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This program is targeted to practitioners with five or more years' experience in child welfare matters who want to discuss frequently raised issues.

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# NEW DEVELOPMENTS: A VIEW FROM THE BENCH HON. ASST. CHIEF JUDGE L. K. MCLELLAN

Discuss trends and developments from a judicial perspective over the last eight years. Topics will include the use of parenting assessment as well as expert witnesses and trial advocacy.

#### LEGISLATIVE CHANGES | APRIL KELLETT

This session will provide an overview of the current *Child, Youth,* and *Family Enhancement Act*, and the significant changes over time including a discussion of proposed legislative changes.

### **GUARDIANSHIP APPLICATIONS | SONJA LUSIGNAN**

What legislation applies to guardianship applications of children in the care of the director? Participants will learn about differences in applications between the *Family Law Act*, and the *Child, Youth, and Family Enhancement Act*. This session will review case law, common issues that arise, and social science.

**ROLE OF COUNSEL FOR CHILDREN | PANEL DISCUSSION**Join the panel for an open discussion on counsel for children.

# PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS | DIANE PARKEN

Government intervention in the lives of families must be justified in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice. Procedural fairness is assured through legislated tests and time limits which impose affirmative obligations on the Director of Child and Family Services and the Courts. References to case law and principles of statutory interpretation will be used in examining these elements from apprehension to initial custody.

# CHARTER CHALLENGES | HON. JUDGE P.E. KVILL

A review of jurisprudence and issues that involve the *Charter* and child welfare proceedings. What implications does the *Charter* have for parents and children dealing with state intervention?

## APPEALING CHILD WELFARE DECISIONS | PAUL ALLYJAN

This session will provide an overview of procedure in child welfare appeals, including a review of the timelines for filing transcripts and memorandums, as well as applications for new evidence.

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