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MISSION POSSIBLE: RESPONSES TO DIFFICULT CLIENT POSITIONS

Zoom Webinar

December 8, 2020

4:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Members of AFCC-O Chapter and YRLA: Free

Non-Members: \$25

Presenters

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Chair and Presenter

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Technical Support

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Program Description

We will explore the following questions as they relate to difficult client positions:

- How can family lawyers and mediators support clients to move from unreasonable to reasonable positions?
- In the context of child protection matters, how to respond when the Society, the parents and/or kin adopt difficult positions respecting placement and/or access?
- What are the three steps to successful advocacy and dispute resolution? How do we measure success?
- To what extent are the children's best interests, as well as their views and wishes, relevant to their parents' positions in the dispute?
- When are social science articles and education materials of assistance?
- How will clients be impacted by the upcoming Divorce Act amendments?
- What is the role of concessions and mandated reasonableness?
- Are there best (or at least better) responses to the following case scenarios:
 - Unmarried co-parents of a baby
 - 60/40 cases – Addressing the elephant in the room (time vs. child support)
 - A request to relocate at the initial application or motion to change stage
- Covid-19 – Is this the ultimate test of reasonable/unreasonable behaviour?

Lawyers can count this as 1.5 hours CPD

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