

# 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ADVANCED ISSUES IN CHILD AND SPOUSAL SUPPORT

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- When is it 'material'? The impact of changing incomes, new partners and families on support
- Strategies for effectively relying upon and rebutting expert evidence
- How-tos for enforcing child support orders outside of Ontario
- **Critical Case Law Update:** The most significant cases and their practical implications

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## Date and Time

November 12, 2019  
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In the increasingly complex world of child and spousal support, your clients rely upon you to be current and knowledgeable. Mistakes can be critical – and costly.

This annual *OsgoodePD* program – designed and delivered by the leading family law experts – focuses on the more complex and challenging current and emerging issues in child and spousal support.

**This is not a quick summary of the year in review.** Rather, it's an in-depth analysis of the critical issues together with real-world applications and practical strategies you can immediately put to use.

## Topics Include

- Self-sufficiency: When? What about when it doesn't happen?
- Support calculations – the biggest mistakes and how to avoid them
- Strategies for getting your expert evidence in and making it stick
- Retirement and the variation questions: if and when should you apply?
- View from the Bench & the Trenches. Your chance to discuss current issues with top judges and lawyers

**PLUS:** Keynote address by **The Hon. Justice George Czutrin**, Senior Family Justice, Superior Court of Justice

## Who Should Attend

- Family Lawyers
- Other legal professionals who practice family law
- General practitioners whose practice includes family law

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## Agenda

**8:30 a.m.**

**Registration Opens**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Welcome from the Chairs**

**William Abbott**

MacDonald & Partners LLP

**George Karahotzitis**

Thomson Rogers

**9:10 a.m.**

**Critical Case Law Update**

**Aaron M. Franks**

Epstein Cole LLP

**Gary Joseph**

MacDonald & Partners LLP

The law around child and spousal support issues continues to develop at a rapid pace. In this opening session, our experts will review some of the most important cases of the past year and assess their likely impact.

**10:10 a.m.**

**Enforcing Your Support Order:  
Beyond the FRO**

**Ilana Zylberman Dembo**

Epstein Cole LLP

Being able to enforce the support order is critical for counsel and their clients. While most are familiar with the FRO process, there are other effective options. Receive guidance on the alternatives, plus strategies on navigating how to enforce support orders in other jurisdictions.

**11:00 a.m.**

## Refreshment Break

**11:15 a.m.**

### When is it Material? Life Changes and Spousal Support

#### Julie K. Hannaford

J K Hannaford Barristers

#### Professor D. A. Rollie Thompson, Q.C

Schulich School of Law,  
Dalhousie University

- Like, how “material”?
- Ch-ch-ch-changes: Impact of fluctuating incomes, new partners, second families
- Retirement, or not? And when can or should you apply to vary?
- Self-sufficiency: When? What about when it doesn’t happen?
- When does (and should it) end? Terminating spousal support

**12:00 p.m.**

### Lunch and Keynote

#### The Hon. Justice George Czutrin

Senior Family Justice, Superior Court of Justice

**1:15 p.m.**

### DivorceMate: Common Pitfalls in Support Calculations (and How to Avoid Them)

#### Christine Montgomery

Consultant, Special Projects, DivorceMate

#### Kristin M. Whitley

Epstein Cole LLP

**2:00 p.m.**

## Refreshment Break

**2:15 p.m.**

### Relying Upon and Rebutting The Expert

#### The Hon. Justice R. John Harper

Superior Court of Justice

#### Anna M. Barrett, BSc, CPA, CA, CBV, CFF

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#### Farley J. Cohen, MBA, FCPA, FCA, CIRP, FCBV, ASA, CFF

Principal, Cohen Hamilton Steger & Co

#### Heather Hansen

Martha McCarthy & Company

- Strategies for getting your evidence in and making it stick
- How to challenge the other side’s expert
- Navigating the ethical issues with experts
- What the Court wants from counsel

**3:00 p.m.**

### View from the Bench & the Trenches: A Round Table on Current Issues

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An interactive Q&A with judges and senior family law practitioners. Hear from experienced judges about what they want (and don’t want) to hear and see from advocates. Plus, this is your opportunity to ask the experts about those challenging issues, practice tips and more.

**4:00 p.m.**

## Program Concludes

### Past attendees say it best:

*Struck the right note for senior counsel and those less familiar with family law concepts. Complex issues well explained and clarified.*

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