family Service agencies, and the potential for the diagnostic use of interim orders by the judges who have to deal with these cases.</p>
3:55 pm	Closing Remarks from Associate Chief Justice Marianne Rivoalen