



*Practical advice to help clients move forward during COVID-19!*



# Practicing Family Law in a Pandemic: FAQ

*with Leisha Murphy & Alex Boland*

**Thursday, May 28, 2020**

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

9:00 am – 10:30 am (Pacific)

10:00 am – 11:30 am (Mountain)

11:00 am – 12:30 pm (Central)

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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This program is designed for family law lawyers and general practitioners practicing family law.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

COVID-19 is creating a tsunami of family law issues. Physical distancing, school closures, health concerns, and lost income are raising questions for previously separated families, now confused about how to navigate access, parenting and support arrangements. Already troubled families, suddenly forced into close quarters and socially isolated, are struggling to avoid new sources of conflict and reporting increases of family violence. And suddenly fragile marriages, unable to survive the strains of the pandemic, are headed towards divorce, with a view to optimal valuation dates. With access to courts restricted, in-person meetings eliminated, and privacy in short supply, family law lawyers are facing a host of novel challenges. This new, 90 minute webinar with experienced family law lawyers Leisha Murphy and Alex Boland will address some of the most FAQ about the impact of COVID-19 on family law, best practices for helping clients move forward in this uncertain time, and what the future may hold for family law, once life is “back to normal”. Topics include:

- What constitutes an “urgent” matter?
- How are custody, access and parenting plans affected by COVID-19?
- Will summer vacation schedules be affected?
- What happens to support obligations if a parent becomes unemployed?
- Can couples get divorced during the pandemic?
- How do we resolve disputes without courts?

Join us and get the resources and advice you need to feel more confident in today’s rapidly evolving family law landscape!

## SCHEDULE (Eastern)

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

**Welcome & Introduction**

**Court Closures & Urgent Matters Update**

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## 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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