



Evidence rules matter in family law cases!



The Ten Evidence “Rules” Every Family Law Lawyer Needs to Know

Prof. Rollie Thompson, Q.C.

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This common-sense guide to important evidentiary rules and practices in “private” family law cases will be of equal interest to both new and experienced family law practitioners.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Yes, there are evidence “rules” that have real application in family law cases! There are also fundamental purposes that evidence law must serve in family law cases, including the need for accuracy, efficiency and fairness; reducing conflict; maintaining and encouraging family relationships; and, ensuring the best interest of the child. Knowing the rules and the principles they serve can make an important difference in your ability to anticipate the rulings you will require and as a result, the decisions you make about preparing your evidence and your witnesses. In this convenient, highly practical program, noted Law Professor Rollie Thompson, Q.C. breaks down some of the evidentiary issues that most frequently arise in family law cases. Professor Thompson provides a summary of the rule, the relevant legal authorities, and helpful procedural tips. In just 90 minutes you’ll gain fresh insights and new strategies for managing important family law evidentiary issues such as:

- Impeaching and Supporting Credibility;
- Illegally-Obtained Recordings and Emails; and
- Privilege for Settlement

Professor Thompson will not cover evidence issues specific to child protection, but instead will focus on the general range of “private” family law cases. Whether you’re new to family law or a veteran practitioner, attending this webinar will help you better understand the principles and procedures surrounding the evidence in your next case. Register early to avoid disappointment!

SCHEDULE (Eastern)

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Welcome and Introduction

Relevance

Admissibility Procedure

Opinion: Lay and Expert

Hearsay and Its Exceptions

Business Records

The Rule in *Browne v. Dunn*

Impeaching and Supporting Credibility

Illegally-Obtained Recordings, Emails, etc.

Privilege for Settlement Negotiations

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Professor Rollie Thompson, Q.C. 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 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 the Dalhousie Law 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, and the 2018 recipient (with Carol Rogerson) of one of the AFCC-Ontario's "10 in 10" 10th Anniversary Awards of Excellence in Family Justice. A prolific writer and presenter on family law topics, Professor Thompson is Editor of the *Canadian Family Law Quarterly*.



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