

The Alberta Family Mediation Society (AFMS) is pleased to present:



A Training in the Arbitration of Comprehensive Family Matters/ Parenting Coordination on Separation, Divorce and Related Situations

a five (5) day intensive contextual skills-based training program in the process, practice and role of the arbitrator, experts, others in arbitration

June 12, 13, 14 & September 6 and 7, 2018
Kahanoff Centre, Calgary, AB

COURSE OVERVIEW

On the continuum of dispute resolution systems, arbitration is a less formal process for the resolution of comprehensive family matters in separation and divorce than is court-based litigation with its more formal structure and rules. Arbitration offers flexibility for parties in the process, especially because of the opportunity for mediation within arbitration, to resolve such subject topics as:

- parenting/custody/contact/access
- child/spousal support
- property.

Family matters arbitration (“FMArb”) is linked to private Parenting Coordination as a topic-specific arbitration and court-ordered post-proceedings/order/s Parenting Coordination with a decision-making function (“PCArb”).

This training will clarify the role of arbitration in the primary dispute resolution system; party choice; jurisdiction; developing context, structure, implementation, procedure and rules for arbitration; pros, cons and pitfalls of arbitration; the role and responsibility of the arbitrator in arbitration and in relation to the arbitrator’s ordinary practice; the role of the court, lawyers, experts, child specialists, parties, and others involved in the arbitration; the involvement of child/ren; ethics in arbitration and in relation to the arbitrator’s ordinary professional role; and who should arbitrate in content-specific disputes.

The core content for the FMArb/PCArb Training will include a thorough review of Alberta’s Arbitration Act (AAAct), its process provisions and related case-law and other legislative and case contexts, and the role of the Arbitrator within the AAAct. This will incorporate, within the process for arbitration and role of the arbitrator, the aspects of: role of the court; roles of the arbitrator as arbitrator and mediator, parties, lawyers, arbitrator’s expert, other appointed experts, child consultants/specialists, and other involved persons; the inclusion of child/ren; overall ethics, ethical considerations, and ethical conduct in arbitration process and role; arbitration preliminary steps to the arbitration hearing, such as initial contact, retainer, drafting the arbitration agreement including informed consents to arbitration, intake, screening for domestic violence/IPV, signing the Arbitration Agreement with its informed consent, and thorough pre-arbitration preliminaries such as timing, setting the arbitration hearing dates and other-like related matters; through to the arbitration hearing including: managing content, evidentiary matters and rulings, and other related matters; to the conclusion of the arbitration hearing; the drafting of and releasing the Final Award; the conclusion of the arbitrator’s role; the foundation for appeals; and the application and re-casting of arbitration process and role of the PCArb within PCArb with preliminaries such as contact with lawyers, drafting a PCArb Court Order PCArb Agreement other related contexts.

PRE-REQUISITE: A 40 hour comprehensive Separation & Divorce Family Mediation Training or equivalency.

VENUE: Kahanoff Conference Centre, Room 208, 105 12th Avenue SE, Calgary, AB

Space is limited to 30. Register early to reserve your spot.

TRAINERS: The Honourable Nancy A. Flatters QC, LL.M. (specialisation: ADR), Retired Judge (Provincial Court of Alberta Bench: sitting in Calgary Family and Youth Court ("Court") and with some 35 years of hands-on-experience as a Mediator/ADR Practitioner and Judicial Dispute Resolution (JDR)/Judicial Settlement Conferencing ("JSC") Judge (the latter starting in 1998 when she piloted the Court's JDR/JSC Project in Family and Child Welfare Matters and continued to her retirement within this as a Program of the Court). In 1985 she began her teaching and training practice, delivering programs locally, provincially, nationally and internationally, in diverse areas of Mediation, ADR, Court Reform, Access to Justice, Judicial Settlement Skills, Mentoring, Domestic Violence, Child Advocacy, amongst others, all of which continued during her judicial years.

On retirement, she has a practice as a brief, directive, impartial, evaluative mediator and arbitrator particularly for low, medium, high conflict parents/parties and continues with her international teaching and training practice not only in the areas set out above, and continuing in Policing, Human Rights, Youth Dispute Resolution, Restorative Justice Practices, Collaborative Practices and adding in other areas such as Family Arbitration, Early Brain and Biological Development in Children 0-5 years, Recovery from Addictions, amongst others. She continues to add to her already long years of local, provincial, national and international volunteer work, including service on Boards, related to areas of Mediation, ADR, Judicial/Court Reform/Human Trafficking, and Children. More specifically just now to Calgary, she is the lead volunteer mediator/arbitrator for the Child in Mind Pilot Project, an avid Calgary Wee Reads volunteer, Mentor, and member of the Family Justice Reform Project.

Dr. Larry Fong, R.Psych, Mediator and Arbitrator for Family inclusive as well as non-family matters and with some 40 years of hands-on-experience as a mediator. Since 1992, as an Arbitrator conducting hearings in family matters, including parenting, support and property issues and as a CAMVAP Arbitrator where he arbitrates in car manufacturing disputes.

As a registered psychologist, he conducts forensic assessments for courts, mainly in the parenting area and since 1982, has been a court appointed expert witness in three different Canadian Provinces. He is also an international trainer, including in some 15 countries, with training mediation and other training programs in family, business, custody assessment and evaluation, and amongst other areas. He has lectured to the judiciary from the Provincial Court to Supreme Court of Canada.

He writes and publishes about mediation. His earlier career as a teacher and Child Welfare Supervisor/Mediator enhance his already extensive experience in mediation. He currently is on the Executive Committee of AFCC in the United States.

This skilled team bring their considerable and combined years of experience to this AFMS training.

REGISTRATION: Online at www.afms.ca for AFMS members *and* non-members **OR** you can submit this form by email to info@afms.ca; or fax to 403-532-0988. **Registration includes lunch, refreshments, coffee breaks and all materials. Please inform of any dietary restrictions. Space is limited to 30. Register early to reserve your spot.**

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