

# The 3rd Annual Child Protection CPD

November 24, 2017 | 9:00 am to 4:15 pm  
The Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg

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*Jointly presented by The Law Society of Manitoba, the Court of Queen's Bench Judges and the Provincial Court Judges.*

Senator Murray Sinclair will open this year's program with a special pre-recorded address. The program will also feature a social services fair with information on some of the support services available to families involved with the child protection system.

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## **Update on New Child Protection Model**

In advance of the program, registrants will have an opportunity to provide comments and ask questions anonymously about how the new model is working. Our expert panel will then respond to some of the questions and issues raised.

**Presenters:** Justice Gwen Hatch, *Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench (Family Division)*  
Justice Lore Mirwaldt, *Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench (Family Division)*  
Master Carol Sharp, *Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench*  
Crystal Kennedy, *Legal Aid Manitoba*  
Dianna Nesbit, *Myers Weinberg LLP*

**Moderator:** Darryl Buxton, *Myers Weinberg, LLP*

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## **Panel on Amicus Curiae**

This session will explore:

- The role of Amicus with the child and in court
- Best interests vs taking instructions
- The importance of training
- Role of parents' counsel when Amicus is involved
- What we can learn from other jurisdictions

**Presenters:** David Joycey, *Barrister & Solicitor*  
William Hedges, *Barrister & Solicitor*  
Lorraine Mocarski, *Supervisor, Emergency Placement Resources*

**Moderator:** Judge Carena Roller, *Manitoba Provincial Court*

## **Preparing for and Conducting Child Protection Trials**

This practical session will focus on the mechanics of preparing for and conducting a child protection trial. It will cover:

- Developing a theory of the case
- Identifying the facts you need to prove your case and determining how to prove them
- Witness preparation
- Document preparation
- Special considerations when dealing with self-represented litigants
- Obtaining and filing 3<sup>rd</sup> party records
- Preparing and examining Agency workers and Experts
- Relying on previous court decisions (same family)

**Presenters:** Justice Michael Thomson, *Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench (Family Division)*  
Kris Janovcik, *Tapper Cuddy LLP*  
Annette Horst, *Legal Aid Manitoba, Child Protection Office*  
Shawn Scarcello, *Cochrane Saxberg Barristers & Solicitors*

**Moderator:** Crystal Kennedy, *Legal Aid Manitoba*

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## **Case Law Review**

Need a quick refresher on recent decisions in the area of child protection? This session is exactly the thing.

**Presenter:** Michael Paluk, *Legal Aid Manitoba*

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**Eligibility For CPD Hours:** This program may be reported for up to 6.25 hours of eligible CPD activity, including 2 hours of EPPM.