

**C U R R I C U L U M V I T A E
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**Certified by the Law Society of Upper Canada as a Family Law Specialist
OAFM Accredited Family Mediator and Arbitrator
FDRIO Certified Specialist in Family Mediation**

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

April 2019 – Present Gelman & Associates – Senior Associate
Practice restricted to family law and divorce
Comprehensive family law mediator and arbitrator,
including custody, support and property issues
Private legal representation of children in contested
custody matters
Interview children and prepare Voice of the Child
Reports for litigation, mediation and arbitration

August 2018 – Present **Contract Mediator**
mediate393 inc.
Provision of family mediation services to parties at
Ontario Court of Justice and Superior Court of Justice

September 2017 – 2018 **Ontario Bar Association Family Law Section**
Co-editor “Matrimonial Affairs”

August 2016 – March 2019 **Beard Winter LLP**
Practice restricted to family law

January 2008 – August 2016 **Basman Smith LLP**
Practice restricted to family law

January 2012 - Present **Creator and Contributor**
Toronto Family Law Blog
Website and blog addressing complex and challenging
family law issues
www.torontofamilylawblog.ca

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- 2014 onwards** **Preferred Defence Counsel
Lawyers' Professional Indemnity Company**
Defence of family law solicitor's negligence cases for LawPro (the insurer)
- November 2010 – Present** **Dispute Resolution Officer
Ontario Superior Court of Justice**
Hear all first case conferences for motions to change and other conferences, identify outstanding issues and, if possible, resolve them on consent
- January 2008 - Present** **Family Arbitration Domestic Violence Screener**
Conduct domestic violence screening for parties as required by the *Arbitrations Act*
Latest re-certification January, 2018
- February 2006 - Present** **Parenting Co-Ordinator**
Assist parents in implementing previously agreed to or court ordered parenting plans
Manage and arbitrate issues pursuant to the plan
- 2006-2007** **Family Law Associate
Basman Smith LLP**
Practice all aspects of family law
- January 2002 - Present** **Adjunct Professor
University Of Toronto Faculty Of Social Work**
Teacher/Trainer for the Continuing Education Certificate in Therapeutic Family Mediation
- September 2006 –
May 2007** **Adjunct Professor
University Of Toronto
Faculties Of Law And Social Work**
Developed and taught Family Mediation Course
Mediation theory and practice course for students in both the law (LLB) and social work (MSW) faculties
- March 2002 - 2010** **Mediator and Counsellor
Howard H. Irving Ph.D. And Associates**
Involved in co-counselling and mediation with Dr. Irving.
Conduct solo financial mediation, solo custody and

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access mediation and solo counselling.

December 1997 - 2006

Family Law Associate

Epstein Cole LLP, Barristers

Practice all aspects of family law, as well as defence of family law solicitor's negligence

Organized, developed and taught in-house continuing education programs for associates and articling students

Arranged in-house training initiatives

1998 to 2001

Adjunct Professor

**Combined Law/Social Work Program (LL.B./M.S.W.)
University Of Toronto**

Faculties Of Law And Social Work

Developed, prepared and taught the seminar course "The Intersections of Law and Social Work" for students in the third and fourth year of the combined program

1995- November 1997

Family Law Associate (1996-1997)

Borden & Elliott

Articled Student 1995-1996

Summer Student May-August 1994

EDUCATION:

January 20, 2018

Screening for Domestic Violence and Power Imbalances
Bi-annual Arbitrator Recertification

January 19, 2018

Screening Training for Family Arbitrators Refresher
Riverdale Mediation

June 2017

Accredited as a Certified Specialist in Family Mediation
Family Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario

October 7 & 8, 2016

**Children Resisting Post-Separation Contact
Controversies, Assessment & Intervention**

Two day small group workshop including case studies, research, legal and mental health approaches intervention strategies for children who resist post-separation contact. Barbara Jo Fidler, Ph.D., C.Psych., Acc.FM.

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- March 2016** **Accredited as Comprehensive Family Mediator**
Ontario Association for Family Mediation
- November 26, 2015** **Best Practices in Family Mediation/Arbitration**
Family Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario
One day small group workshop. First of its kind in Ontario.
Aspects of the particular dispute resolution process that is
mediation/arbitration
- July 12-19, 2014** **Advanced Family Law Trial Advocacy Certificate**
Family Law Trial Advocacy Institute
*National Institute for Trial Advocacy and American Bar
Association Family Law Section*
Intensive Professional Training Certificate Program in Family
Law Trial Skills
Boulder, Colorado, U.S.A.
- April 29, 2014** **Civil Litigation Skills Certificate**
Law Society of Upper Canada/Advocates' Society
- November 2009**
onwards **Certified Specialist in Family Law**
Law Society of Upper Canada
Certified as a specialist in all aspects of domestic relationships
within or outside marriage such as separation and divorce,
property issues, support issues, child custody and access, and
domestic contracts
- November 2009** **Advanced Level Family Negotiation And Mediation**
Certificate
Riverdale Mediation
An intensive 21-hour skills-based course using actors to
provide hands-on experience in mediation and negotiation
simulations, including extensive coaching and feedback.
Topics include: high conflict; complex facts and law; the voice
of the child; advanced practice & ethics; liability update
- January-February 2006** **Parent Co-Ordination Training**
16 hour practice-focused training seminar for mental health
practitioners
Trained by Dr. Barbara Fidler & Linda Chodos

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- July 2003** **Collaborative Law Level I Training**
Training for Level I Collaborative Family Law Practice
Trained by Victoria Smith
- April 2001** **Family Mediation Certificate**
CDR Associates
40-hour comprehensive divorce mediation training
Divorce and Child Custody Mediation
Boulder, Colorado, U.S.A
- October 1999** **Ontario Centre For Advocacy Training**
1999 Written Advocacy Workshop Participant
3 day intensive written appeal level advocacy course
- September 1996-** **Ontario Bar Admission Course**
December 1996
Law Society of Upper Canada
Admitted to the Ontario Bar in February, 1997
- 1991-1995** **Bachelor Of Laws**
University of Toronto, Faculty of Law
Placed Third in Third Year
Recipient of the Baker & Baker Award for Excellence
in Family Law
- 1991-1995** **Master Of Social Work**
University Of Toronto, Faculty of Social Work
Master's Thesis: "Custody and Access Assessments: An
Interdisciplinary Analysis"
- 1988-1991** **Bachelor of Arts (French Language and Literature)**
University Of Western Ontario
Dean's Honour Role

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

- May 23, 2018** **Grey Divorce: What Do You Need to Know?**
Presentation at the Institute of Law Clerks of Ontario
Conference
- January 2018** **Article Co-author: Connections: Society for Estate and
Trust Practitioners Newsletter**
Case Comment *Stajduhar v. Wolfe*
- October 23, 2017** **Co-Chair: Law Society of Upper Canada Program**
Advanced and Complex Issues in Domestic Contracts
- June 2017** **Article: Advocate Daily**
“Legal Costs for Self-Represented Litigants in Family Law”
- May 2017** **Article: Advocate Daily**
“Title Trumps: The Effect of Placing Property in Joint
Tenancy”
- May 2017** **Article: Advocate Daily**
“Weak OCL Reports Damages the Chances of Settlement”
- April 2017** **Article: Advocate Daily**
“Treat High Conflict Parents Like Children”
- Spring 2017** **Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto**
Giving Advice Professional Advisors Newsletter
“How to Protect Gifts and Inheritances in Family Law”
- April 2017** **Article: Advocate Daily**
“Stop the Use of Cellphone Videoing in Custody Cases”
- March 2017** **Article: Lawyers Daily**
“Grandparent Access and the new Legislation”
- March 2017** **Interview: Advocate Daily**
“Use of Paralegals in Family Law: Comments on the Bonkalo
Report”

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- February 21, 2017** **Law Society of Upper Canada**
Family Law Practice Basics
Updated Paper and presenter “Steps to Commencing Proceedings”
- February 2017** **Interview: Advocate Daily**
“Jennifer Samara Shuber marks two decades of giving clients a voice”
- Current** **Torontofamilylawblog.ca**
Regular blog posts on family law topics
- September 2016** **Article: Connections: Society for Estate and Trust Practitioners Newsletter**
Top Ten Family Law Tips for Estate and Trust Practitioners Part II
- May 2016** **Article: Connections: Society for Estate and Trust Practitioners Newsletter**
Top Ten Family Law Tips for Estate and Trust Practitioners Part I
- February 26, 2016** **Law Society of Upper Canada**
Family Law Practice Basics
Paper and presenter “Steps to Commencing Proceedings”
- January 22, 2016** **Interview Published: Lawyers Weekly**
Women Continue to Face Challenges Moving Up
- December 15, 2015** **Ontario/Canadian Bar Association Newsletter**
Article: Voice of the Child Reports and the Kid’s Perspective
- October 29, 2015** **Interview: Advocate Daily**
The Role of Religion in Custody Disputes
- October 16, 2015** **Interview: Lawyers Weekly**
Barriers to Women in the Legal Profession
- September 15, 2015** **Interview: Advocate Daily**
Voice of the Child Reports

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- July 24, 2015** **Lawyer's Weekly**
Article: False Child Abuse Allegations in Contested Custody Cases
- February 23, 2015** **Law Times**
Article: Lawyers Awaiting Resolution of Mother Risk Controversy
- May 13, 2014** **CIBC Wood Gundy Presentation**
Family Law for Investment Advisors
- February 2014** **Canadian Lawyer 4Students Magazine**
Article: Family law is constantly evolving and presenting new challenges
- January 2014** **Advocate Daily**
Article: Parental alienation cases require creative counsel
- December 6, 2013** **Six Minute Family Lawyer Program**
Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto, Ontario
Paper: Parental Alienation Update: what are the courts doing?
about this emotional abuse of children?
- July 20, 2012** **Lawyer's Weekly**
Article: Ontario Court of Appeal Declines Custody Jurisdiction
- November 7, 2011** **Getting Costs in the New World of Proportionality**
Ontario Bar Association
Paper and Presenter: The ABCS of Costs in Family Law
- September 23, 2011** **Lawyer's Weekly**
Article: The Voice of the Child in Family Court
- April 2010** **Post City Magazines**
Article: Family Law: Making an Informed Decision
- March 2009** **Ontario Bar Association Alternate Dispute Resolution**

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Article: Arbitrators Consulting with Lawyers: Who is actually making the award?

December 10, 2008

**The Essentials of Settlement
Ontario Bar Association**

Paper and Lecturer: Settlement in Family Law

December 3, 2008

**Six Minute Family Lawyer Program
Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto, Ontario**

Paper co-author: Considerations for Joint Retainer in Family Law

September 12, 2008

Lawyer's Weekly

Article: How to Select a Family Law Mediator/Arbitrator

April 23, 2008

**Family Law and the Child Program
Ontario Bar Association**

Paper and lecturer: Dispute Resolution Mechanisms in Custody and Access

MEMBERSHIPS

September 2017 – Present

**Ontario Bar Association: Family Law Section
Executive Member**

September 2017 – Present

**Ontario Bar Association Alternative Dispute
Resolution Section**

Member of:

Advocates Society
Association for Conflict Resolution
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Canadian Bar Association/ Ontario Bar Association
Family Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario
Family Mediation Canada
Family Service Association
Former Custody and Access Panel Lawyer: Office of the Children's Lawyer
Former Committee Member: Canadian Friends of Hebrew University –
Women an Agenda for Change
Former Family Law Working Group Member: Office of the Attorney General
Forest Hill Jewish Centre

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Jewish Women's Renaissance Project.
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