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Carla Lewis, Lewis Kennelly, Vancouver, BC. Following graduation from the University of Manitoba Law School in 1984, Carla was called to the Manitoba Bar in 1985. After working in Winnipeg for 5 years, she relocated to Vancouver and was called to the British Columbia Bar in 1990. Carla has been practising family law since 1985 and has appeared in all levels of court in British Columbia. She is certified by the Law Society as a mediator, parenting coordinator and family law arbitrator. She is a trained child interviewer and currently in her second term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hear the Child Society. Carla has taught or presented for the PLTC, the People's Law School, CLE, the Trial Lawyers Association and made presentations tailored to individual groups' interests, such as the BC Association of Behavioural Analysts.

FACULTY



Arlene H. Henry, Q.C., Arlene H. Henry Law Corporation, Vancouver, BC. Arlene is a lawyer, mediator, arbitrator, instructor, and coach who has been practising law since 1986, mediating since 1998 and proudly received her Queen's Counsel designation in 2005. She has focused her dispute resolution practice on the

restructuring of families resulting from separation and divorce, wills and estate challenges, elder care and management and unwinding of closely-held businesses. Arlene is a multi-accredited civil and family law mediator and is highly skilled in the use of various collaborative interventions, including mediation, facilitated negotiations and med-arbitration. She sits on several Boards and numerous committees within the dispute resolution community and is actively involved in the development of new resolution disciplines in family law within BC, including non-evaluative child interviews, med-arbitration, arbitration, parenting coordination and family violence screening.



Jane Reid, Partner, Jenkins Marzban Logan LLP, Vancouver, BC. Jane Reid was called to the BC Bar in 2003 and has practised family law exclusively since 2004. She has appeared at all levels of Court in British Columbia. Jane regularly represents clients in litigation matters, in mediations, and the collaborative process.

Jane is also a certified family law mediator. Jane is the past chair of the Canadian Bar Association Family Law Subsection (Vancouver), and has been on the executive since 2008. Jane has been an author, editor, and contributor to several important BC family law publications, including: member of the Editorial Board of the BC Family Practice Manual (2013-2017); contributing author to the annual update of BC Family Law Agreements, Annotated Precedents (2010-2012); and contributing author to the Annotated Family Practice (2009-2017). Jane has also been a regular guest instructor at the British Columbia Professional Legal Training Course.

FAMILY LAW IN THE MIDST OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The COVID-19 pandemic has heavily impacted individuals and families, and family law practitioners have had to adapt quickly to continue serving the best interests of their clients during this unpredictable time. Substantive matters such as custody and support have become more complex, and even procedural matters are changing as courts have closed or moved to online services. Join us for this half-day intensive conference where our expert faculty will discuss the changes that have come to family law, and what they expect will persist in the future "new normal".

KEY AREAS ADDRESSED:

- Court and procedural matters
- Alternative dispute resolution
- Parenting, property, support and family maintenance enforcement
- Starting a new practice in a pandemic and other personal experiences

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Lawyers of all levels advising on family law matters
- Family law arbitrators
- Family law mediators
- Government officials and employees engaged in family matters
- Family service providers

AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2020

9:00 Welcome and Introduction by PBLI

9:05 Chair's Welcome and Introduction

Carla Lewis
Lewis Kennelly

9:10 Court and Procedural Matters

Jane Reid
Jenkins Marzban Logan LLP

- What can be done in court right now and what changes are expected in the near term
- Managing client expectations during this time

9:45 Questions and Discussion

9:55 Alternative Dispute Resolution

Arlene H. Henry, Q.C.
Arlene H. Henry Law Corporation

- An update on the delivery of parenting coordination, Hear the Child reports, mediation and arbitration services during the time of COVID-19

10:35 Questions and Discussion

10:45 Break

11:00 Substantive Family Law Matters

Carla Lewis
Lewis Kennelly
Vandana Sood
Rise Women's Legal Centre

- Dealing with urgent matters
- Emerging trends in non-urgent parenting, property, support, Family Maintenance enforcement

11:40 Questions and Discussion

11:50 Faculty Roundtable

Moderated by: Carla Lewis

- A discussion of the current situation and anticipated future developments by our faculty members (**Jane Reid, Arlene H. Henry, Vandana Sood**)
- Starting a practice in the middle of a pandemic (**Tanya Thakur, Thakur McNeill LLP**)

12:15 Questions and Discussion

12:25 Chair's Closing Remarks

12:30 Program Concludes

FACULTY (Continued)



Vandana Sood, Supervising Lawyer, Rise Women's Legal Centre, Vancouver, BC. Vandana has focused her legal career on working to achieve gender equality and empowerment for women. Prior to joining Rise Women's Legal Centre, Vandana

was a sole practitioner and practised primarily in the areas of family law, child protection law (as parent's counsel) and immigration & refugee law, with a focus on assisting women who had experienced family violence. Vandana also worked previously at an aboriginal law firm, articulated in criminal law with Glen Orris, Q.C., and worked as a Mental Health Advocate for CLAS during law school. Vandana has a J.D. from the University of British Columbia, and an M.Sc. from the University of Calgary.



Tanya Thakur, Thakur MacNeill LLP, Vancouver, BC. Tanya articulated at a boutique personal injury firm in Vancouver prior to starting her family and immigration law practice. Tanya has appeared in Provincial Court and Supreme Court of BC, including conducting a family law trial in Provincial Court. She has conducted family law files involving complex violence, obtaining positive results for clients. While attending law school, Tanya carried out extensive legal work for non-profit organizations. As part of these volunteer services, she provided free legal advice and support to low income families and did research for feminist organizations, including Law Students' Legal Advice Program (LSLAP) and West Coast LEAF. She received the Jack T. Edwards Memorial Award in Law for her dedication to clients while enrolled in a clinical program. She is fluent in Hindi.

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