

2018 DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILD PROTECTION
(Feb. 2, 2017, St. Thomas Public Library, 153 Curtis St, St. Thomas,
Ontario; 8:30 AM – 5 PM)

DRAFT AGENDA – NOTE START TIME MOVED TO 9:30 AM
AND JUDGES COMBINING (B) AND (E) FOR 1 HOUR

- a. Detailed comparison and contrasting with its predecessor Act, the Child and Family Services Act – 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM – **David Sandor and Karen Veenstra**
- b. **"Changes to the Act that are drawing the Judiciary's Attention – What recommendations can be made to counsel from a Judge's perspective in light of the changes to the Act substantively, and in terms of vocabulary?" 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM**
- c. Provision of services and special considerations under the Act for populations and persons that self-identify as Native Canadian, Inuit, or Metis (having regard to CAS Waterloo v. C.T., Ontario Court of Appeal) – 11:15 AM – 12 PM – **Colleen Johnson**
- d. High Conflict Cases and Risk of Emotional Harm to the Child as in the CFSA and the CYFSA – Input from an Expert– 12 PM – 12:40 PM – **Dr. Phil Ricciardi**
- e. **"Maintaining Lines of Professionalism – Advocacy and Avoiding Becoming a Witness in Child Protection Defence and OCL work" (Reference Rule 3.4, Rule 5.1 (Commentary paragraph 10), 5.1.2(b), (e), (g), (h), (j), (k); Rule 5.1-2A), and "Confidentiality and the CYFSA – What are the Lawyer's Responsibilities to Report Suspected Abuse or Neglect When the Information is Received in the Context of the Solicitor-Client Relationship?" (Reference Rule 3.3, and CYFSA section 125, having specific regard to s. 125(6) of the CYFSA) - 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM – M. VICENTE -**
- f. Openness, contact, access, and options and opportunities having regard to expanded participatory rights for kin and foster parents following status review – 2:30 PM – 3:15 PM – **Kerry Vandergrift, MSW, RSW, ED pf Beginnings Family Services and David Sandor**
- g. Provision of services and special considerations for children ages 16-18 – 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM – **Kristen Hales**
- h. **"Best Practices in File Maintenance for the File that may end up in Trial" – 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM – Roderick Catford and Douglas Desmond- Reference Rule 3.2, 3.2.2, 3.2.4 and 7.2.8**