

UDA HODDER-GERGINIS

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Skills Summary

I have been a mental health, adoption and autism advocate for the last twenty years working with families and especially coaching parents. As a former family law lawyer, financial professional and graduate of a masters of law focusing on mental health and disabilities, family mediation combines my areas of expertise within an access to justice framework.

I have a particular interest in assisting separating or divorcing parents making the transition from the parent's relationship to the child in the center of the newly transformed family. I believe mediation enables parents to treat each other with respect and negotiate with the child's interests, security and stability in mind.

Education

-Online Dispute Resolution Specialist Certificate, OAFM November, 2020

-Certificate of Family Mediation, York University, Spring 2020

-Autism Specialist Certificate, Kerry's Place, Spring 2020

-LL.M. (Masters of Health Law), Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Fall 2017

-Graduate Creative Writing Diploma, Humber College, 2007

-I.R.O.C., licensed and registered representative 1997

-Canadian Securities Institute, Professional Financial Planner 1997

-Call to the Ontario Bar, 1991

-LL.B. (Bachelor of Laws), University of Windsor, 1989

-B.A. (English Literature & Theater), Mount Allison University, 1986

Work Experience

-Axis Family Mediation Inc., May 2022

- Information & Referral Co-ordinator
- On-Site Mediation
- Off-Site Mediation Comprehensive
- Distance Mediation Comprehensive

-Self-Employed

-Parent Coach and Support Group Leader 2007-2020

Participation in Halton region children's mental health community as parent and disability advocate

-Marketing, Sales and Business Coach 2010-2020

Assisted financial advisor at bank owned brokerage to build business

-Adoption Trainer, Ontario Child Welfare Training Program (P.R.I.D.E.) 2007-2010

Worked as parent-mentor within social worker led team to train and prepare pre-adoptive parents. Prepared and delivered conferences, materials and presentations

-Financial Advisor and Planner

-T.D. Waterhouse, Oakville, Ontario 2005-2006

-Merrill Lynch Canada inc., 1997-2000

-Municipal Lobbyist and Communications Director, Cinespace Studios 1994-1997

-Director of Communication and Government Relations, Writers Guild of Canada (screen writers) 1993-1994

