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WHAT'S NORMAL AND WHAT'S ABNORMAL?

Best practices in the face of allegations of poor parenting, child abuse and family violence.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 2023

Toronto Reference Library
789 Yonge St., Toronto

Attend in-person or virtually



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Paul Dubé

Ontario's Ombudsman

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

October 18th

PRACTICE SKILLS PROGRAM

OFFERED IN-PERSON ONLY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023

The Advocates' Society
250 Yonge Street, Suite 2700
Toronto

2:00–5:00 p.m.

Evening Social to Follow Program

The Honourable Justice Fred Myers will preside over and Professor Rollie Thompson will moderate this year's Practice Skills Program.

Presenters:

Dr. Barbara Fidler (Psychologist)
Julie Hannaford (J K Hannaford Barristers)
Shawn Richard (ASR Family and Estate Law)

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AGENDA

Annual General Meeting

Welcome and Introduction Land Acknowledgement

AFCC–Ontario’s 15th Anniversary Address

Michael Saini and Stacey Platt

Child development Primer: Decoding child and parent behavior in high conflict situations

Dr. Pushpa Kanagaratnam, *Clinical Psychologist and Assistant Professor
University of Toronto, Department of Psychiatry*

Dr. Catherine Horvat, *Clinical Psychologist, Founder and Executive Director
Ottawa Center for Resilience*

Keynote Address

Mr. Paul Dubé, *Ontario’s Ombudsman*

Presentation of the Dena Moyal Award:

The Honourable Justice Debra Paulseth

Factors affecting children’s memory: What research tells us and implications for practice

Dr. Kim Roberts, *Wilfrid Laurier University, Child Memory Lab*

Meredith Kirkland–Burke, *Suspected Child Abuse & Neglect Program, The Hospital for Sick Children*

Children’s statements contained in Voice of the Child’s Reports: pros, cons, risks and limitations

Justice Nicole Tellier, *Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Family Court*

Katherine Kavassalis, *Legal Counsel and Deputy Legal Director,*

Personal Rights Department, Office of the Children’s Lawyer

Shaista Durrani, *Regional Clinical Supervisor, Office of the Children’s Lawyer*

Introduction by Dianne Carter, *The Children’s Lawyer*

Parenting caselaw update

Aaron Franks, *Partner, Epstein Cole LLP*

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