

The Impact of COVID-19 on Ontario's Court Related Services for Survivors of Family Violence

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Presenters



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Amanda Bruyns studied Psychology at Western University. She has pursued a career in the Ministry of the Attorney General funded Supervised Access Program at Merrymount Family Support and Crisis Centre since 2003. She is currently a member of the London Coordinating Committee to End Women Abuse (LCCEWA) and Joint Liaison Resource Committee.

Assisting families who are experiencing a high conflict separation or divorce and are having difficulties over custody and access arrangements continues to be a passion for Amanda. This passion contributes to her dedication to facilitating safe parenting time for children and parents.



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Tim Kelly has a clinical practice focusing on working with men who have used violence and control in both intimate relationships and as fathers for over 30 years. He is the Executive Director of Changing Ways, a social service agency for men who abuse women in Ontario, and Manager of the Family Violence Counseling Program at the Oxford County Children's Aid society.

He is one of the co-developers and trainer leaders for Caring Dads: Helping Fathers Value Their Children. Caring Dads is a group intervention program that focusses on the working with father who has harmed their children either directly or through exposing them to intimate partner violence.



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Julie Lee (she/her), is a family law lawyer in London, Ontario. She graduated from Western Law in 1999, and subsequently clerked with the Honourable Mr Justice Frank Iacobucci at the Supreme Court of Canada. Since 2018, she has worked as Review Counsel at Western Law's Community Legal Services (Family). In this role Julie supervises and collaborates with Western clinical law students offering family law representation to community clients. Prior to joining Western's CLS, Julie was a sole practitioner with particular emphasis on the family law issues of parenting disputes; child protection, and as a panel member appointed to represent children with the Office of the Children's Lawyer.



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Associate Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School. She is the co-founder and current co-director of the Feminist Advocacy: Ending Violence Against Women clinical program that runs in partnership with the Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic. Her research focuses on law and gender-based violence, access to justice for marginalized populations, welfare policy (the intersections of poverty and violence against women in particular), women's homelessness, and legal aid. She is currently a co-investigator on a research project exploring the access to justice barriers experienced by survivors of domestic violence when they must navigate multiple legal systems (family, criminal, child welfare, and immigration among them).



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