



# AGM & 15TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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## WHAT'S NORMAL AND WHAT'S ABNORMAL?

Best practices in the face of allegations of poor parenting, child abuse and family violence.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH , 2023**

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789 Yonge St., Toronto

Attend in-person or virtually



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Paul Dubé**

Ontario's Ombudsman

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**October 18th**

## PRACTICE SKILLS PROGRAM

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023**

The Advocates' Society  
250 Yonge Street, Suite 2700  
Toronto

**2:00–5:00 p.m.**

Evening Social to Follow Program

### OFFERED IN-PERSON ONLY

The Honourable Justice Susan Vella will preside over and Professor Rollie Thomson will moderate this year's Practice Skills Program.

*Presenters:*

Dr. Barbara Fidler (Psychologist)

Julie Hannaford (J K Hannaford Barristers)

Shawn Richard (ASR Family and Estate Law)

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## AGENDA

### Annual General Meeting

### Welcome and Introduction Land Acknowledgement

### AFCC–Ontario’s 15th Anniversary Address

Michael Saini and Stacey Platt

### Child development Primer: Decoding child and parent behavior in high conflict situations

Dr. Pushpa Kanagaratnam, *Clinical Psychologist and Assistant Professor  
University of Toronto, Department of Psychiatry*

Dr. Catherine Horvat, *Clinical Psychologist, Founder and Executive Director  
Ottawa Center for Resilience*

### Keynote Address

Mr. Paul Dubé, *Ontario’s Ombudsman*

### Presentation of the Dena Moyal Award:

The Honourable Justice Debra Paulseth

### Factors affecting children’s memory: What research tells us and implications for practice

Dr. Kim Roberts, *Wilfrid Laurier University, Child Memory Lab*

Meredith Kirkland–Burke, *Suspected Child Abuse & Neglect Program, The Hospital for Sick Children*

### Children’s statements contained in Voice of the Child’s Reports: pros, cons, risks and limitations

Justice Nicole Tellier, *Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Family Court*

Katherine Kavassalis, *Legal Counsel and Deputy Legal Director,*

*Personal Rights Department, Office of the Children’s Lawyer*

Shaista Durrani, *Regional Clinical Supervisor, Office of the Children’s Lawyer*

Introduction by Dianne Carter, *The Children’s Lawyer*

### Parenting caselaw update

Aaron Franks, *Partner, Epstein Cole LLP*

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