

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	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	<p>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</p>			
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 a 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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