# NFLP 2026 CNDF

# National Family Law Program

**July 13 - 16, 2026**
**Kelowna, BC**

## Program at a glance

**Publication date: Jan 2026**
**Program details are subject to change.**

Federation of Law Societies of Canada

All sessions will take place at the Delta Grand Okanagan Conference Centre.

## Sunday July 12

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

## Monday July 13

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| 7:45 - 4:00 | Registration | | | |
| 7:45 - 8:45 | Breakfast | | | |
| 8:45 - 9:05 | Welcome and Introductions | | | |
| 9:05 - 10:20 | Keynote ★<br>**Self-Leadership in Turbulent Times: Unlocking Your FULL Potential to Burn Bright-- Not Burn Out**<br>Dr. Karen MacNeill | | | |
| 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 Responsiblity** ★ | **Is there room for culture in the courtroom?** |
| 4:00 - 5:30 | Opening Reception | | | |

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## Tuesday July 14

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| 8:00 - 9:00 | Breakfast | | | |
| 9:00 - 10:15 | **Keynote: Navigating Substance Use Dynamics in Court: Practical Guidance from Neuroscience and Addiction Research** ✸<br>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

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| 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**<br>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) | | | |

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## Thursday July 16

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| **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**<br>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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