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key legislative and
case law changes of
the past year!*



FAMILY LAW UPDATE: Retroactive Child Support & Divorce Act Amendments

Leisha Murphy & Alex Boland

Thursday, February 11, 2021

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

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This program is designed for all lawyers whose practice includes family law.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

It's 2021 and the world and the practice of family law is changing. Are you up to date on two of the biggest developments family law practitioners have seen in years? Bill C-78 amended three federal family laws: the *Divorce Act*, the *Family Orders and Agreements Enforcement Assistance Act* and the *Garnishment, Attachment and Pension Diversion Act*. The coming into force of most of the amendments to the *Divorce Act* (originally scheduled to take place July 1, 2020) has now been deferred until March 1, 2021. In addition, *Michel v. Graydon* (2020) was a rare consideration of family law issues by the Supreme Court of Canada, and is the new authority on retroactive and historical child support orders. Join us for this essential 90 minute update with experienced family law practitioners Alex Boland and Leisha Murphy and learn how these changes will affect you and your clients, and what to look out for in the year ahead. Topics include:

- Variation of child support
- Determination of income for the purposes of support
- Highlights of the *Divorce Act* Amendments
- How the Amendments are likely to be interpreted

Don't miss this convenient opportunity to get up to speed on recent legislative and case law developments. What you learn may just make the difference between winning and losing your next argument!

SCHEDULE (Eastern)

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Welcome & Introduction

Divorce Act Amendments

- Changes in terminology
- Best interests of the child
- New duties
- Parenting orders and plans
- Relocation
- Jurisdictional changes

Child Support

- *Michel v. Graydon*: Clarity on *D.B.S.* (2006)
- Implications
- Related cases
- Future questions
- Calculation of income in unusual cases

Program Wrap-up & Evaluation

MEET YOUR PRESENTERS



Alex Boland is a lawyer in the Kelowna office of Connect Family Law. Alex advises and supports families across the full spectrum of family law issues, from dealing with complex property holdings in multiple jurisdictions to parental alienation. Alex helps his clients resolve their issues using a variety of approaches, including collaborative family law, negotiation, mediation, and litigation. After graduating from law school, Alex served as a law clerk at the BC Supreme Court, and once called to the Bar, joined the family law group at Farris. Alex has appeared before the Provincial and Supreme Courts of British Columbia, and the Federal and Supreme Court of Canada. His advocacy experience also includes representing clients in various alternative dispute resolution forums. Alex is a contributor to Lexis-Nexis's *British Columbia Family Practice Advisor* and the contributing editor to Carswell's *Evidence in Family Law* publication.



Leisha Murphy is a founding Partner at Connect Family Law, a boutique family law firm with offices in Vancouver, Kelowna, Surrey and North Vancouver. Through her 10+ years of focusing exclusively on family law matters, Leisha has learned that focusing on reaching out-of-court settlements, either through collaborative divorce or mediation/negotiation, is the best way to assist families. Leisha advises her clients on all areas of family law, including property division (including businesses, family trusts and real estate), common law and equitable trusts, spousal support, child support, guardianship, mobility, parenting time, conflicts of law and separation agreements. She also assists clients who are in the beginning stages of their relationship by preparing marriage and cohabitation agreements relating to their business and property interests, family trusts and anticipated inheritances. Leisha is a frequent writer and speaker on family law topics.



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