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# Big Trends in Family Law: Parenting, Support & More

*Prof. Rollie Thompson, K.C.*

**Thursday, December 11, 2025**

**Live webinar with chat  
includes 60 day replay\***

9:00 am – 10:30 am (Pacific)

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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This webinar is designed for family law lawyers seeking a practical, condensed update on key legal and practice developments in 2025 and 2026.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

So many updates, so little time! 2025 and 2026 are jam-packed with evolving issues in Canadian family law, especially in relation to parenting and support. In this 90-minute webinar, Professor Rollie Thompson will take you on a whirlwind tour of the parenting and support issues that matter most to your clients — what's changed, what's coming, and what it all means for your practice. You'll get insights into the impact of the 2021 federal *Divorce Act* parenting amendments and the mirror provincial laws — especially on relocation outcomes. Who gets to move — and who doesn't? In addition, Professor Thompson will examine the increasing use of the AFCC Parenting Plan Guides — for good or ill, plus, the treatment of family violence in parenting. Will the Supreme Court recognize a tort of family violence? Finally, you'll dive into key trends in both child and spousal support: section 9 child support; retroactive child support — everyone wants it; entitlement issues in spousal support; retirement; lump sums; the possible death of *Miglin*; using the Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines for your clients; and, of course, retroactive spousal support. Don't miss this high-speed tour of the parenting and support issues dominating family law in 2025 and 2026. There will be something for everyone. Register early to avoid disappointment!

## SCHEDULE (Eastern)

**12:00 pm - 1:30 pm**

**Welcome and Introduction**

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## MEET YOUR PRESENTER



**Professor Rollie Thompson, K.C.** is counsel at Epstein Cole LLP. He received his law degree from Dalhousie University and a B.A. with Honours in Economics and Political Science from McGill University. Called to the bar in Nova Scotia in 1980, he has been a Professor at the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University since 1982, earning full professor status in 1992. He was the Executive Director of Dalhousie Legal Aid Service from 1982 to 1985, and 1991 to 1994. He co-directed with Carol Rogerson the Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines Project for the Department of Justice (Canada) from 2001 to 2008. In 2011, he was appointed Queen's Counsel. He is the recipient of the 2001-2002 Dalhousie Law Alumni Association and Students Society Award for Excellence in Teaching, the 2005 Vincent J. Pottier Award for Exceptional and Outstanding Contribution to Dalhousie Legal Aid Service, the 2016 Award for Teaching Excellence in the Osgoode Professional LLM, the 2018 recipient (with Carol Rogerson) of one of the AFCC-Ontario's "10 in 10" 10th Anniversary Awards of Excellence in Family Justice, and the recipient of the Ontario Bar Association 2024 Award for Excellence in Family Law in Memory of James McLeod. A prolific writer and presenter on family law topics, Professor Thompson is Editor of the *Canadian Family Law Quarterly*.

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