

On Monday, January 12, 2004, at 7:00 pm, the Family Justice Review Committee will present an information session relating to family law of interest to members of the general public

How to mount a persuasive custody case in family court

Featuring guest speaker, Gene C. Colman, family law lawyer

Information to be presented at this informative public presentation will include:

- **The ten most frequent errors made by both self represented litigants and by lawyers**
- **Before the court process starts: The best strategies prior to a claim being issued**
- **Starting the case – choosing the right forum**
- **The advantages and disadvantages of Mediation and Collaborative Law**
- **The best strategies after a claim has been issued**
- **The interim custody motion – why the interim motion is nothing less than crucial; what evidence to present; how to present your evidence; how to capture the judge's interest; being persuasive without being longwinded**
- **Pre-Trial Procedures – documents; oral discovery or questioning; case conferences; settlement conference; trial management conference**
- **Effective use of school records and resources**
- **Effective use of community professionals**
- **Custody/Access Assessment: Will it be helpful or harmful to your case?**
- **Is there a better way to settle your custody dispute?**
- **An open discussion period will follow where those attending can speak to Mr. Colman and discuss matters with other concerned citizens from the community.**

About the Guest Speaker, Mr. Gene Colman

Gene C. Colman is an experienced family law lawyer who has a special interest in shared parenting. A published author of many articles and an accomplished public speaker, Mr. Colman will bring to this public gathering his unique perspective concerning the dynamics of child custody cases in our legal system. He has struggled valiantly for the cause of joint custody since the mid '80's. He is a former panel lawyer with the Official Guardian's office (now the Office of the Children's Lawyer). He has had extensive involvement in both the child welfare and general streams of custody dispute resolution. His presentation will interest anyone concerned with the state of family law in Canada today as well as all who have or will be involved in child custody/access disputes or who have someone dear to them who fits that description.

Meeting Location

Reimer Corporate Office building, 5500 North Service Rd., Burlington, Ontario. Meeting room is located on the ground floor of building.

Directions

From the QEW Highway exit at Burloak Rd. interchange. Then go north from the QEW and turn left (west) on the North Service Rd. The Reimer building is just a short distance down the road on the left hand side. There is lots of free parking available on the premises.

Meeting time

Doors open to the public at 6:15 pm. Presentation begins at approximately 7:00 pm. and will end at approximately 9:30 pm.

Admission

A \$3 donation at the door is welcomed to help cover some of the costs in hosting this event. Seating will be on a first come, first serve basis. This is a public presentation and all interested members of the public are most welcome.

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