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# **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Member of the Law Society of Upper Canada (since February, 1993)

### **EDUCATION**

Doctor of Jurisprudence, Osgoode Hall Law School, (2005) Master of Laws, University of Toronto, (1993) Bachelor of Laws, University of New Brunswick, (1991) Bachelor of Social Work Programme, St. Thomas University, (1988)

# **EMPLOYMENT**

## Osgoode Hall Law School

July 2002 to present

Position: Assistant Professor

Duties include teaching Family Law I and Children and the Law, directing Osgoode's first year Legal Research and Writing Program, and supervising approximately three upper year students' directed research papers each academic year.

#### Osgoode Hall Law School

January to May 2002

Position: Adjunct Instructor - Civil Procedure I

Duties included preparing and delivering substantive civil procedure lectures as well as designing and grading the civil procedure course examination.

### Osgoode Hall Law School

January 2000 to December 2002

Position: Adjunct Instructor - Family Law I

Duties included preparing and delivering substantive family law lectures as well as designing and grading the family law course examination.

# Osgoode Hall Law School

May 1997 to present

Position: Parent Information Program Coordinator

Duties include preparing instructors' seminar script and participants' materials for a program designed to provide family law and parenting information to separating parents; designing and implementing the evaluation of the project; supervising research and administrative assistants; recruiting and arranging training of seminar instructors; financial management of program; and communicating with members of the judiciary, members of the bar, government personnel and community service organizations respecting the program.

### Federal Department of Justice - Child Support Team

December 1997 to present

Position: Case Law Summaries Principal Researcher

Duties include reviewing on a monthly basis all cases involving the new Federal Child Support Guidelines as well as cases dealing with other related legislative provisions such as the *Income Tax Act*; summarizing and analyzing all major judicial decisions which interpret and apply these provisions; providing ongoing legal advice on child support issues; and providing advice and analysis on policy options respecting the judicial application of the Guidelines and the *Divorce Act*.

#### Osgoode Hall Law School

July, 1993 to May, 1994; July, 1994 to May, 1995; and July, 1995 to May, 1996

Position: Legal Research and Writing Instructor

Duties included preparing, in cooperation with four other instructors, written course materials; lecturing first year law students about fundamentals of legal research, analysis and writing; preparing and grading written assignments; organizing and supervising the first year moot program.

#### Zwicker, Evans & Lewis, Barristers & Solicitors

May, 1991 to August, 1992 Position: *Articling Student* 

Duties included court appearances in criminal, family and civil litigation matters; research; conducting pre-trial examinations; drafting legal documents and opinions; client consultations; organization of in-house precedent system.

# **PUBLICATIONS**

Parent Education Programs in Family Courts: Perils and Potential (D.Jur. Dissertation, 2005).

Legal Research and Writing Materials (Osgoode Hall Law School, 2002-2003; 2003-2004, 2004-2005; 2005-2006).

(with John D. Mc Camus and Patrick J. Monahan): Report to the Law Society of Upper Canada: Review of Policy Options pertaining to the Regulation of Paralegal Service Providers in Ontario (March, 2000).

"The Impact of NAFTA in the Private Law Context" in *Canada in the Changing International Arena* (University of Waterloo and Wilfred Laurier University: Third Multidisciplinary Graduate Students' Conference, 1994).

"An International Bind: Article XXIV:12 of GATT and Canada" (1993) 25 Ottawa Law Review 315.

Conflict of Laws in Canada: The Case for an Interpretive Approach (LL.M. Thesis: University of Toronto, 1993).

Co-Author, Legal Research and Writing Materials (Osgoode Hall Law School, 1993-94; 1994-95; 1995-96).

# **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

"Children, Families and Emotional Harm" (June 2005 – CALT Conference).

"Shared Custody - The Search for a Magic Support Formula" (with Marlene Shiner) (July, 2000 - The Federation of Law Societies of Canada - National Family Law Program).

"Update on the Child Support Guidelines" (October, 1999 - Family Mediation Canada Annual Conference).

"Trends and Inconsistencies in Sections 8, 9 and 14(c) of the Federal Child Support Guidelines" (October 22, 1998 - Osgoode Hall Law School of York University: Professional Development Programme - *Recent Developments in Spousal and Child Support*).