

2023 CLE Seminar Recordings

Trans Competency for Lawyers – Navigating Gender Together

September 13, 2023

CLE Credit: 2 hours

Cost: \$57.50

Transgender and gender non-conforming people face unique legal issues because of their gender identity and/or expression. They are also people who need legal services for everyday legal problems. Lawyers and staff can expect to work with transgender and gender non-conforming people as staff, clients or as another party or counsel. How can lawyers and advocates work to end discrimination and support our trans clients? Lawyers have Rules of Professional Conduct that require us to treat people with civility and respect. We must also adhere to provincial human rights legislation. Join Gemma Hickey, author and trans activist, and Carey Majid, KC from the Human Rights Commission to learn about these challenges and what we can do to make sure our legal services are as inclusive as possible.

Real Estate Fraud and Title Insurance

July 19, 2023

CLE Credit: 1 hour

Cost: free

Real estate lawyers in Newfoundland and Labrador face numerous challenges that continually increase their liability. From the growing risk of fraud to the complexity of establishing good title, your clients rely on your expertise and depend on you to answer their questions. Enhance your understanding of title insurance through a seminar with Cameron McInnes. He will explore key areas to watch out for and propose strategies to mitigate the risk of real estate fraud. Additionally, he will discuss how title insurance can assist in reducing title risk, enabling you to expedite transactions while simultaneously minimizing your exposure.

Strategies for Lawyers Dealing with Clients or Other Parties with Addictions or Mental Health Issues

July 4, 2023

CLE Credit: 3 hours

Cost: \$115

As a lawyer, you are likely to encounter clients or other parties who suffer from addictions or mental health issues, which can significantly impact their ability to make sound decisions and engage in legal proceedings effectively. This seminar aims to equip lawyers with the necessary skills and strategies to navigate such situations with empathy, sensitivity, and professionalism.

AI Language Models for Law: Potential and Pitfalls

June 21, 2023

CLE Credit: 1.5 hours

Cost: \$57.50

When ChatGPT was released in late 2022, large language models (LLMs) went from being a fringe pursuit to being a mainstream preoccupation. This presentation will address how LLMs may affect the practice of law and the pitfalls that the legal community could face in adapting to the new technology. It will give a primer on how LLMs work, how useful they are at present, and how this will affect the practice of law in the short to medium term.

AI and Lawyers: A Beginner's Guide

May 24, 2023

CLE Credit: 1 hour

Cost: \$57.50

AI has now replaced Blockchain, Web3, and NFTs as the "must haves" in a lawyer's tool box. But what is AI? And does it really have any utility for lawyers? If so, what would be the use cases? This one-hour lunch and learn webinar will be a reality check on AI for lawyers, and give participants an overview of what's happening and where it may go - including a discussion on GPT-4.

An Overview of the Adult Protection Act, 2021

March 30, 2023

CLE Credit: 2.5 hours

Cost: \$115.00

The *Adult Protection Act, 2021* recently came into force on December 15, 2022. This legislation is intended to protect adults 18 years and older in Newfoundland and Labrador who are at risk of abuse, neglect and/or self-neglect and do not understand or appreciate that risk. Join our presenters for an overview of the Act and its implications for lawyers in practice.

Limitations Periods: What a Litigator Needs to Know

March 6, 2023

CLE Credit: 3 hours

Cost: \$115.00

This seminar will provide a practical overview of the Newfoundland and Labrador limitations scheme for the civil litigator: when limitation periods begin to run, when they stop running, and when they expire; discoverability; procedural considerations and pitfalls; how to assess the limitation of an action; and the limitation issues that arise in particular practices like personal injury, estates, and professional negligence. The seminar will also explain recent limitations jurisprudence from the Supreme Court of Canada and the Newfoundland and Labrador courts.

In-house capacity restrictions related to COVID have been lifted and in-person attendance is encouraged where possible.

Labour, Employment and Administrative Law: A Review of 2020 - 2022 Decisions

March 1, 2023
CLE Credit: 2 hours
Cost: \$115.00

There were a number of noteworthy developments in labour, employment, and administrative law in recent years. This seminar will highlight decisions from Newfoundland and Labrador and other Canadian jurisdictions in 2020, 2021 & 2022. There will also be a discussion regarding the Vavilov standard of judicial review and its application. A complimentary wine and cheese social will follow at 4:00 - 5:00 pm. In-house capacity restrictions related to COVID have been lifted and in-person attendance is encouraged where possible.

Cybersecurity Threats and How You Can Protect Yourself

February 28, 2023
CLE Credit: 1 hour
Cost: Free

This seminar will look at cybersecurity from both the point of view of the attacker and the victim. It will examine the types of attackers and their motives, social engineering campaigns, and tools used by hackers to steal credentials, breach data, and reach their objectives. Attendees will better understand the cyberattack lifecycle and how to create protocols to protect their staff and data from attacks.

2022 CLE Seminar Recordings

Blank Canvas: Equality Rights and Adult Guardianship

September 12, 2022
CLE Credit: 3 hours
Cost: \$115.00

This seminar will discuss equality rights, including Charter considerations, procedural and evidentiary issues, and law reform in the context of adult guardianship law. Specific topics to be addressed will include:

1. The Nova Scotia Story of Law Reform to Bring Guardianship Law Out of the Dark Ages - Charter Challenge of the *Incompetent Persons Act* leading to the *Adult Capacity and Decision Making Act*.
2. Procedural Safeguards in Ontario's *Substitute Decisions Act*, 1992 and How They Work
3. in Practice.

4. Recent Developments in Equality Rights and How to Use These Developments in Adult Guardianship Cases.

French Language Training for Lawyers

September 8, 2022
CLE Credit: 6.5 hours
Cost: \$172.50

During this one-day seminar, participants will review some of the basic rules of correspondence in French as well as some of the key French legal terminology relating to evidence, procedure, criminal law, and family law. Participants will also learn about some recent issues and developments in language rights in Canada. Finally, participants will discover some easily accessible online resources which will allow them to practise in French with greater confidence.

Dispute Resolution: A Sampler of the Spectrum

July 18, 2022
CLE Credit: 3.5 hours
Cost: \$230.00

Dispute resolution processes are now recognized as mainstream processes, as opposed to alternative processes, that takes pressure off the courts and increase access to justice. Duties to use dispute resolution processes are incorporated into legislation and lawyers' Codes of Ethics. The spectrum of processes ranges from collaborative negotiation to mediation, and arbitration before arriving at the adversarial end of the spectrum - litigation. Six presentations will explore current themes in the practice of dispute resolution across various fields of law while highlighting how dispute resolution processes take pressure off the courts and provide a cost-effective and deeper level of satisfaction to clients.

An Introduction to the Grand Falls - Windsor Intimate Partner Violence Intervention Court

June 24, 2022
CLE Credit: 1 hour
Cost: Free

The Intimate Partner Violence Intervention Court (IPVIC) is a specialized criminal court using an intervention-based approach to address the complex issues of intimate partner violence. Currently, IPVIC operates in St. John's and Stephenville but is expanding operations to central Newfoundland and will be housed in the Grand Falls - Windsor court. IPVIC uses a treatment-based approach intended to address the complex issue of intimate partner violence. The focus is on victim safety as well as emphasizing offender accountability and treatment. This court is a collaborative effort of several stakeholders, including the Provincial Court of Newfoundland and Labrador, Public Prosecutions, the

Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador (Family Division), Legal Aid NL, Victim Services, Corrections, and Community Services, and the Department of Child, Seniors, and Social Development.

Documentation Automation Technology- What It Can Do For You

June 9, 2022
CLE Credit: 2 hours
Cost: \$115.00

Drafting is a bottleneck and pressure point in almost every law office. As a result, document automation technology has had a huge impact on the legal world, and it is one of the most disruptive technologies of the last 25 years. If you are in the business of producing complex documents, then its benefits are significant. Properly deployed, this technology can exponentially decrease drafting time and costs, increase accuracy and profitability, be used as a teaching tool, and shared with others in your office. In the era of COVID-19, one of DA's biggest benefits may be that it allows lawyers who know very little about Microsoft Word to generate complex, perfectly formatted documents with no assistance from staff. You'll learn about the wide spectrum of options for this technology, how they work, how to evaluate the alternative products, and what is involved if you want to incorporate this technology into your practice.

Children Who Resist Contact with a Parent in the Post-Separation Environment: A Review of Current Literature and Practice Implications

June 1, 2022
CLE Credit: 1.5 hours
Cost: \$115.00

When a child resists contact with a parent in the post-separation environment, the “go-to” diagnosis is usually parental alienation. Rather than asking, “What may be the underlying causes of a child’s resistance?” the question often becomes, “Is a parent guilty/not guilty of parental alienation?” This 1.5- hour seminar explores the many reasons why a child may be resistant to parental contact in the post separation environment, including the possibility of parent alienation.

Wills and Estates Refresher

May 26, 2022
CLE Credit: 4.5 hours
Cost: \$230.00

Most lawyers have assisted clients with estate planning and preparation of wills. For some, it is a regular part of their practice. For others, it is a service that they offer sporadically. In either event, lawyers must remember that every client is unique, and drafting a will can often be a complex exercise. To ensure that you are providing the best possible legal service to your clients, it is important to refresh your grasp of the fundamentals. Professors Freedman and

Thomson are subject matter experts who will be providing guidance on best practices from the initial retainer up to the reporting letter and closing of your file.

Criminality and its Impact on Immigration Status

April 12, 2022
CLE Credit: 1 hour
Cost: \$28.75

With immigration drastically increasing in this province, more and more local practitioners are finding that they are representing foreign nationals. Did you know that a criminal conviction can seriously impact the immigration status of a foreign national? Join immigration lawyer Meghan Felt for a presentation on how criminality can affect the status of your client, and provide guidance on what to watch out for and how to potentially prevent removals and/or deportations.

Gladue Reports in Nova Scotia

March 29, 2022
CLE Credit: 1 hour
Cost: Free

This seminar, the third in our series, is being facilitated by the Mi'kmaw Legal Support Network, which is the organization responsible for the delivery of Gladue services in Nova Scotia courts. Our presenters will provide an overview of the Gladue Report process as it has unfolded in their province. Learn about the Gladue decision, Gladue factors, and the importance of utilizing Gladue Reports during bail and sentencing hearings. We will also review and discuss relevant issues related to colonialism and systemic discrimination.

Mental Health in the Legal Profession (compulsory)

March 18, 2022
CLE Credit: 1.5 hours
Cost: Free

Mental health specialists are witnessing a mental health tsunami that is being exacerbated by inadequate mental health care. For this reason, the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador (LSNL) would like to introduce you to self-care techniques and programs available to members of the Law Society through Homewood Health. Our presenters will introduce the Professional Assistance Program and will discuss mental health concerns that commonly arise in the practice of law. We'll explore solutions and self-care techniques that are designed to help you, so you can better help others. This presentation will be relevant and beneficial to all members, especially as we work to move onward and upward despite the stressful conditions imposed by the ongoing pandemic and current geopolitical climate.

2021 CLE Seminar Recordings

Gladue Reports in Quebec: A Case Study

November 8, 2021
CLE Credit: 1 hour
Cost: Free

This seminar, the second in our series, will provide an overview of the use of Gladue reports in Quebec. The presenter will discuss the implementation of the current framework related to Gladue reports in Quebec, the observed impacts of Gladue reports in the Quebec justice system, strategies for overcoming obstacles, as well as lessons learned.

COVID-19 Workplace Policies and Human Rights

November 1, 2021
CLE Credit: 1 hour
Cost: \$57.50

Human rights law balances a person's right to be free from discrimination with the public's right to general health and safety. This seminar will provide an overview of the legal implications to be considered when implementing workplace policies related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will provide an overview of best practices that employers should be aware of in today's dynamic environment.

An Introduction to Gladue Reports

September 8, 2021
CLE Credit: 1 hour
Cost: Free

Gladue Reports were first produced by Aboriginal Legal Services in Ontario 2001. Since that time Gladue Reports have become accepted by the courts in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia and the Yukon. In the other provinces and territories - including Newfoundland and Labrador - Gladue reports are very rare. This seminar, the first in a series of three, will discuss the evolution of Gladue Reports, how and why they are different from pre-sentence reports, and how these reports are treated by the courts. The seminar will also look at why these reports are available in some jurisdictions and not others.

Administrative Law: Exploring the Post-Vavilov Landscape

July 21, 2021
CLE Credit: 2 hours
Cost: \$115.00

This seminar will begin with a brief overview of the Vavilov decision itself, highlighting the key changes that it made in the previous law of judicial review. There will be an in-depth discussion regarding the Court's reasoning in Vavilov on the choice of standard of review and the application of the reasonableness standard, and how this reasoning has been applied in subsequent decisions from the Supreme Court of Canada and the courts in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Parent Coordinator's Role in a High Conflict, Post-Separation Environment

July 6, 2021
CLE Credit: 1.5 hours
Cost: \$57.50

Several provinces have mainstreamed the role of a Parent Coordinator in high-conflict, post-separation environments. This seminar will explore the role of the Parent Coordinator as mediator, communication liaison and problem solver, and will discuss the ways they can be beneficial in navigating difficult family law matters.

Reading and Interpreting Surveys and Real Property Reports

June 29, 2021
CLE Credit: 2 hours
Cost: \$115.00

This seminar will examine the fundamentals of surveying real property in Newfoundland and Labrador. It will explain the distinction between a legal survey and real property reports, as well as the role that each play in real property transactions. Finally, it will provide you with an understanding on how to read and interpret surveys and real property reports using several real-world examples.

SIRT-NL: Newfoundland and Labrador's Police Oversight Agency

June 8, 2021
CLE Credit: 1 hour
Cost: Free

This seminar will provide an overview of the recently established Serious Incident Response Team of Newfoundland and Labrador (SIRT-NL), focusing on the Serious Incident Response Team Act and Regulations as well as the team's structure and operational procedure.

Mindfulness and Lawyer Well-Being

April 19, 2021
CLE Credit: 1 hour
Cost: \$57.50

Professionals often overlook the impact of mounting workloads, multiple demands and highly stressful environments on their ability to perform. Mindfulness can turn these workplace challenges into opportunities by helping us to work with our innate qualities, be less reactive and appreciate different perspectives for healthier workplace interactions.

An Overview of the Specialized Criminal Courts

March 25, 2021
CLE Credit: 1.5 hours
Cost: Free

Provincial Court of Newfoundland and Labrador offers three specialized courts in St. John's for those that qualify: the Family Violence Intervention Court (FVIC), the Mental Health Court (MHC), and the Newfoundland and Labrador Drug Treatment Court (DTC). This presentation will provide a brief overview of these three therapeutic court options.

How to Achieve Great Career Success in the Legal Profession

March 22, 2021
CLE Credit: 2.5 hours
Cost: \$115.00

Defining success in the legal profession is a tricky matter. Within law firms, traditional success has always consisted of 1) prevailing in court, 2) advancing to equity partnership, and 3) making a lot of money. Many people still think that these are the key attributes to building a successful career. The journey to achieve career success should start with creating your own vision of success based on your unique beliefs, values and aspirations. Subjective measures of success such as work/life harmony, feeling valued, a sense of meaning and purpose, service, fulfillment, legacy and building strong relationships with colleagues and/or clients need to be considered when working towards a highly successful career.

An Overview of the Stephenville Family Violence Intervention Court

March 12, 2021
CLE Credit: 1 hour
Cost: Free

The Family Violence Intervention Court (FVIC) is a specialized criminal court using an intervention based approach to address the complex issues of intimate partner violence. The court operates both in St. John's and Stephenville and uses a treatment-based approach intended to address the complex issue of family violence. The focus is on victim safety as well as emphasizing offender accountability and treatment.

Framing Contemporary Issues and the Impact of Microaggressions

March 3, 2021
CLE Credit: 1.5 hours
Cost: \$57.50

Participants can expect to learn about how microaggressions show up in the workplace, the effects they have on individuals, and what employers can do about them. In this seminar, we will explore and engage in discussion and information-sharing on the historical context of race and racism in Canada and its present-day impacts on equity seeking communities with a focus on the BIPOC community; discuss and learn about the fluidity of anti-Black racism within systemic and institutional structures; and explore the interconnectedness of social identities, privilege and whiteness.

IT Management and Your Cyber Insurance Coverage

February 24, 2021
CLE Credit: 1 hour
Cost: Free

This seminar will review IT scenarios that can result in significant problems for your legal practice and provide tips for what you and your staff can do to prevent them from occurring. You will also be provided with a 'virtual tour' of the cyber insurance provided by the Law Society, including some of the claim situations it covers. We'll walk through a 'typical' cyber claim event, talk about the various steps involved, and show you how your coverage will respond.

2020 CLE Seminar Recordings

Tax Effective Will Planning and Mistakes to Avoid

December 8, 2020
CLE Credit: 2.5 hours
Cost: Free

This session will discuss effective will planning from an income tax perspective and some of the more common traps that can be avoided. When drafting wills, tax minimization is often not front of mind, however, proper planning can help avoid potential conflict with beneficiaries if the CRA's share of the overall estate is not minimized.

Plan Well Guide: A Novel Tool to Support Decision-Making in Serious Illness that Requires Collaboration Between Lawyers and Doctors

November 25, 2020
CLE Credit: 1 hour
Cost: Free

Are you interested in how to engage your clients in a way that will optimally prepare them for future periods of incapacitation, from the medical decision-making point of view? Dr. Heyland has studied medical decision-making for more than two decades and has developed a free, online tool that can help your clients prepare themselves (and their substitute decision-maker) for future serious illness decision making. He will explain the current problems with communication and decision-making related to serious illness, introduce you to the Plan Well Guide, and discuss a possible collaboration with lawyers.

Lawyer Wellness and Mental Health

September 28, 2020

CLE Credit: 1 hour

Cost: Free

Lawyer wellness must be an essential consideration for all stakeholders in the legal community, including practising lawyers, employers, professional associations, and law societies. This presentation examines some of the issues and trends identified and provides suggestions for addressing issues related to mental health and wellness in your day-to-day practice.

Personal Injury Income Loss Claims for the Self-Employed

September 17, 2020

CLE Credit: 1.5 hours

Cost: Free

This webinar will discuss the main components of an income loss claim for a self-employed person. Hear from an independent expert as he analyzes common plaintiff and defence arguments.

The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls: A Brief History and Groundwork for Implementing the Calls for Justice

September 14, 2020

CLE Credit: 2 hours

Cost: Free

This seminar is the first in a series offered by the Law Society of NL that will examine the National Inquiry's work. This first seminar will provide a general history of the Inquiry and how that work was trauma informed and incorporated culture and ceremony into its hearings. The seminar will also focus on a number of the Calls for Justice relevant to the practice of law; examples where institutions are implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action and/or the MMIWG Calls for Justice; and how institutions such as law societies, judiciaries and professionals can implement the Calls for Justice in their work.

Human Rights Commission: A Review of the Revised Hearing Procedures

July 23, 2020

CLE Credit: 1.5 hours

Cost: Free

This seminar will provide an overview of the recently revised guidelines that set out the processes for Pre-Hearing Conferences and Hearings at the Newfoundland and Labrador Human Rights Commission.

Administrative Tribunal Advocacy: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

June 24, 2020

CLE Credit: 1.5 hours

Cost: Free

Advocacy before administrative tribunals is similar to courtroom advocacy, but there are a number of key differences. This seminar will provide participants with practical tips, thoughts and suggestions about how to best present your case before an administrative tribunal rather than in Court.

The Court's Response to COVID-19

June 15, 2020

CLE Credit: 1 hour

Cost: Free

In this seminar, Chief Judge Goulding, Chief Justice Whalen, and Chief Justice Fry will discuss their respective Courts' reactions to the COVID-19 pandemic, including current operations, obstacles, and potential solutions and plans that they hope will be implemented in the future.

The Role of Title Insurance in COVID-19

June 9, 2020

CLE Credit: 1 hour

Cost: Free

This seminar will provide tips to help you close your real estate transaction virtually amidst the COVID 19 pandemic and explain coverages under title insurance that can help protect you and your clients from potential financial loss and fraud.

7 C's of Good Practice Management

June 3, 2020

CLE Credit: 2 hours

Cost: Free

Good practice management is part of the foundation on which a long and successful legal career is built. It can lead to better client relationships, fewer claims and complaints, more billings, and less sleepless nights. In this webinar, the Director of Practice Management of the Law Society will discuss the seven C's of good practice management: competence, conflicts, calendaring, communication, contingency planning, consistency, and clear documentation.

Family Law Update 2020

April 27, 2020
CLE Credit: 2.5 hours
Cost: Free

The presentation will discuss the Act to amend the *Divorce Act*, the *Family Orders and Agreements Enforcement Assistance Act* and the *Garnishment, Attachment and Pension Diversion Act* and to make consequential amendments to another Act, 2019, c. 16.

Business Continuity for Law Offices in the Face of Coronavirus

April 2, 2020
CLE Credit: 2 hours
Cost: Free

As the COVID-19 pandemic has illustrated, the ability to operate a law practice without everyone being together in an office can be critically important. Going forward, practice mobility and efficient remote access are likely to be keys for an effective disaster avoidance strategy. In this seminar, we'll provide many recommendations for improving your ability to practice law, communicate, and take care of clients from anywhere.

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Amendments to Parts XV, XVI, and V of the Law Society Rules

November 27, 2019
CLE Credits: 3 hours
Cost: Free

This seminar will address the purpose and practice implications of amendments that have been approved to Parts XV (Cash Transactions and Record Keeping Requirements), XVI (Client Identification and Verification Requirements), and V (Uniform Trust Account Rules). The amendments came into effect January 2, 2020.

The Court of Appeal's Decision in A.A. (Re) and its Impact on the Law of Guardianship in Newfoundland and Labrador

May 14, 2019

CLE Credit: 2.5 hours

Cost: \$115.00

This seminar will touch on the historical approach to obtaining an order for Guardianship of the Person in Newfoundland and Labrador and then highlight and discuss the principles that must now be followed to ensure that Guardianship of the Person orders is granted only in appropriate circumstances.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Labour Relations Board: Practice and Procedure

March 1, 2019

CLE Credit: 2.5 hours

Cost: \$115.00

The seminar will outline the legislation that governs the Labour Relations Board and the composition and structure of the Board, and be made aware of how the Board receives, processes, investigates, and resolves applications, complaints, appeals, and other matters that may be brought before the Board.

Tax Planning for Lawyers

February 19, 2019

CLE Credit: 2.5 hours

Cost: \$115.00

Topics will include tax planning for lawyers who have incorporated and those who file personally. Available tax credits, filings, making installments, etc. will be discussed in detail, as well as recent government changes that affect private corporations and specifically, professional legal corporations. 2018 CLE Seminar Recordings

An Overview of Drug Treatment Court

December 12, 2018

CLE Credit: 2 hours

Cost: \$115.00

The Newfoundland and Labrador Drug Treatment Court (DTC), piloted in St. John's, is a federally funded program of the Provincial Court of NL in partnership with the Provincial Department of Justice and Public Safety, the Department of Health and Community Services, the NL Legal Aid Commission, Public Prosecution Service of Canada, and Provincial Public Prosecutions. In a post-plea/pre-sentence model, the DTC operates on a holistic team approach to addressing drug-motivated, non-violent crimes. The DTC Team

consists of the Judge, Crown(s), Defense, Addictions Specialist, and Coordinator/Case Manager. In this overview of the Drug Treatment Court, John Duggan, and Val Corcoran will address Drug Treatment Court Development - the Rationale for a DTC; Drug Treatment Court Fundamentals - how and why DTCs are different; and St. John's Drug Treatment Court - the St. John's Model.

An Overview of Cannabis Legislation in Newfoundland and Labrador

September 26, 2018
CLE Credit: 2.5 hours
Cost: \$115.00

This seminar will provide an overview of provincial legislation and address how provincial and federal regulatory spheres interact in this emerging industry. While federal legislation will contain a licencing scheme for cannabis producers and set out a variety of prohibitions related to certain activities, much of the framework related to recreational cannabis sale, purchase and consumption will be found in provincial legislation. The Cannabis Control Act, along with amendments to the *Highway Traffic Act* and the *Smoke-Free Environment Act*, 2005 will regulate various activities in Newfoundland and Labrador, including licensing for cannabis producers and retailers; enforcement of the regulatory scheme; requirements related to cannabis retail sale, purchase, and promotion; offences and penalties; and authority to make further regulations.

Mental Health and Lawyers: Signs, Policies, Problems, Self-Care and How Your Assistance Program Can Help

September 18, 2018
CLE Credit: 2 hours
Cost: Free

Legal and other professionals are at an increased risk of mental health and addiction concerns. They often face unique stresses, including the pressure to perform at a high level, client and firm demands, career fit, relationships, and financial or family pressures. This session will explore the various risks inherent to the legal profession, identify strategies to address those risks and outline tools and resources available.

'I Don't Want to Go!' - Cases Where Children Resist Post-Separation Contact with a Parent

June 21, 2018
CLE Credit: 6.5 hours
Cost: \$287.50

Alienation and other parent-child contact problems pose significant challenges for lawyers, judges and of course parents. This training session provides a differentiated model for understanding the continuum of parent-child contact problems, and the impact of alienation

on children, adolescents and young adults. The role of the voice of the child and cases with child protection involvement will be discussed. A continuum of legal and mental health interventions based on the nature and severity of the contact problem will be provided, with a focus on early identification, preventative legal measures, and suggestions for parenting plan orders at different stages of the litigation.

Children as Witnesses in the Criminal Courts

June 20, 2018

CLE Credit: 6.5 hours

Cost: \$287.50

Until relatively recently, the Canadian criminal justice system had a deep distrust of the evidence of children, and made it very difficult for them to come to court to testify as witnesses. There have been significant changes in the law and in the supports that are provided to child witnesses, and children are now much more frequently called to testify in the criminal courts. The first session will review psychological literature and Canadian case law on the assessment of competence and credibility of child witnesses. It is intended to help lawyers and other professionals better understand the significance of how children are questioned, children's communication and language abilities, memory and suggestibility, and children lying. The second session will review legislation, case law and practice in Newfoundland and Labrador governing accommodation of child witnesses, including consideration of screens, closed circuit television, videotapes, support persons and appointment of counsel for the purposes of cross-examination of unrepresented accused persons.

Title Insurance: Reduce Your Risk

June 19, 2018

CLE Credit: 1 hour

Cost: \$57.50

The practice of real estate has become very demanding over the past few years with clients, real estate agents and lenders pulling you on in all directions with unrealistic high expectations. These unrealistic expectations may also increase the risk of claims against your E&O insurance and put pressure on you, your staff and the relationships with your clients and referral sources. Through our discussion you will learn how title insurance can assist you in reducing your risk when closing a real estate transaction.

Practice Management - Tips and Traps

June 7, 2018

CLE Credit: 2.5 hours

Cost: \$115.00

This seminar will provide an overview of practice management issues as well as useful tips to help lawyers prevent complaints and malpractice suits. Attendees will learn how to identify and avoid some of the most common problems and serious mistakes that can affect all busy lawyers (whether in a firm, organization, or as a sole practitioner), and develop best practices and strategies to help manage your practice in a safe and effective manner.

HST Trips and Traps for the Real Estate Lawyer

May 17, 2018
CLE Credit: 2 hours
Cost: \$115.00

While most supplies of real estate are generally subject to HST, this is not always the case. In this session, we will review the basic framework as well as the special rules applicable to residential real estate (including bed and breakfasts, and vacation rental properties), self-assessing HST, supplies of real property by the charities / NPOs, and the recovery of HST by credit or rebate. Last but not least we will also examine who must report HST on sales of real property.

Appellate Success: Best Practices for Maximum Impact

May 4, 2018
CLE Credit: 3.5 hours
Cost: \$115.00

The seminar will address issues of both written and oral appellate advocacy including suggestions regarding effective factum writing. There will be a discussion of both civil and criminal practice and procedure, including the preparation, use, and filing of transcripts, as well as the use of electronic technology.