

NFLP 2026 CNDF

National Family Law Program

July 13 - 16, 2026
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	<p style="text-align: center;">Keynote ★ Self-Leadership in Turbulent Times: Unlocking Your FULL Potential to Burn Bright-- Not Burn Out Dr. Karen MacNeill</p>			
10:20 - 10:50	Health Break			
10:50 - 11:55	Manipulation and Modern Technologies: Digital Evidence in Family Law	Tracing the (almost) Untraceable	Domestic Violence and the Grave Risk of Harm under the Hague Convention	Indigenous Families and Family Law
11:55 - 1:25	Legal Aid Lunch (sign up required; spaces limited)			
1:25 - 2:30	What's Your Side Hustle? Unconventional Income and Support	Child protection law - today and tomorrow	How to Manage Imbalances in Knowledge, Bargaining Position and Power ★	Undue Hardship Applications: Successes, Failures, and Trends Across Canada
2:30 - 2:55	Health Break			
2:55 - 4:00	Efficient and Effective Tax Planning before, during and after Marriage for Family Lawyers	Managing a Family Law Practice - How to Not Only Survive But Also Thrive!!	Principles and Practice of Legal, Ethical and Professional Responsibility ★	Is there room for culture in the courtroom?
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	Court Imposed Shared-Parenting: Analyzing Decisions and Experiences of Children, Parents & Lawyers	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
11:50 - 12:05	Health Break			
12:05 - 1:10	5 1/2 Years On: The "Not-So-New" Relocation Laws	Marriage Contracts/ Cohabitation Agreements: Who, When, Why, How and What Not to Do.	Reconciling Multicultural Realities: Foreign & Religious Marriage & Divorce in Canadian Family Courts ★	Removed: The Impact of Foster Care on a Child's Lived Experience
Wednesday afternoon unscheduled - enjoy Kelowna!				

Wednesday July 15

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast			
9:00 - 10:15	Plenary Session: Using AI in a Family Law Practice: When it Works, When it Doesn't, and Why Ethics and Data Matter Professor Abdi Aidid, Scott Booth, Andy Hayher, 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	Coercive Controlling Violence ("CCV"): Understanding these forms of family violence, and strategies to manage them ★	The Resist/Refuse Dynamic in parent-child relationships	Once Divided, Twice Counted (maybe): The Persistent Problem of Double Dipping	From Chaos to Control: Mastering the Business of Family Law
12:05 - 1:35	Med/Arb/ADR Lunch (sign up required; spaces limited)			
1:35 - 2:40	The Day After: When Business Values and Income Shift Post-Separation	The Tax Principles of Family Law	Loose Rules, High Stakes: Evidence, Children's Voices, and the Limits of Admissibility in Family Law	Under Pressure: Battling Burnout in Family Law
2:40 - 3:10	Health Break			
3:10 - 4:15	Death and Divorce: When Family and Estate Law Collide	Quandaries and conundrums: Challenging issues in family law arbitration	Enforcing Mahr in Canadian Courts	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	Protective Parents or Alienators? High Conflict Parenting Cases	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	Unfit to Split - Navigating Capacity in Family Law
10:35 - 10:40	Transition Break			
10:40 - 11:40	Ready, Set, Settle - Resolving Parenting Disputes in 75 Minutes (or Less)!	Testifying: Now Slightly Less Traumatic	Making sense of retroactive child support for adult children	
11:40 - 11:55	Health Break			
11:55 - 12:55	Keynote: A Bevy of Advanced Spousal Support Issues Rollie Thompson, KC			
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.

The Law Society of Ontario has accredited the NFLP as follows.

Total Approved Professionalism: 3 hour(s) and 25 minute(s)

Total Approved EDI Professionalism: 1 hour(s) and 50 minutes(s)

See indicated sessions for specific accreditation details. More details available in online program



Certificates of attendance will be provided upon request.

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