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OVERVIEW OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Graduate of the University of Guelph with a **Master of Science, Marriage and Family Therapy** (1992).
- Experience conducting *child custody and access investigations and assessments*, continuous since 1996 (**300+ assessments**)
- **Appointed to the Clinical Panel** of the Office of the Children's Lawyer, continuous since 1998.
- **Qualified as an Expert Witness** by the Courts to render opinions on matters of child custody and access.
- Private Practice: Parenting Coordination and Custody/Access Assessments
- 12 years post-graduate counselling practice working with parents and children on issues inclusive of separation and divorce.
- Instructed university courses in abnormal psychology, human development, behavior modification, sexuality and communication; marital and family relations.
- Community Service: Police Constable, Brantford Police Service – Auxiliary Unit.

EDUCATION and PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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| 2008 | Parenting Coordination Foundations. Toronto, Ontario. |
| 2003 | Alternative Dispute Resolution: Mediation and Negotiation, Level 1 & 2. Conrad Grebel College, University of Waterloo. |
| 1996 | Registered Marriage and Family Therapist (Canadian Registry #23238), Ontario Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.
Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Master's or Doctoral degree in marital and family therapy from an accredited university program.➤ minimum 2 years professional work experience in marital and family therapy following receipt of required degree.➤ successful completion of at least 200 hours of approved supervision of minimum 1,000 hours of face-to-face marital and family therapy; two professional endorsements. |

- 1990-92 **Master of Science, Marriage and Family Therapy.** University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario.
Program content included courses in:
- family development and family interactional patterns across the life span;
 - marital and family therapy theory and methodology, family assessment, family treatment and intervention;
 - human development, personality, behaviour and sexuality;
 - ethical and legal issues; research design and methodology; statistical analysis.
- 1985-88 **Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Psychology.** University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario.

CURRENT WORK EXPERIENCE

Sept 96 - **Clinical Investigator**, Office of the Children's Lawyer, Ministry of
Present the Attorney General, Toronto, Ontario.

Appointed to the Clinical Panel, a body of select clinicians deemed specialists in family and parent-child dynamics with particular expertise in the investigation of child custody and access matters from the perspective of the best interests of the child. Investigate and give opinion evidence pursuant to s. 11(2) and s. 89(3.1) of the *Courts of Justice Act*.
Appointed: 1998-00; 00-02; 02-04; 04-06; 06-09; 09-12.

- **Qualified as an Expert Witness** by the Ontario Court of Justice, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, and the Ontario Superior Court of Justice – Family Court, to give opinion evidence on child custody and access issues.
- **Court Appearances:**
 - *Ontario Superior Court of Justice*, Welland: 22/10/08.
 - *Ontario Superior Court of Justice*, (Family Court) Brantford: 12/06/08; 26/5/04.
 - *Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Family Court*, St. Catharines: 1/5/08; 8/9/05.
 - *Ontario Superior Court of Justice – Family Court*, Hamilton: 11/01/11; 6/01/10; 24/01/08; 14/5/02.
 - *Ontario Superior Court of Justice*, Simcoe: 11/10/09
 - *Ontario Court of Justice*, Simcoe: 1/6/07; 6/12/00.
 - *Ontario Court of Justice*, Brantford: 10/12/10; 14/5/08; 23/11/06; 9/4/03.
 - *Ontario Court of Justice*, Kitchener: 27/11/01.
 - *Ontario Court (Provincial Division)*, Brampton: 25/2/99.

- August 00 - **Private Custody and Access Assessments**, Private Practice,
Present Brantford, Ontario
- Pursuant to a Court Order under S. 30 CLRA or by private agreement between the parties - assess, report and give opinion evidence on the best interests of children in child custody and access proceedings.
- October 08 - **Parent Coordination & Family Mediation**, Private Practice,
Present Brantford, Ontario

PAST CLINICAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- Sept 02 - **University Professor**, Wilfrid Laurier University (Brantford
Apr 05 Campus), Psychology Department. Brantford, Ontario.
Abnormal Psychology (Fall 2002); Behavior Modification (Fall 2004); Adolescent Development (Winter 2005).
- Jan 95 - **Individual, Couple and Family Counsellor**, Family Services
Nov 04 of Hamilton-Wentworth Inc. Hamilton, Ontario.
- Oct 93 - **Mental Health Counsellor**, Bruce Primary Mental Health
Dec 94 Counselling Service. Walkerton, Ontario
- May 93 - **Social Worker**, Department of Social Work, Child and Family
Aug 93 Team, Woodstock General Hospital. Woodstock, Ontario.
- Nov 92 - **Marriage and Family Therapist**, Marriage and Family Services of
Mar 93 Haldimand-Norfolk. Simcoe, Ontario.
- May 92 - **Marriage and Family Therapy Intern**, Department of Family and
Sept 92 Community Medicine, University of Toronto.
- Sept 90 - **Marriage and Family Therapy Intern**, Marriage and Family Therapy
Apr 92 Centre, University of Guelph. Guelph, Ontario.
- June 89 - **Family Services Co-Ordinator**, Portage Therapeutic Community
June 90 Drug Treatment Centre and Open Custody. Elora, Ontario.
- May 88 - **Probation Officer**, Ministry of Correctional Services, Guelph
June 89 Probation and Parole. Guelph, Ontario.
- Feb 86 - **Child Care Worker**, Casatta Cambridge Open Custody.
May 88 Cambridge, Ontario.

PROFESSIONAL CONTINUING CLINICAL EDUCATION

April 6, 2011.

“Make Room For Daddy: Clinical Considerations and Legal Challenges for Father’s in the Family Justice System”, as presented by Dr. Diane Benoit. Toronto.

March 2, 3, 4 & 5, 2011

“Family Law Course for Parenting Coordinators, Mediators and Assessors” as presented by Hilary Linton, Riverdale Mediation. Toronto.

October 22, 2010

“Best Practices of Custody and Access Investigations”. Clinical Investigator Training presented by the Office of the Children’s. Hamilton.

April 28, 2010

“It’s All Your Fault! Managing High Conflict People Within a Legal and Clinical Context” as presented by William A. Eddy. Toronto.

April 23, 2010

“Alienation: Implications For Assessment and Treatment” as presented by Dr. Leslie Drozd and Dr. Nancy Olesen. Clinical Investigator Training sponsored by the Office of the Children’s Lawyer.

October 27, 2009

“Joint Custody, Observations and Case Law”. Clinical Investigator Training presented by the Office of the Children’s. Hamilton.

May 21, 2009

“Improving Your Interviews With Children” as presented by Ms. Mindy Mitnick. Training presented by the Office of the Children’s Lawyer, Toronto.

April 3, 2009

“Improving the Lives of Children and Families In Conflict”. AFCC Conference, Toronto, Ontario.

November 27, 2008

“Smokescreen or Fire: Allegations of Domestic Violence and Child Sexual Abuse in High Conflict Divorcing Families”. Presented by Dr. P. Jaffe and Ms. M. Mitnick. Toronto, Ontario.

October 24 & 25, 2008

“Screening For Domestic Violence and Power Imbalances”. Trained by Mr. Gary Drenfeld and Ms. Medora Uppal, Hamilton, Ontario.

April 22, 2008

“Techniques in Interviewing”. Clinical Investigator training presented by the Office of the Children’s Lawyer. Hamilton, Ontario.

January 24 and 25, 2008

“Parenting Coordination Training: Foundations”. Trained by Dr. Barbara Fiddler and Ms. Linda Chodos. Toronto, Ontario.

November 9, 2007

“High Conflict Divorcing Families: Practical Strategies to Prevent Alienation”. Presented by Matthew J. Sullivan, Ph.D., Toronto, Ontario.

May 30, 2007

“Legal Skills Training and Conducting Disclosure Meetings”. Clinical Investigator training presented by the Office of the Children’s Lawyer, Hamilton, Ontario.

October 17, 2006

“Conducting Valid Home Observation Visits”. Clinical Investigator training presented by the Office of the Children’s Lawyer. London, Ontario.

October 4, 2006

“Violence Hurts: Domestic Violence and Its Impact On Children” and “Parenting Plans in Family Violence Cases”. Presented by Dr. Peter Jaffe, Brantford, Ontario.

June 8, 2006

“High Performance Collaborative Law Teams”. Presented by Richard Shields, LLB. Burlington, Ontario

April 26, 2006

“Divorce Poison: Clinical and Legal Considerations of Working with Families of Alienated Children”. Presented by Dr. Richard Warshak, Toronto, Ontario.

October 19, 2005

“Joint Custody and Parental Alienation: Special Issues”. Clinical Investigator training, Office of the Children’s Lawyer, Hamilton, Ontario.

May 13, 2005

“No Easy Answers: The Long-Term Effects of Divorce on Children and Families”. Presented by Constance Ahrons, Ph.D, Ottawa, Ontario.

November 4 & 5, 2004

“Working Strategically With High Conflict Couples in Custody and Access Proceedings”. Presented by Jerome Price, Officer of the Children’s Lawyer Clinical Training, Toronto, Ontario.

June 10, 2004

“Disclosure and Settlement Meetings: Best Practices”. Clinical Investigator training, Office of the Children’s Lawyer, Toronto, Ontario.

March 5, 2004

“Common Goals: Distinct Roles – Social Work Meets Law”. McMaster University School of Social Work, Hamilton, Ontario.

November 26, 2003

“Back to Basics for the Seasoned Practitioner”. Clinical Investigator training, Office of the Children’s Lawyer, Hamilton, Ontario

July 7-12, 2003

“Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Level 1 & 2, Mediation & Negotiation Skills”. Institute of Peace & Conflict Studies, Conrad Grebel College, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario.

May 7, 2003

“Testifying In Court”. Clinical Investigator training, Office of the Children’s Lawyer, Hamilton, Ontario.

December 3, 2002

“Child Molesters”, seminar by Dr. Stephen Hucker, Forensic Psychiatrist, MUMC. Clinical Investigator training, Office of the Children’s Lawyer, Hamilton, Ontario.

June 11, 2002

“Influence of developmental stages upon access schedules”. Clinical Investigator training, Office of the Children’s Lawyer, Hamilton, Ontario.

October 23, 2001

“Children and Loss: Where Did My Family Go?” presented by Linda Janzen and Cara Grosset. Social Work Agent Training, Office of the Children’s Lawyer, Hamilton, Ontario.

May 24, 2001

“Social Worker/Lawyer Cooperation and Assessing For Parental Alienation”. Combined Social Worker & Counsel Training, Office of the Children’s Lawyer, St. Catharine’s, Ontario.

January 25, 2001

"Domestic Violence Issues in Custody and Access" presented by Melikie Joseph, M.S.W. and Detective Inspector Kate Lines. Social Work Agent Training, Ministry of the Attorney General, Office of the Children's Lawyer. London, Ontario

November 9 & 10, 2000

"Families of High-Conflict Divorce". Conference presented by Carla Garrity and Mitchell Baris. Niagara-On-The-Lake, Ontario.

April 18, 2000

"Assessing Parent-Infant Attachment" presented by Dr. Diane Benoit, Toronto Hospital For Sick Children. Social Work Agent Training, Ministry of the Attorney General, Office of the Children's Lawyer. Toronto, Ontario.

November 5, 1999

"Supervised Access". Social Work Agent Training, Ministry of the Attorney General, Office of the Children's Lawyer. Hamilton, Ontario.

June 7, 1999

"In the Name of the Child". Conference presented by Janet Johnson and Nicholas Bala on understanding and working with high-conflict families. Social Work Agent Training, Ministry of the Attorney General, Office of the Children's Lawyer. Toronto, Ontario.

November 26, 1998

"Social Work and Legal Assists". Social Work Agent Training, Ministry of the Attorney General, Office of the Children's Lawyer. St. Catharines, Ontario.

May 13, 1998

"Psychiatric Issues in Custody and Access". Social Work Agent Training, Ministry of the Attorney General, Office of the Children's Lawyer. Kitchener, Ontario.

April 24 & 25, 1998

"Social Work Agent Basic Training". Ministry of the Attorney General, Office of the Children's Lawyer. Toronto, Ontario.

Dec. 6, 1997

Social Work Agent Training: Ministry of the Attorney General, Office of the Children's Lawyer. Hamilton, Ontario.

Nov. 20, 1997

"Interviewing Children". Social Work Agent Training, Ministry of the Attorney General, Office of the Children's Lawyer. St. Catharines, Ont.

May 15, 1997

"Social Work Assists and Settlement Processes". Social Work Agent Training, Ministry of the Attorney General, Office of the Children's Lawyer. Hamilton, Ontario.