

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**JENNIFER SAMARA SHUBER**  
**B.A. LL.B. M.S.W. C.S. Acc.F.M.**

**Certified by the Law Society of Upper Canada as a Family Law Specialist**  
**OAFM Accredited Family Mediator and Arbitrator**

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**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

<b>August 2016 – Present</b>	<b>Partner</b> <b>Beard Winter LLP</b> Practice restricted to family law, divorce and defence of family law solicitor's negligence 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
<b>January 2008 – August 2016</b>	<b>Partner</b> <b>Basman Smith LLP</b> Practice restricted to family law
<b>January 2012 - Present</b>	<b>Creator and Contributor</b> <b>Toronto Family Law Blog</b> Website and blog addressing complex and challenging family law issues <a href="http://www.torontofamilylawblog.ca">www.torontofamilylawblog.ca</a>
<b>2014 onwards</b>	<b>Preferred Defence Counsel</b> <b>Lawyers' Professional Indemnity Company</b> Defence of family law solicitor's negligence cases for LawPro (the insurer)

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- 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 30, 2016
- 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 access mediation and solo counselling.

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**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:**

**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**

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*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

**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

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- 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

**RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:**

- Current**                            **Torontofamilylawblog.ca**  
Regular blog posts on family law topics
- May 2016**                        **Article: 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**

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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: Advocates 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: Advocates Daily**  
Voice of the Child Reports
- 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

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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**  
**Section Newsletter Vol. 17 No. 2**  
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**

Member of:    Advocates Society  
                  Association for Conflict Resolution  
                  Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
                  Canadian Bar Association/ Ontario Bar Association

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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

Jewish Women's Renaissance Project.

Law Society of Upper Canada

Ontario Association for Family Mediation

Ontario College of Social Workers