

NFLP 2026 CNDF

National Family Law Program

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Kelowna, BC

Program at a glance

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Sunday July 12

3:30 - 6:00	Registration
5:00 - 6:30	Welcome Gathering

Monday July 13

7:45 - 4:00	Registration			
7:45 - 8:45	Breakfast			
8:45 - 9:05	Welcome and Introductions			
9:05 - 10:20	Keynote Self-Leadership in Turbulent Times: Unlocking Your FULL Potential to Burn Bright-- Not Burn Out Dr. Karen MacNeill			
10:20 - 10:50	Health Break			
10:50 - 11:55	Tracing the (almost) Untraceable	Manipulation and Modern Technologies: Digital Evidence in Family Law	Indigenous Families and Family Law	Domestic Violence and the Grave Risk of Harm under the Hague Convention
11:55 - 1:25	Legal Aid Lunch (sign up required; spaces limited)			
1:25 - 2:30	Child protection law - today and tomorrow	Managing a Family Law Practice - How to Not Only Survive But Also Thrive!!	What's Your Side Hustle? Unconventional Income and Support	How to Manage Imbalances in Knowledge, Bargaining Position and Power
2:30 - 2:55	Health Break			
2:55 - 4:00	Is there room for culture in the courtroom?	Principles and Practice of Legal, Ethical and Professional Responsibility	Efficient and Effective Tax Planning before, during and after Marriage for Family Lawyers	Undue Hardship Applications: Successes, Failures, and Trends Across Canada
4:00 - 5:30	Opening Reception			

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Tuesday July 14

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast			
9:00 - 10:15	Keynote: Navigating Substance Use Dynamics in Court: Practical Guidance from Neuroscience and Addiction Research Dr. Stephanie Tabashneck			
10:15 - 10:45	Health Break			
10:45 - 11:50	How to Cure Cancer: A review of the tools available to resolve missing financial disclosure issues	More Than Two to Tango: Navigating Polyamory in the Family Court	Displacing or Supplementing the Best Interests Analysis: An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis Children, Youth and Families	Court Imposed Shared-Parenting: Analyzing Decisions and Experiences of Children, Parents & Lawyers
11:50 - 12:05	Health Break			
12:05 - 1:10	Removed: The Impact of Foster Care on a Child's Lived Experience	Marriage Contracts/ Cohabitation Agreements: Who, When, Why, How and What Not to Do.	5 1/2 Years On: The "Not-So-New" Relocation Laws	Reconciling Multicultural Realities: Foreign & Religious Marriage & Divorce in Canadian Family Courts
Wednesday afternoon unscheduled - enjoy Kelowna!				

Wednesday July 15

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast			
9:00 - 10:15	Keynote: A Bevy of Advanced Spousal Support Issues Rollie Thompson, KC			
10:15 - 10:30	Presentation: The Philip M. Epstein Award for Excellence in Family Law			
10:30 - 11:00	Health Break			
11:00 - 12:05	From Chaos to Control: Mastering the Business of Family Law	Once Divided, Twice Counted (maybe): The Persistent Problem of Double Dipping	Coercive Controlling Violence ("CCV"): Understanding these forms of family violence, and strategies to manage them	The Resist/Refuse Dynamic in parent-child relationships
12:05 - 1:35	Med/Arb/ADR Lunch (sign up required; spaces limited)			
1:35 - 2:40	Under Pressure: Battling Burnout in Family Law	Loose Rules, High Stakes: Evidence, Children's Voices, and the Limits of Admissibility in Family Law	The Day After: When Business Values and Income Shift Post-Separation	The Tax Principles of Family Law
2:40 - 3:10	Health Break			
3:10 - 4:15	Enforcing Mahr in Canadian Courts	Quandaries and conundrums: Challenging issues in family law arbitration	Death and Divorce: When Family and Estate Law Collide	Parenting in a Differently-Abled Body: Navigating the Court Process as a Disabled Parent
6:30 - 10:30	Jim Williams Dinner (ticketed event)			

Thursday July 16

7:45 - 8:30	Breakfast			
8:30 - 9:30	Till Blockchain Do Us Part: Crypto Assets in Family Law	Parenting Coordination Practice Across Canada		Mischief Managed: Dealing with Vexatious Litigation in Family Law
9:30 - 9:35	Transition Break			
9:35 - 10:35	Unfit to Split - Navigating Capacity in Family Law	Costs or No Costs? That is the Question: Trends and Challenges in Costs Awards in Family Law	The Intersection of Family and Criminal Law: Protection Orders, Presumptions, and Parenting	Protective Parents or Alienators? High Conflict Parenting Cases
10:35 - 10:40	Transition Break			
10:40 - 11:40	Testifying: Now Slightly Less Traumatic	Making sense of retroactive child support for adult children		Ready, Set, Settle - Resolving Parenting Disputes in 75 Minutes (or Less)!
11:40 - 11:55	Health Break			
11:55 - 12:55	Plenary Session: Using AI in a Family Law Practice: When it Works, When it Doesn't, and Why Ethics and Data Matter Chair: Scott Booth			
12:55 - 1:00	Closing Remarks			

Accreditation Details

The NFLP provides **16.25 hours** of CPD (not including Specialist Lunches).

The Federation of Law Societies is an registered CPD provider with the Law Society of British Columbia.

Session-specific accreditation with Law Society of Ontario pending.

Certificates of attendance will be provided upon request.

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