



Legal Education
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presents:

Running Your First Family File

Learn how to
successfully
manage your
first family
law file.

FAMILY LAW

Review the necessary stages to conduct a family law matter including the initial client meeting, time frames, organizing your file, disclosure, trust conditions, negotiating, interim applications, questioning, valuations, and setting your matter for trial.

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This program is appropriate for practitioners during their first five years of practice. It will assist junior lawyers seeking a practical foundation or more experienced lawyers wanting to revisit the fundamentals or develop an interest in family law.

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ETHICS AND EXPECTATIONS | LORI JOHNSON

Learn how to set reasonable expectations with your client and opposing counsel. Discuss timelines, time management, and how to deal with self-represented litigants.

FIRST CLIENT MEETINGS | MICHELLE MACKAY

Prepare for the first client meeting, including:

- Time management with the client
- Client management throughout the meeting
- Obtaining the information you need from the client
- Delivering the information you need to give the client

CUSTODY PLANNING | PAM BELL

Gain an understanding of the following aspects of custody planning:

- Programs and services available to parents in a custody file
- How to recognize red flags on a custody matter
- When urgent or timely actions are necessary
- What health care professionals, as well as other professionals, can do or prepare to assist the court
- How to weigh the pros and cons of various courses of action and strategies, such as what helps, what hinders, and what is worth trying

SUPPORT AND PROPERTY | SCOT MENZIES

Examine what you need to do to move the financial aspects of your file forward, such as:

- What documents and disclosure you need and why you need it
- Relevant information pertaining to child support, spousal support, and matrimonial property
- When to pursue an expert's assistance
- When and why an application may be required and what should be included in your evidence

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