



Law Society of Saskatchewan Continuing Professional Development



Representing Children/Youth in Protection Proceedings

The Counsel for Children in Child Protection Proceedings program is expected to be implemented in fall 2014 subject to proclamation of amendments to *The Public Guardian and Trustee Act* and *The Court of Queen's Bench Act* passed in spring 2014. This is a new program that will rely on a roster of lawyers to deliver services to ensure the voices of children and youth are heard in protection proceedings. Attend this seminar to have an opportunity to practice in this area!

This seminar is required training for lawyers wanting to apply to be on the Roster of Lawyers providing services under the Counsel for Children Program.

Throughout this seminar you will learn practice methods and processes of how to deliver services in child protection proceedings, including mediation, where the court makes an order for counsel or the program, and upon referral, the program assesses that the criteria for child representation as set out in the legislation is met. This seminar will outline the operational policies guiding the program and discuss the roles and responsibilities of those involved in child protection proceedings. You will also learn techniques of how to communicate with children and how to assess child capacity. You will participate in scenario discussion that will support skill development, and learn critical tips for lawyers on the front line.

Regina

Wednesday, October 8, 2014
Ramada Hotel
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(Registration 8:00 a.m.)

Saskatoon

Thursday, October 9, 2014
Radisson Hotel
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(Registration 8:00 a.m.)

PROGRAM

- 8:30** Opening Remarks and Welcome
 - Betty Ann Pottruff, Q.C., *Ministry of Justice*
- 8:35** Overview of Alberta's LRCY Program
 - Terri Davies, *Office of the Child & Youth Advocate Alberta*
- 8:55** Overview of Counsel for Children Program
 - Betty Ann Pottruff Q.C., *Ministry of Justice*
 - Kim Newsham, *Ministry of Justice*
- 9:45** Interviewing Children
 - Dr. Greg Stevens, PhD., *Registered Doctoral Psychologist*
- 10:30** Refreshment and Networking Break
- 10:45** Instructional Advocacy vs. Interest-based Instructional Advocacy
 - Larry MacInnis, *Barrister & Solicitor, Edmonton*
 - Sheri Woods, *Mokuruk & Woods Law Office*
 - Betty Ann Pottruff, Q.C., *Ministry of Justice*
- 11:15** Panel Discussion: Roles and Responsibilities
 - Larry MacInnis, *Barrister & Solicitor, Edmonton*
 - Sheri Woods, *Mokuruk & Woods Law Office*
 - Charita Ohashi, *Ministry of Justice*
- 12:00** Lunch (provided)
- 12:45** Workshop scenarios: Communicating with children and child capacity
- 1:20** Debrief on workshop - Discussions with panel
- 1:45** Tips for Lawyers on the front line
 - Larry MacInnis, *Barrister & Solicitor, Edmonton*
 - Sheri Woods, *Mokuruk & Woods Law Office*
 - Charita Ohashi, *Ministry of Justice*
- 2:45** Refreshment and Networking Break
- 3:00** Workshop scenarios: Challenges
- 3:35** Debrief on workshop - Discussions with panel
- 4:00** Closing Remarks
 - Leanne Leedahl, *Saskatchewan Child and Youth Advocate's Office*
- 4:15** Wrap-up
 - Betty Ann Pottruff, Q.C., *Ministry of Justice*
- 4:30** Adjournment

General Information

In the unlikely event that the Law Society of Saskatchewan is forced to modify its program schedule, registrants will be notified. We reserve the right to change speakers and/or revise content if necessary.

Please attend the registration table at the seminar. Any course materials will be given to you then. If, for any reason, the Law Society of Saskatchewan is unable to accept your registration, you will be notified prior to the seminar.

Confirmation of registration is not provided as we prefer not to have to pass on the added expense to our registrants.

Note: Invoices and receipts will not be provided unless requested. This Registration Form is your invoice. Your cancelled cheque is your receipt.

Cancellation Policy

Notification of cancellation must be in writing and received by 4:00 p.m. two (2) days prior to the Seminar resulting in a \$20.00 (plus GST) cancellation fee. **Non-compliance** will result in forfeiture of the entire registration fee. **Non-attendance** does not constitute cancellation. Upon receipt of a written request, consideration will be given for non-attendance caused by illness or weather conditions.

Registration Form

Representing Children/Youth in Protection Proceedings

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Please register me in the following location:

☐ Regina - Wednesday, October 8, 2014
Ramada Hotel
1818 Victoria Avenue

☐ Saskatoon - Thursday, October 9, 2014
Radisson Hotel
405 - 20th Street East

Registrations will only be accepted until 4:00 pm two (2) days prior to the seminar. Space is limited so register early.

Registration includes course materials, lunch, and refreshments.

We are pleased to offer your choice of printed materials or materials on USB drive. You cannot change your selection onsite; however, you can purchase both the USB drive and printed versions in advance for an additional \$25 plus GST.

☐ Printed Materials ☐ USB Drive ☐ Both

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Registration Fees

☐	Law Society Member (Active)	\$250.00
☐	Law Society Member (Inactive)	\$125.00
☐	Articling/Law Student	\$125.00
☐	Legal Support Staff	\$250.00
☐	Non-Member Lawyers	\$350.00
☐	Other Professions	\$350.00

Subtotal

☐ Both Print and Electronic Materials (\$25)

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