

National Family Law Arbitration Course

syllabus

All instructional days begin at 10:30am and wrap-up at 5:30pm eastern.

Day One · Friday 9 February 2024

1.1 Introduction and administrative matters

John-Paul Boyd KC, Lawrence Pinsky KC, Lorne Wolfson

1.2 Course overview and objectives

Lorne Wolfson

1.3 Indigenous perspectives on dispute resolution (recorded)

The Honourable Murray Sinclair

1.4 Introduction to dispute resolution alternatives

Cheryl Goldhart, Arlene Henry KC, Lorne Wolfson

1.5 Getting to know your arbitration legislation

*John-Paul Boyd KC, Arlene Henry KC, Lawrence Pinsky KC,
Lorne Wolfson*

1.6 Bias, equality and fairness

Wayne Barkauskas KC, Krysta Ostwald KC, Lawrence Pinsky KC

1.7 Group discussion: Conducting a fair hearing

Cheryl Goldhart, Doug Moe KC, Lawrence Pinsky KC, Lorne Wolfson

Day Two · Saturday 10 February 2024

2.1 Family law arbitration agreements

Arlene Henry KC, Lorne Wolfson

2.2 Role play: Negotiating arbitration agreements

*Fareen Jamal, Doug Moe KC, Krysta Ostwald KC, Lawrence Pinsky KC,
Lorne Wolfson*

2.3 The role of the court in arbitration processes

Gary Joseph, Krysta Ostwald KC, Brahm Siegel

2.4 Assignment: Readings for next classes

Day Three · Friday 23 February 2024

3.1 Domestic violence and power imbalances

Wayne Barkauskas KC, Dr Rachel Birnbaum, Arlene Henry KC

3.2 Hearing the voice of the child in arbitration processes

Dr Rachel Birnbaum, John-Paul Boyd KC, Arlene Henry KC

3.3 The pre-hearing conference

Cheryl Goldhart, Lorne Wolfson

3.4 Interim and preliminary motions

Cheryl Goldhart, Daniel Melamed

3.5 Role play: Contested interim motions

Cheryl Goldhart, Daniel Melamed, Lawrence Pinsky KC, Lorne Wolfson

Day Four · Saturday 24 February 2024

4.1 Rules of procedure in family law arbitrations

John-Paul Boyd KC, Doug Moe KC

4.2 Evidence in arbitration

Rhoda Dobler KC, Herschel Fogelman

4.3 The nuts and bolts of running a hearing

*John-Paul Boyd KC, Cheryl Goldhart, Lawrence Pinsky KC,
Lorne Wolfson*

4.4 Role play: Practice training exercises

*Wayne Barkauskas KC, Cheryl Goldhart, Fareen Jamal, Doug Moe KC,
Lawrence Pinsky KC, Lorne Wolfson*

4.5 Managing arbitration processes for parties without counsel

Fareen Jamal, Doug Moe KC

4.6 Assignment: Readings for next classes

Day Five · Friday 8 March 2024

5.1 Issues in parenting coordination

Dr Barbara Fidler

5.2 Managing distance arbitrations

Wayne Barkauskas KC, John-Paul Boyd KC, Danny Melamed

5.3 Role play: Mock arbitration hearing

*Herschel Fogelman, Aaron Franks, Doug Moe KC, Lawrence Pinsky KC,
Lorne Wolfson*

5.4 Assignment: Mock arbitration award

Day Six · Saturday 9 March 2024

6.1 Drafting and delivering arbitration awards

Herschel Fogelman, Fareen Jamal, Lorne Wolfson

6.2 Group discussion: Critique of mock arbitration awards

Herschel Fogelman, Fareen Jamal, Lawrence Pinsky KC, Lorne Wolfson

6.3 Issues after the award is delivered

*John-Paul Boyd KC, Rhoda Dobler KC, Cheryl Goldhart,
Lawrence Pinsky KC, Lorne Wolfson*

6.4 Managing an arbitration practice

*John-Paul Boyd KC, Rhoda Dobler KC, Cheryl Goldhart,
Lawrence Pinsky, Lorne Wolfson*

6.5 Course wrap-up

John-Paul Boyd KC, Lawrence Pinsky KC, Lorne Wolfson

This course will be provided using Zoom's videoconferencing software. Download the latest software from www.zoom.us at no cost.

You will require a reliable internet connection for the course. Choose a wired connection if possible, or wifi or cellular data as a last resort. You can connect to the course audio by landline if necessary.

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