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Family Law 2022: Intersections with Other Practice Areas

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Laurence Klass, Partner, Watson Goepel LLP, Vancouver, BC. Laurence is a Partner and Practice Group Leader of the Family Law Group at Watson Goepel LLP. With a passion for helping families navigate difficult transitions, his practice focuses on all aspects of family law including divorce, division of family property and debt and spousal support, as well as child focused issues including child support, parenting time, guardianship and parenting responsibilities. Laurence regularly drafts all forms of family law agreements, including Separation Agreements, Prenuptial and Marriage Agreements. Laurence's practice emphasizes the use of mediation and negotiation to reach consensus where possible, but is a skilled litigator when required. He is a member of the BC Family Law Unbundling Roster, offering select legal tasks for clients who do not want or cannot afford full-representation.

FACULTY



Danica Beck, Associate, Watson Goepel LLP, Vancouver, BC. Danica is an associate in the Family Law Group at Watson Goepel LLP. With a general family law practice, Danica has acted in a wide range of family disputes and assists her clients with asset and property division, children and parenting, child and spousal support, domestic contracts, and agreements. She has appeared before the Provincial Court of British Columbia, the Supreme Court of British Columbia and the Federal Court.



Jesse L. Desilets, Partner, Schuman Basran Robin & Bell, Vancouver, BC. Jesse has appeared in all levels of court in British Columbia on family law matters. His practice involves a mix of litigation and negotiated settlements, as well as unbundled services as an advisor to self-represented litigants and other lawyers. Jesse's practice focuses on high-asset division, corporate and trust issues in Family Law Act, and complex income determination under the Federal Child Support Guidelines. He tries to bring a practical, common-sense approach to family law in order to reduce the cost, time and emotional strain clients can experience when dealing with family law issues.



Joe Fingerote, Associate, Watson Goepel LLP, Vancouver, BC. Joe is an associate in Watson Goepel's Business Law Group. With a general business law practice, Joe has a particular focus on wills, trusts, and estate matters for a variety of clients across a number of sectors. Prior to his move to BC, Joe studied and practiced as a lawyer in Saskatchewan and as a mediator via the mentorship program offered by the Dispute Resolution Office of the Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice. Joe maintains his connection to Saskatchewan as a sessional instructor with the University of Saskatchewan College of Law.



Katherine Lawrence, Associate, North Shore Law, North Vancouver, BC. As a family lawyer, Katherine Lawrence provides clients with practical legal advice for navigating periods of transition. Kate listens closely, providing her clients with clear strategies for achieving the best possible resolution. Kate's practice is focused on advising families with complex asset division. To help clients understand the value of their assets—such as a family trust, business, corporation, or piece of real property—Kate works closely with business valuers, accountants, and pension and tax specialists. This collaboration provides clients with an understanding of the tax implications of dividing property and other assets.

Family Law 2022: Intersections with Other Practice Areas

Family law is not insular – it involves many other areas of the law. Knowing how to spot and address issues is crucial for the family law practitioner. This program brings together expert faculty who will provide you with insights into the areas of law that impact your practice. You will gain a solid understanding of some of the most pressing concerns facing you today, and you will leave with enhanced knowledge of the area, helpful tools, and practical sound strategies that you can put to use immediately in your practice. This program is essential for those seeking to remain current and discover new approaches to family law.

KEY AREAS ADDRESSED:

- An update on recent caselaw
- Overlaps with estate planning and litigation
- Torts in family law
- Disputes over beneficial interests in property
- New trends

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

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9:00 Welcome and Introduction by PBLI

- About the Land Owner Transparency Registry (LOTR)

9:05 Chair's Welcome and Introduction

Laurence Klass
Watson Goepel LLP

12:10 Questions and Discussion

9:10 COVID Update and Cases of Note

Katherine Lawrence
North Shore Law

- Practising family law in an evolving COVID world
- Recent caselaw for practitioners to be aware of

12:20 Lunch Break

1:15 Alternative Claims for Damages in Family Law

Danica Beck
Watson Goepel LLP

- Potential tort of family violence
- Assault claims
- Where a separate civil claim may be appropriate

9:55 Questions and Discussion

10:05 Morning Break

10:20 Family Law's Overlap with Estate Planning and Litigation

Joe Fingerote
Watson Goepel LLP

- Estate planning post-separation and divorce
- WESA principles to be aware of

2:05 Questions and Discussion

2:15 Afternoon Break

2:30 Unusual Trends in Family Law

Jesse L. Desilets
Schuman Basran Robin & Bell

- Oral agreements
- Jurisdictional disputes
- Relevant cases and emerging trends

11:10 Questions and Discussion

11:20 Disputes re Beneficial Ownership of Property

Laurence Klass
Watson Goepel LLP

- Why are there disputes
- What factors to consider in determination of ownership

3:15 Questions and Discussion

3:25 Chair's Closing Remarks

3:30 Forum Concludes

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