

## DID YOU KNOW.....

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1. Here is the latest news regarding 393 University (from the September 22, 2011 Bench and Bar meeting):
  - a. they are booking Case Conferences (CC) from November 23<sup>rd</sup> onwards;
  - b. you can have a DRO CC any Wednesday;
  - c. Justice Jarvis will be there for 3 weeks in November, starting November 14<sup>th</sup>, to help with the backlog and hear urgent CCs, any day of the week;
  - d. they are booking short trials from February 20, 2012 on;
  - e. they are booking long trials from February 27, 2012 on; and
  - f. they are booking long motions from March 2, 2012 on. If you have a Judge's endorsement, they will use a Tuesday or a Thursday for a long motion and that will get you in sooner than March, 2012 on a Monday.
  - g. Justice Kruzick is going supernumerary and is coming to 393 this month; and,
  - h. the renovations are still underway so what you see is not the end product. Work is still being done on the FLIC offices and they are looking into ways in which to integrate the DRO and Mediation Services;
  
2. There are changes to the *Child and Family Services Act* and *Family Law Rules* and forms which came into effect on September 1, 2011. In summary, the regulation makes the following changes:
  - a. Rule 8.1 has been amended to require family law litigants throughout the province to attend a mandatory information program.
  - b. Rules 14 and 17 have been amended to make conferences and Form 14B motions work more effectively.
  - c. Rule 19 has been amended to exempt children's aid societies and the Office of the Children's Lawyer from having to produce an affidavit of documents on demand.
  - d. Rule 20.1 has been added to clarify the duties and role of expert witnesses.

- e. Rules 7 and 34 have been amended to implement Bill 179, An Act to amend the *Child and Family Services Act* respecting adoption and the provision of care and maintenance.

In addition, the following court forms have either been amended or created:

- i. Form 8D.2: Notice of intention to place a child for adoption
- ii. Form 8D.3: Notice to child of intention to place for adoption
- iii. Form 8D.4: Notice of termination of access
- iv. Form 20.1: Acknowledgement of expert's duty
- v. Form 33B.2: Answer (*Child and Family Services Act* other than child protection and status review)
- vi. Form 34E: Director's consent to adoption
- vii. Form 34G.1: Affidavit of society employee for adoption of a Crown ward
- viii. Form 34K: Certificate of clerk (adoption)
- ix. Form 34L: Application for openness order
- x. Form 34M: Consent to openness order under s. 145.1 of the *Child and Family Services Act*
- xi. Form 34M.1: Consent to openness order under s. 145.1.2 of the *Child and Family Services Act*

All of these forms can be found at [www.ontariocourtforms.on.ca](http://www.ontariocourtforms.on.ca).

3. APCO - Access for Parents and Children in Ontario (supervised access centres provider), is relocating their head office to 100 Sheppard Avenue East, Suite 504 in North York M2N 6N5. Effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, all clients and lawyers are required to send their court orders, letters and all other documents to their new contact information. To see a copy of the notice visit: <http://www.accessforparentsandchildren.on.ca/>
4. Here's what you need to know about how to become a Mandatory Information Program (MIP) Presenter for 393 University: Mediate393 is now providing Family Mediation and Information Services at 393 University Avenue. As part of the delivery of mediation services, we are also responsible for providing the MIPs. The MIP helps families learn about the effects of separation on children and adults and the options available to them to resolve their disputes. The presentation has been prepared by the Ministry of the Attorney General with a detailed accompanying script.

The program is held on Monday and Wednesday evenings every second week from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at 361 University Avenue. Each presentation requires both a lawyer and mental health professional. A brief training session is required. In addition to taking the Mandatory Information Program Training, presenters must complete the government of Ontario's Serve-ability training which provides accessibility standards for customer service. Lawyers receive 1 hour of professionalism credit under the LSUC guidelines and an additional .5 hours of professionalism and 3.5 hours of substantive credit for the presentation.

If you are interested in being part of the presentation roster, please email [info@mediate393.ca](mailto:info@mediate393.ca) with your contact details.

5. There is a private Google Chat Group where lawyers - members of the group can hold discussions (much like a listserv). Whether they are different opinions, questions, or new events in the family law community, everything can be posted in this group and every member can participate. The goal of this group is to encourage fellowship, awareness and increased collegial discourse among Fmembers. To find out more visit: <http://flao.org/board-activity/>
6. There will be a fall social for family law lawyers on October 27, 2011 at Alice Fazooli's in downtown Toronto (free munchies, cash bar). To find out more visit: <http://flao.org/news-and-events/>