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CURRICULUM VITAE - 2012

A. PERSONAL

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B. MEDIATION EXPERIENCE and TRAINING

I am an accredited Mediator specializing in Family Law. I was a founding member of the Mediation Centre of Hamilton. I am a member of AXIS Family Mediation Inc. roster of mediators which service now provides all of the mediation services for the Family Court in Hamilton.

I completed my Mediation for Family Law practitioners training in 1996.

I completed the Child Protection Mediation program offered through Seneca College and the University of Toronto in December 2006 for the *Child and Family Services Act* and became a member of the Ontario Child Protection Mediation roster as of June 14, 2007.

I am a member of the roster of Mediators for Legal Aid, Ontario in Hamilton. I have conducted many Mediation/Settlement Conferences for Legal Aid including Settlement Conferences for CFSA matters.

My training has provided me with knowledge and skills about negotiations, conciliation, conflict management, the mediation process, safety requirements, alternate resolution options and community resources, in addition to advanced communications and relationship skills, case management skills, investigative and interviewing skills.

C. COLLABORATIVE FAMILY LAW

I am an accredited member of the IACP. I completed the Level I Collaborative Family Law program in 2000 and the Level II Collaborative Family Law program in 2003. I am a member of the Hamilton- Burlington Collaborative Family Law Group.

D. PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Member of the roster for Child Protection Mediation for the province of Ontario [since 2007]
- Certified member of the Hamilton-Burlington Collaborative Family Law Group [since 2002]
- Accredited Family Mediator through Family Mediation Canada [since 2000]
- Member of the Office of the Children's Lawyer Personal Rights Panel [since 2000]
- Member of the Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee, Litigation Panel [since 2001]
- Co-chair and Member of the Family Law Executive of the Hamilton Law Association [1995-2002]
- Member of the Audio Engineering Society [since 1992]
- Member of the Hamilton Law Association [since 1985]
- Member of the Law Society of Upper Canada [since 1985]

E. CONFERENCES, COMMITTEES AND TEACHING

- Presenter for Mandatory Information Program (MIP) [2011 to present]
- Resource Committee chair for High Conflict Forum, Hamilton [2012]
- Presentation to CCAS Children's Services Workers about role of OCL [2010]
- Panel member teaching Children's Aid Society of Hamilton techniques of Mediation for CFSA matters. [2003]
- Member of the Liaison Committee [between the Bench and Bar] at the Superior Court of Justice, Family Court, Hamilton [1999 to 2010]
- Organizer of Continuing Legal Education Seminars in Family Law, April, 2001 and March, 2002

- Member of Child Protection Task Force [between Bench and Bar] at the Superior Court of Justice, Family Court, Hamilton [2001-2002]
- Co-chair of the Family Law Executive of the Hamilton Law association [1999 to 2002]
- Monthly Television Program on Cable 14, Hamilton, Ontario, "Ask The Expert: Law", featuring phone-in segments [1996 to 1999].
- A presenter at regular information sessions to interested members of the general public, as a member of the panel of lawyers/mediators available through the Ontario Court (General Division) Family Court, (FLIM) [since 1994]
- Assisted in the organization and presentation of a major Continuing Legal Education Conference for South Central Region, May, 1998.
- Presentation lectures to International Order of Foresters regarding Wills and Powers of Attorney, at Lodge Meetings.
- Presentation to Westdale High School, Hamilton, Ontario, Grade 13, on Family Law Legislation and Effects on Children [1995]

E. EDUCATION

Hamilton Law Association	June 2012	Trial preparation
Ministry of the Attorney General	June 2012	OCL
Hamilton Law Association	May 2012	CFSA amendments
High Conflict Forum Children in the Crossfire	April 2012	two-day program
Dealing with Domestic Violence	March 2012	two-day program
Hamilton Law Association	January 2012	Immigration in Family Law
Hamilton Law Association	January 2012	Dealing with a self-rep.
Ministry of the Attorney General	April 2011 December 2011	OCL
AFCC conference in Toronto	October 2011	one-day program

Hamilton Law Association	May 2011	Practice Professionalism
Hamilton Law Association	May 2011	Bankruptcy in Family Law
Ministry of the Attorney General	April 2010 October 2010	OCL
Collaborative Law conference	September 2010	1.5 day program
Screening for Violence and Power imbalance	July 2010	one-day program
Law Society of Upper Canada	April, 2010	Two day High Conflict Forum
St. Catharines Law association	August 2009	Children in High Conflict Two day conference
AFCC conference in New Orleans	May 2009	four day program
Ministry of the Attorney General	April 2009 October 2009	OCL
Ministry of the Attorney General	April 2008 October 2008	OCL
Ministry of the Attorney General	April 2007	OCL certification for Secure Treatment applications
Child Protection Mediation	December 2006	Three day program
Ministry of the Attorney General	November 2006	OCL
Law Society of Upper Canada	June 2006	One day program about SAGG
Law Society of Upper Canada	April, 2006	Two day Family Law Practice Conference
Collaborative Law training	November 2005	One day negotiation program

Ministry of the Attorney General	May 2005 October 2005	OCL
Ministry of the Attorney General	June 2004 October 2004	OCL
Ministry of the Attorney General	April, 2003 November 2003	OCL
Collaborative Law training	February 2003	Level II certification
Family Mediation Canada Conference in Ottawa.	May, 2003	Two day conference about mediation issues and techniques
Collaborative Law Conference	September, 2002	Two day program and conference about Collaborative Law Process
Family Mediation Canada Conference in P.E.I.	June, 2002	Two day conference about mediation issues
Hamilton Law Association	March, 2002	One day program about various issues in Child Welfare litigation
Mediation Centre of Hamilton	November, 2001	One day program about mediation process and techniques in child welfare matters
Hamilton Law Association	June, 2001	Family Law Seminar, C.L.E.
Ministry of the Attorney General	June, 2001	Two day program by Public Guardian and Trustee
Ministry of the Attorney General	April, 2001	Two day program by the Office of the Children's Lawyer about parental alienation
Law Society of Upper	April, 2001	Two day Practice

Canada		Essentials Seminar
Collaborative Law Conference	October, 2000	Two day program and conference about Collaborative Law process
Law Society of Upper Canada	June, 2000	Two day program for small practices
Ministry of the Attorney General	April, 2000	Two 1 day programs for Office of the Children's Lawyer
Canadian Bar Association	June, 1999	One day program about new Family Court rules
Central South 3 rd Lawyers Conference, (>98)	May, 1998	Two day program about litigation issues and A.D.R.
Law Society of Upper Canada	June, 1997	One day program about Child Support Guidelines
Intern at Mediation Services Ontario Court (Gen. Division) Family Court	May, 1997 - January, 1999	Advanced Mediation training and conduct of Mediation files
Ontario Legal Aid Plan	June, 1997	14 hour certificate training program in Settlement Conference practice
Canadian Bar Association	November, 1996	One day program about Child Support Guidelines
Mediation for the Family Law Practitioner (Law Society of Upper Canada)	March, 1996	40 hour certificate training program in the theory and Practice of Family Mediation by Judith Ryan
Canadian Bar Association	November, 1994	One day program about the Substitute Decisions Act
Osgoode Hall - Law Society of Upper Canada	1984 - 1985	Bar Admission Course

University of Windsor	1980 - 1983	LL.B. Programme
York University	1972 - 1974	B.A. in Fine Arts,
Queen's University	1966 - 1970	B.Sc. Eng. Electrical Engineering
Belleville Collegiate Institute and Vocational School	1961-1966	O.A.C. programme

G. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Participant in the Hamilton Lawyers and Judges presentation of *To Kill a Mockingbird* [2003], *Inherit the Wind* [2006] and *A Man for all Seasons* [2011].

Coach for the Coronation Arena Minor Hockey League, 2003-2004 and 2005-2008.

Chairman of the Organizing Group Committee for 47th Dundurn Scout Troop, 1997 to 2000.

Member of the Kirkendal Neighbourhood Association, 1992 to present and coach T-Ball for 5 - 7 year olds (4 years); coach soccer for 8 - 11 year olds (3 years).

Participant in Temple Anshe Shalom's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, 1996, *Grease*, 1998, *Annie*, 2001 and *Fiddler on the Roof*, 2004.

Member of the Home and School Association, Earl Kitchener School, 1992 - 1994.

H. INTERESTS / SPARE TIME

Sporting activities including mountain bike trail riding

Home renovation.

The development and building of electronic equipment, especially state-of-the-art hi-fi and computers using computer-aided tools.