



**5th World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights**

**World Trade and Convention Centre  
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada  
23 – 26 August 2009**

## **Registration Brochure**

**Children Caught in Conflict**

**Streams**

**Children's Rights and Family Conflict  
Child Protection  
Responding to Difference  
Children of War**





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## Welcome from the Congress Co Chairs

The erosion of human rights and deprivation of liberty in times of adversity is often excused under the guise of necessity.

The maintenance and enforcement of human rights has a real cost in time, in money and in vigilance.

The present times of economic concern do not present an excuse for the deprivation of liberty any more than they provide an excuse to be indifferent about the future of our world in any aspect, particularly in sustaining its capacity to support humanity.

The future of this world can only be assured by the maintenance of rage against injustice and in a determination to so act that future generations will take to heart the example of this generation providing in its maintenance and support of the rights of the individual.

In no area is this more important than in the maintenance and support of the rights of children, rights which if respected in children will enable them to recognise and respect the rights of others as they become the future adults and leaders. The growth of such respect in turn, will lead to a better world, hopefully one less torn by conflict and uncontained greed.

The 5th World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights brings into congress again judges, lawyers, legislators, policy makers, mental health professionals and all those associated with the domestic and international recognition of innate rights. They come together to share knowledge to develop policy, to identify injustice and to seek solutions which are both achievable and lasting. The Congress is an instrument of not only the mutual education of its participants but also an instrument of public education and for shaping public opinion and action.

We offer you a warm invitation to join with us in this Congress to add your intellect, insight and your voice to the rigour of the debate and to the search with us for solutions to the problems of children in a world of conflict and increasing deprivation.

Take the opportunity to join in the formation of the resolutions of the Congress and leave, at its conclusion knowing that you have participated in seeking to make the lives of children the better for it.

### Congress Co-chairs



The Hon Justice Rod Burr AM



The Hon Justice Stuart Fowler AM



## Welcome from the Canadian Organising Committee

Halifax, the capital of Nova Scotia beckons. Nova Scotia loves visitors - you will be welcomed warmly. The World Congress gives you an opportunity to learn, and vacation at Canada's Ocean Playground.

There are many things to do - enjoy leisurely strolls along the boardwalk of Halifax Harbour, the world's second largest natural harbour, explore the immigration sheds at Pier 21 National Historic Site, visit the Marine Museum and experience the Titanic and Halifax Explosion, relive history at the Halifax Citadel, relax in the Public Gardens or Point Pleasant Park or browse through the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia.

Halifax is within a day's travel of a host of other experiences - the highest tides in the world in the Bay of Fundy, Peggy's Cove fishing village, the fishing town of Lunenburg (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), the chance to relive a day in the life of 1744 at the Fortress of Louisburg, the largest historic reconstruction of its kind in North America, journey around the Cabot Trail in Cape Breton Island.

Above all enjoy your visit!

Cad Mile Faille! A hundred thousand welcomes!



Justice Robert J. Williams



## Joint Directors of Studies – Welcome

Welcome to the 5th World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights in beautiful Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Since 1993, when the first World Congress was convened in Sydney, Australia, congress organisers have been impressed by the high standard of papers submitted and the sheer diversity of topics addressed. 2009 is no different.

The theme of the 5th World Congress is 'Children Caught in Conflict'. That conflict can take myriad forms. It can affect children who are caught up in their parents' acrimonious separation. It involves children and young people who wish to exercise agency and autonomy over their lives but, in so doing, may find themselves meeting opposition from their family, their peer group and institutions of government. It encompasses children who are the victims of, or at risk of, exploitation and abuse. It embraces the harrowing experience of children who have been drawn into armed conflict, including those of child soldiers. Recognising conflict, developing strategies to reduce it and mitigating the damage it has caused is the daunting task that faces us at this Congress.

In thinking critically about themes of conflict and discord, we are indeed fortunate to have presenters of remarkable calibre, representing a broad range of views and experiences. The Joint Directors of Studies were overwhelmed by the response received to the call for papers. Over 200 abstracts were submitted. As many speakers as possible have been accommodated and, in our view, that has enabled the production of a dynamic, thought-provoking and challenging programme. The conference proceedings will be made available through the lawrights website.

We join with the Congress chairs in wishing you a stimulating four days. We hope that your time in Halifax will reinforce the importance of your commitment to improving the lives of children around the world.

### The Joint Directors of Studies



The Hon. Chief Justice Diana Bryant QC,  
Family Court of Australia, Director of Studies



The Hon. Joseph Kay,  
former Judge, Family Court of Australia



## Keynote Speakers

We are delighted to announce the following keynote speakers for the congress:

The Rt. Hon. Beverly McLachlin P.C, Chief Justice of Canada

The Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG, former Justice of the High Court of Australia

Dr Alvin Zipursky, MD, Chairman and Scientific Director of the programme for Global Paediatric Research at the Hospital for Sick Children

Mr Phil Epstein QC, Partner Epstein Cole, Ontario, Canada

Dr Anne Kleinitz, Medecine Sans Frontiers, Australia

Mr Ibrahim Kamara, Lawyers Centre for Legal Assistance, Sierra Leone

Sir Mark Potter, President, Family Division, High Court of Justice, United Kingdom

Mr Justice Emile Kruzick (SCJ), Canada

Mr Justice Peter Boshier, Principal Family Court Judge, Family Court of New Zealand

Mr Justice George Czutin (SCJ), Canada

Judge Linda S. Fidnick, Probate and Family Court, Massachusetts, United States of America

Dr Joan Kelly, Psychologist, Researcher and Mediator, California, United States of America

Ms Jacqueline Pascarl, Empty Arms Network of Australia, Victoria, Australia

Ms Libby Spears, Playground Project, California, United States of America

The Hon. Justice Stuart Fowler, Family Court of Australia

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**Sunday 23rd August 2009**

## **Registration, Welcome and Opening Plenary**

<b>1100 – 1930</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>1530 – 1630</b>	<b>Opening Plenary</b> <b>Speaker: The Rt. Hon. Beverly McLachlin P.C. Chief Justice of Canada</b>
<b>1630 – 1730</b>	<b>Peter Nygh Memorial Lecture</b> <b>Speaker: The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG, Australia</b>
<b>1730 – 1800</b>	<b>Children's Rights International</b> <b>Speaker: The Hon. Justice Stuart Fowler AM, Australia</b>

## **Reception**

## **Parallel Sessions**

Changing Nature of Families (IVF & Single Mothers)  
Effects of Relocation on Children  
Religion & Children in Family Law  
Religious/XXX Societies (Witchcraft)  
Parental Chastisement  
Questioning the Value of International Human Rights Standards  
International Adoption  
Psychological Aspects on Children's Brain Development  
Surrogacy & Children  
Effects on Children with Shared Parenting  
Proactive Family Law  
Representing Children  
Comparative Family Law Reform  
Children's Voices in Family Law Cases  
Lesbian Parenting



## Day 1- Monday 24th August 2009

9.00am - 10.30am

### Plenary 1 – Vanduzer Memorial Oration

Title/Topic: The effect of armed conflict on child health and development

Speaker: **Dr Alvin Zipursky, M.D. (Canada)**

Title/Topic: Remedies for Parental Alienation.

Speaker: **Mr Phil Epstein QC (Canada)**

10.30am - 11.00am

Morning Tea

11.00am - 12.30pm

Parallel Sessions - Session 1

### Session 1.1

### Children's voices in family law cases - Session 1

Chair: TBC

#### Speakers:

**Christie, Ms. Suzanne (Australia)**

Whose obligation is it? Evaluating developments in the article 13 "objection defence" under the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.

**Farrugia, Dr. Ruth (Malta)**

Best interests on the battlefield: children's rights in family conflict.

**Fry, Ms. Deborah (Australia)**

Children's voices in Hague Convention International Child Abduction cases – An Australian experience.

### Session 1.2

### Children recruited to war: studies from a medical perspective

Chair: Dr Alvin Zipursky

#### Speakers:

**D'Harcourt, Dr. Emmanuel (USA)**

Childs Right to Life in War Affected Countries: Bridging the gap between rights and reality.

**De Silva, Prof. Harendra (Sri Lanka)**

What can be done internationally and locally to address the issues of child conscription?



### Session 1.3

### Value of international human rights standards

**Chair: TBC**

**Speakers:**

**Elliott, Mr John “Jay” (USA), Todres, Mr. Jonathan (USA) and Davidson, Mr Howard (USA)**

About Time: The prospects for US ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

**O’Mahony, Dr. Conor (Ireland)**

The challenge of constitutionalising children’s rights in Ireland.

**Marcus, The Hon. Justice Philip (Israel)**

We have duties toward children: But do children need rights?

**Zug, Prof. Marcia (USA)**

Deporting Grandma: Why grandparent deportation may be the next big immigration crisis and how to solve it.

### Session 1.4

### Comparative family law reform

**Chair: TBC**

**Speakers:**

**De Almeida, Prof. Susana (Portugal)**

The respect for (private and) family life in the European Court of Human Rights case-law: the protection of new forms of family.

**McRae, Ms Leslie (Canada)**

An evaluation of Alberta’s Family Law Act

**Shahbazinia, Prof. Morteza (Iran)**

Child protection and recent changes in Iran’s legislation with emphasis on child custody and marriage.

**Ogawa, Prof. Tomiyuki (Japan)**

Child custody issues at the time of divorce - from the point of view of the Japanese family law including international marriage breakdown.

### Session 1.5

### Intersex issues

**Chair: Sally Nicholes**

**Speakers:**

**Warne, Prof. Gary (Australia)**

Special medical procedures in relation to children with disorders of sex development and adolescents with transsexualism.

**Daniel, Ms Lucy (Australia)**

Medical treatment of intersex children: special medical procedure or the parents’ prerogative?

**Mason, Mr Paul (Australia)**

CROC and a right of genital autonomy.



12.30pm - 1.30pm

Lunch

1.30pm - 3.00pm

Parallel Sessions - Session 2

## Session 2.1 Children's voices in family law cases - Session 2

Chair: TBC

Speakers:

**Bernstein, Mr Marvin (Canada)**

**Goldson, Ms Jill (New Zealand)**

Child inclusion in parental conciliation: dispute resolution with a therapeutic outcome.

**Hensley, Ms Dale (Canada)**

A step towards best practice in balancing children's rights and best interests in high conflict families: Lessons learned in speaking for themselves pilot project.

**Novak, Ms Silvia (Canada)**

Seen but not heard? ...Children at the ADR table.

## Session 2.2 Miscellaneous

Chair: TBC

**Kraljiae, Dr Suzana (Slovenia)**

Responding to the difference: Summary and analysis of position of Roma children in Slovenia.

**Doron, Dr Hadas (Israel)**

Father involvement in family therapy.

**Maxwell, Prof. Kay (Australia)**

Counting the cost: Extending the financial obligations of parenthood.

**Pugach, Dr. Dana (Israel)**

Young crime victims and witnesses – the biggest dilemma?

**Silbermann, The Hon. Judge Jacqueline (USA)**

Child custody in contested matrimonials.

## Session 2.3 Adoption

Chair: TBC

Speakers:

**Cuthbert, Prof. Denise (Australia)**

'Here we go again...': Parallels between contemporary inter-country adoption and pre-reform era domestic adoption.

**Misca, Dr Gabriela (UK)**

Whose rights? Reflections on inter-country adoptions from a children's rights perspective.

**Wiegers, Prof. Wanda (Canada)**

Biological parents and third party custody and adoption disputes in Canada.

**Hamilton, Mr Donald (UK)**

Permanence planning for young children in Australia and the United Kingdom: Have the differences anything to teach us?



## Session 2.4

### Alternative models for courts & service planning issues in child protection

**Harawitz, Ms Cheryl (Canada) and Boshier, the Hon. Chief Family Court Judge Peter (New Zealand)**

Court alternative models and service planning issues in child protection.

(Panel discussion)

## Session 2.5

### Transgender issues and treatment

**Chair: TBC**

**Speakers:**

**Houk, Dr Christopher (USA) and Lee, Dr Peter (USA)**

Sanctioning of reversible endocrine therapy among adolescents with transsexualism: A method to avoid denying timely treatment.

**Houk, Dr Christopher (USA) and Lee, Dr Peter (USA)**

Providing appropriate care to DSD patients who had gender reassignment in the past.

**Di Ceglie, Dr Domenico (UK)**

Working at the edge: the management of gender identity disorder in young people.

**Spack, Dr. Norman (USA) & Edwards-Leeper, Dr. Laura (USA) –**

Lessons from Gender Management Service, a new clinic for DSD (intersex) and transgendered patients at a major academic paediatric centre.

## Session 2.6

### Miscellaneous

**Crichton, Mr Nicholas (UK)**

The children of drug and alcohol misusing parents.

**Birnbaum, Dr Rachel (Canada)**

Differentiation amongst “High Conflict” families.

**Dimba, Nombusu (South Africa)**

Working with AIDS orphans in South Africa.



3.00pm - 3.30pm

Afternoon Tea

3.30pm - 5.00pm

Parallel Sessions - Session 3

### Session 3.1

### Family Law Bar Association (UK) session

Chair: TBC

Speakers:

**Cobb, Mr Stephen QC (UK)**

English courts' treatment of the children of same sex couples.

**Hayden, Mr Anthony QC (UK)**

Use of accommodation (voluntary care) as opposed to compulsory orders.

**Singelton, Ms Sarah QC (UK)**

Children law and immigration law in the United Kingdom.

### Session 3.2

### Child trafficking & exploitation

Chair: TBC

Speakers:

**Pascoe, Chief Federal Magistrate John (Australia) and Bissell, Dr Susan (Italy)**

How trafficking in expecting women affects the rights of the child.

**Saeed, Ms Sheba (UK)**

Child beggars of Mumbai.

**Duca, Dr. Rita (Italy)**

The guardianship of unaccompanied migrant minors in the Italian legal system: law in the books and law in action in comparison.

**Yaqubi, Mr Baryalai (Afghanistan)**

Child labour in South Asia and Afghanistan.

### Session 3.3

### Children's brain development

Chair: TBC

Speakers:

**Clinton, Dr Jean (Canada) & Gibb, Dr Robbin (Canada)**

In the best interest of the child: Neuroscience and family law.

**Lightstone, Ms Susan (Canada)**

Child development and best interests decisions.

**Monahan, Federal Magistrate Geoff (Australia)**

Re-evaluating the reckless actions of children and the exuberance of youth.



### Session 3.4

### Alternative models for courts & service planning issues in child protection

Chair: TBC

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(Panel discussion)

### Session 3.5

### Changing nature of families

Chair: TBC

**Speakers:**

**Farber, Mr Stanley (Canada)**

Assisted human reproduction Canada – promoting the health, safety, dignity and rights of the children born from assisted human reproduction technologies

**Guichon, Dr Juliet (Canada)**

Children of assisted reproduction and the right to know one's origins.

**Kelly, Dr Fiona (Canada)**

(Re)forming Laws Family: The legal recognition of planned lesbian families in Canada.

**Papernow, Dr. Patricia (USA)**

Understanding and meeting the challenges for children in “blended families”.

**Moyal, Mrs Dena (Canada)**

Future child's rights in new productive technology: thinking outside the tube.

5.00pm

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**Programme Changes**

The organizers have the right to make changes to the programme at any time without reference.



## Day 2- Tuesday 25th August 2009

9.00 am - 10.30 am

### Plenary 2

Title/Topic: Female genital mutilation: abolishing this in one generation.

**Speaker: Dr Anne Kleinitz (Australia)**

Title/Topic: Triumphant over the causes and impact of traditional societies on the girl child.

**Speaker: Mr Ibrahim Kamara (Sierra Leone)**

10.30am - 11.00am

Morning Tea

11.00am - 12.30pm

Parallel Sessions - **Session 4**

### Session 4.1

### Current children's issues in the Caribbean

**Chair: TBC**

**Speakers:**

**Thompson-Ahye, Ms Hazel (Caribbean)**

**Lambert Peterson, Mrs Betsy Ann (Trinidad and Tobago)**

Working on the frontline: To what extent will the proposed legislative framework for safeguarding children in Trinidad and Tobago provide clear parameters and guidance to police officers and social work practitioners?

**Hornick, Dr. Joseph (Canada)**

The Saint Lucia Child Development Project.

### Session 4.2

### Shared parenting

**Chair: TBC**

**Speakers:**

**Boyd, Prof. Susan (Canada)**

Responsible mothers and autonomy in post-separation parenting law.

**Collier, Prof. Richard (UK)**

Fatherhood: fathers' rights and responsibility: Rethinking the relationship between autonomy and gender in law and policy.

**Bryant, The Hon. Chief Justice Diana (Australia)**

Shared Parenting & the Family Court of Australia: what the statistics tell us.

**Neoh, Dr Jennifer (Australia)**

Shared parenting after separation: A qualitative study of the children's perspectives.



### **Session 4.3**

### **Hague Child Abductions - Session 1 Enforcement Issues**

**Chair: TBC**

**Speakers:**

**Hague Convention/Enforcement officers: 'The Royal Canadian Mounted Police'**

**Degeling, Ms Jenny (Hague)**

The Hague Adoption Convention.

**Shallies, Mr Brad (Australia)**

The Australian Federal Police & Hague Child Abduction.

### **Session 4.4**

### **Cyber Safety**

**Chair: TBC**

**Speakers:**

**Altobelli, Dr Tom (Australia)**

Cyber Abuse – A new worldwide threat to children's rights.

**Gillespie, Mr Paul (Canada)**

Investigating internet facilitated child sexual abuse poses complex challenges.

**Giardini, Prof. Federica (Italy)**

Online child protection: a comparative analysis between the American and the Italian legal approach.

### **Session 4.5**

### **Surrogacy**

**Chair: TBC**

**Speakers:**

**De Alcantara, Mr Marcelo (Brazil)**

Surrogacy, parentage and citizenship in Japan: the case of Aki Mukai.

**Jaya Kumar, Dr Yegudala (India)**

Socio-legal aspects of surrogacy in India.

**Redman, Ms Julie (Australia)**

Surrogacy – The Australian legal maze: Balancing the rights of the child; the surrogate parents and the commissioning parents. An Australian family lawyer's practical experiences.

**12.30pm - 1.30pm**

**Lunch**

**1.30pm - 3.00pm**

**Parallel Sessions - Session 5**



## Session 5.1

### Children's testimony in family law proceedings

Chair: TBC

**Speakers:**

**Bala, Prof. Nicholas (Canada)**

Hearing the voices of children in Canada's criminal justice system: Recognising capacity and facilitating testimony.

## Session 5.2

### Children of War - Session 1

Chair: TBC

**Speakers:**

**Chapagain, Mr Jaya (Nepal)**

Children of War.

**Cottim, Mr Armando (Portugal)**

Child soldiers, child terrorism and the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child.

**Hooiveld, Ms Saskia (The Netherlands)**

Vietnamese war children: Identity, politics and identity development – A case study to assess the impact of the Amerasian Homecoming Act of 1987.

**Kargbo, Mr Abubakrr (Sierra Leone)**

Breaking the challenges of resettlement, rehabilitation and reintegration of child soldiers in a post-conflict era.

## Session 5.3

### Hague Child Abductions - Session 2

Chair: TBC

**Speakers:**

**Diamond, The Hon. Justice Robyn (Canada)**

Responses to international parental child abductions and access disputes.

**Lowe, Prof. Nigel (Wales)**

Why we need to get to grips with the 1996 Hague Protection of Children Convention.

**Panel discussion on other aspects of the Hague Child Abduction and Child Protection Conventions.**



## Session 5.4 Child Protection

**Chair: TBC**

**Speakers:**

**Slocombe, Dr Judith (Australia)**

Cyber bullying in Australia.

**Inman Grant, Ms Julie (Australia)**

Making cyberspace safe for our children.

**Walker, Prof. Janet (UK)**

Supporting parents and protecting children: determining best interests in family law proceedings.

**Vasquez, Ms Leticia (The Netherlands)**

The role of child helplines in securing the protection of children.

## Session 5.5 Pro-active family law

**Chair: TBC**

**Speakers:**

**Fanaian, Dr. Lagha (Canada)**

A proactive family law practice.

**Picard, Ms Marguerite (Australia)**

Collaborative family lawyer: An international perspective assessing the positive effects for children.

**Campbell, Mr Colin (Australia)**

The critical role of the law in the child focussed perspective.

**Wells, Mr Mike (Australia)**

Why do children still come second in family law matters?

**3.00pm - 3.30pm**

**Afternoon Tea**

**3.30pm - 5.00pm**

**Parallel Sessions - Session 6**

## Session 6.1 Lesbian parenting

**Chair: TBC**

**Speakers:**

**Kelly, Dr. Fiona (Canada)**

Single mothers by choice: autonomous mothering in the Canadian courts.

**Leckey, Prof. Robert (Canada)**

Law's lesbian mothers: Assumptions informing Quebec's reforms to filiation.

**Sifris, Dr. Adiva (Australia)**

Lesbian parenting in Australia: The chicken and egg dilemma of legal change.

**Brown, Ms. Henriët (South Africa)**

South African families: united in diversity.



## Session 6.2

### Children of War - Session 2

**Chair: TBC**

**Speakers:**

**Podder, Ms. Sukanya (UK)**

No place called home: reintegrating children in 'communities'. A return to guns, camps and violence.

**Touzenis, Ms. Kristina (Italy)**

Children in armed conflict and international justice procedures – protection and respect.

**Daray, Justice Marivic (Phillipines)**

Children soldiers in Mindanao Phillipines.

## Session 6.3

### Relocation/Removal

**Chair: TBC**

**Speakers:**

**Rudolph, Mr Christian (Germany) & Paulsen, Mr Manuela (Germany)**

Is criminalisation of child abduction sufficient? A critical review of German law.

**Gollop, Ms Megan (New Zealand)**

Children's perspectives on relocation after parental separation.

**Taylor, Dr. Nicola (New Zealand)**

Relocation following parental separation: The experiences of 100 New Zealand families.

**Rystedt, Dr. Eva (Sweden)**

In the best interest of the child – accepting the need of dispute solving mechanisms or advocating the beauty of collaboration.

## Session 6.4

### Parental chastisement

**Chair: TBC**

**Speakers:**

**McReynolds, the Hon. Justice Melody (Northern Ireland)**

"Reasonable Punishment": An analysis of the extent to which UK law on child protection from parental assault complies with international conventions.

**Mweru, Dr Maureen (Kenya)**

Child protection laws and caning of children in Kenyan schools.

**Smith, Prof. Anne (New Zealand)**

The right to physical integrity: banning physical punishment in New Zealand.



## Session 6.5 Religion and children's cases

**Chair: TBC**

**Speakers:**

**Benjamin, The Hon. Justice Robert (Australia)**

Religious freedom of parents and the rights of the child.

**Guichon, Dr Juliet (Canada)**

Religious refusal of medical treatment by teenagers.

**Nicholes, Ms. Sally (Australia)**

Interfaith and cross-cultural family disputes: the Family Court of Australia's approach to the family conflicts of a globalised society.

**Woods, Mr Mark (Australia)**

Cultural issues for minorities, including the clash between western child protection regimes and children of Islamic faith.

## Day 3 – Wednesday 26th August 2009

**9.00 am - 10.30 am**

**Plenary 3**

Title/Topic: Children's Voices: a judicial perspective (panel discussion).

**Speakers:**

**The Rt. Hon. Sir Mark Potter, President, Family Division, High Court of Justice (UK)**

**Justice Emile Kruzick, Justice, Superior Court of Justice, Ontario (Canada)**

**Justice George Czutrin, Justice, Superior Court of Justice, Ontario (Canada)**

**Justice Peter Boshier, Principal Family Court Judge, Family Court of New Zealand (New Zealand)**

**Judge Linda Fidnick, Associate Judge, Probate and Family Court, Massachusetts (USA)**

**10.30am - 11.00am**

**Morning Tea**

**11.00am - 12.30pm**

**Parallel Sessions - Session 7**

## Session 7.1 Domestic Violence

**Chair: TBC**

**Speakers:**

**Clinton, Dr Jean (Canada) & Wotherspoon, Ms Evelyn (Canada)**

Infant maltreatment and brain development.

**Martinson, The Hon. Justice Donna (Canada), McGarry, Justice John (Canada) & Nielson, Dr Linda (Canada)**

Post separation parenting decisions – what judges need to know about the adverse impact of domestic violence on children.

**Wee, Ms Tamara (Canada)**

RespectED: 25 years of violence prevention and creating safe environments.

**Rathus, Ms Zoe (Australia)**

Family violence learnings from the Australian family law system.



## Session 7.2 Representing children

**Chair: The Hon. Justice Ben Stephens**

**Speakers:**

**Stewart, Ms Jackie (Canada)**

The Role of the Children's Lawyer in Alberta.

**King-D'Souza, Ms Sarah (Canada)**

An historical overview of legal representation of children in Alberta: The Contrarian's perspective or "The road to Hell is paved with good intentions"?

**Morag, Dr. Tamar (Israel)**

Children's participation in family court proceedings: lessons from a pilot project in Israel.

**Ross, Ms. Nicola (Australia)**

Two sides of the same coin? Lawyers' representation of children and children's participation in legal proceedings.

**Goldberg, Mr. Dan (Canada)**

Representing children in custody & visitation proceedings: The Ontario, Canada experience.

## Session 7.3 Youth forum – Danny Sandor Memorial Session

**Chair: Sally Nicholes**

**Speakers:**

**Griffin, Ms Sarah (Australia)**

CROC and Indigenous Australian children.

**Daniel, Ms Lucy (Australia)**

Poor parenting or poor decision-making?

Examining the high rate of removal of children with intellectually disabled parents.

**Other university student speakers from different countries to be confirmed**

## Session 7.4 Protection of Indigenous children

**Chair: TBC**

**Speakers:**

**Garcia Contreras, Mrs Ilyhada (Italy)**

The protection of indigenous children's rights under the CRC and the impact in the Mexican law: The case of Sonora region.

**Slaughter, Ms Janet (Canada)**

Happy 10th Anniversary Nunavut... How do your children grow?

**Libesman, Ms Terri (Australia)**

Human rights and Indigenous children's wellbeing go hand in hand.

**Cardinal, Ms Shelley (Canada)**

Walking the prevention circle: Understanding child and youth maltreatment for Aboriginal communities.



## Session 7.5

## Religious/traditional societies and children's rights

**Chair: TBC**

**Speakers:**

**Kamwimbi, Mr. Kasongo (South Africa)**

Failure to protect and support children accused of witchcraft in the DR Congo.

**Marawanyika, Mr Mufudzi (Zimbabwe)**

Engaging Apostolic sects in curbing child spiritual abuse.

**Ogunniran, Mrs Iyabode (Nigeria)**

Child Rights Act versus Sharia Law in Nigeria: Issues, challenges and way forward.

**Oluwakemi, Mrs. Adekile (Nigeria)**

The intersection of the cultural status of the child and domestic child abuse.

**12.30pm - 1.30pm**

**Lunch**

**1.30pm - 3.00pm**

**Plenary 4**

Title/Topic: Developmental issues in relocation cases.

**Speaker: Dr Joan Kelly (USA)**

Title/Topic: The practical aftermath of parental child abduction and the long term behavioural effect on the repatriated children.

**Speaker: Ms Jacqueline Pascal (Australia)**

**3.00pm - 3.30pm**

**Afternoon Tea**

**3.30pm - 4.30pm**

**Plenary 5**

Title/Topic: The Playground Project: A film on the commercial sexual exploitation of American children.

**Speaker: Ms Libby Spears (US)**

**4.30pm - 5.30pm**

Resolutions and Summary



## Registration Information and Fees

### Fees

Registration Type	EARLY Registration On or before 31 May 2009	REGULAR Registration On or before 19 July 2009	LATE / ON-SITE Registration On or After 20 July 2009
Full Registration	\$795 CAD	\$995 CAD	\$1295 CAD
Single Day Registration	\$450 CAD	\$500 CAD	\$550 CAD
Accompanying Person	\$175 CAD	\$175 CAD	\$200 CAD

### Included in Registration:

#### Full Registration

Name Badge  
Sessions  
Abstracts  
Opening Plenary  
Welcome Reception  
Scheduled Lunches  
Coffee Breaks  
Congress Satchel

#### Single Day Registration

Name Badge  
Sessions  
Lunch and Coffee Breaks on selected day of attendance

### Group Registration

Should 5 or more registrants from the same organization register for the congress, there is a 10% discount. The group discount will apply to the registration rate on the date the form is lodged. Groups are asked to email the Registration manager at [WCFLC2009-registration@meet-ics.com](mailto:WCFLC2009-registration@meet-ics.com) for the group form.

### Accompanying Person

Included in Accompanying Person Registration: Name Badge: Opening Plenary and Welcome Reception. Price does not include access to Sessions. Accompanying Person Registration is only available to guests of Full Registration Delegates.





## Payment

All registrations must be accompanied by payment, otherwise you are not considered registered. Payment can be made by Cheque, Visa, MasterCard, Money Order, Bank Draft or Bank Transfer.

Please ensure that your name and the words "**EVENT: "WCFLC 2009"**" appear clearly on any cheques, bank drafts, money orders or bank transfer payments.

**Make cheques payable to "International Conference Services c/o WCFLC 2009."**

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Bank Address:	HSBC Canada 885 West Georgia Street Vancouver, BC V6C 3G1 CANADA

Cheques, bank drafts and money orders will only be accepted in CAD dollars and must be drawn on a Canadian Bank. **It is the Delegate's responsibility to ensure all bank transfer fees are paid over and above the registration fees owed.** Otherwise, Delegates will be asked to pay any outstanding balance at the on-site registration desk.

Please note all prices are in Canadian dollars. Payments made over the internet are via a secured site. For registration inquiries please send an email to: [wcflc-registration@icsevents.com](mailto:wcflc-registration@icsevents.com).

**Please keep a photocopy of the Registration Form for your own reference and bring it with you to Halifax.**

## Registration Confirmation

An email address is mandatory as all correspondence including registration confirmation will be sent via email. All registrations will be acknowledged in writing with confirmation of delegate requirements according to the submitted Registration Form and upon receipt of full payment. The Registration Form attached acts as a Tax Invoice.

## Registration Cancellation & Refund Policy

Registration cancellations received in writing at the WCFLC Secretariat's address by 3 July, 2009 will be accepted and all fees refunded, less \$150 CAD for administrative fees (as per Committee policy). Cancellations received after 3 July, 2009 will not be accepted or refunded. However, transfer of your registration to another person is acceptable. A completed Registration Form for the new person must be faxed or mailed to the Congress Secretariat prior to the Congress, explaining who is being replaced. **DO NOT USE THE ON-LINE REGISTRATION FORM FOR THIS PROCEDURE.** No refunds will be made for non-attendance at the Congress.

In the unlikely event that WCFLC 2009 is cancelled any travel, accommodation or tour costs will not be refunded.

## Liability

Neither the World Congress organizers nor their agents will accept liability for any loss of moneys incurred by registrants resulting from their attendance at the congress.



## Accommodation Information

Delegates can make hotel reservations via the Registration form or through the online Registration process. The hotels below have been contracted by WFCL and is offering discounted congress rates that is only available when reserved when registering for the Congress.

### Marriott® Halifax Harbourfront

1919 Upper Water Street Halifax, Nova Scotia  
B3J 3J5 Canada

**The Marriott will be the main Congress hotel.**

#### Rates:

	Rate (Single/Double)
Standard Room	\$189.00 CAD
Deluxe Room	\$199.00 CAD

\*Hotel rooms subject to all applicable taxes  
(currently 2% tourism marketing levy and 13% Harmonized Sales Tax)

### Delta Barrington

1875 Barrington Street, Halifax,  
Nova Scotia, B3J 3L6

#### Rates

	Rate (Single/Double)
Delta Room	\$164.00 CAD
Premier Room	\$179.00 CAD
Deluxe Room	\$194.00 CAD
Signature Club	\$194.00 CAD

\*Hotel rooms subject to all applicable taxes  
(Currently 2% tourism marketing levy and 13% Harmonized Sales Tax)

### Delta Halifax

1990 Barrington Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 1P2

#### Rates:

	Rate (Single/Double)
Delta Rooms	\$164.00 CAD
Delta Harbour View Rooms	\$179.00 CAD
Premier Rooms	\$179.00 CAD
Premier Harbour View Rooms	\$194.00 CAD

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## Social Functions

### Welcome Reception

Sunday, August 23 **18:00 -19:30**  
World Trade & Convention Centre, Halifax

The Welcome Reception will be the time to network with all delegates, make new friends and get re-acquainted with old friends. Enjoy the Maritime Hospitality as you enjoy a hearty assortment of hors d'oeuvres and refreshments as you socialize with your peers.

*This event is included in full registration  
– extra tickets are available at \$CAD75.00 each*

### Maritime Reception & Lobster Dinner

Tuesday, August 25 **19:00 -23:00**  
Cunard Centre, Pier 23

An event not to be missed! “THE ULTIMATE LOBSTER SUPPER” is something that the Maritimes are known for, far and wide. Experience this feast of fresh lobster with all the fixings; get your blood pumping with true Maritime entertainment. This experience if not to be missed!

*Ticket Price: \$CAD95.00*

## WCFL & CR Pre/Post Tours

### Atlantic Canada

#### Enchanting Islands Tour 2009

8 days/7 nights (return from Halifax)

Canada’s Maritime islands await you! Enjoy fresh salt air, sandy beaches, mountain vistas and capital cities. Pass through fields of green, dine on succulent seafood, visit national historic sites and search for whales on your weeklong vacation on Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton Island.

#### Arrival in Halifax, Nova Scotia on Sundays

##### Guaranteed Tours

**Tourist Season:** August 2, 9, 16, 23\*, 30;

\*Bilingual English/German tour departures

- Confederation Bridge to Prince Edward Island
- 2 Nights on Prince Edward Island
- Lobster Supper
- Anne of Green Gables
- Ferry from Prince Edward Island
- 2 Nights on Cape Breton Island
- Whale Watching Boat Tour (weather permitting)
- World Famous Cabot Trail
- Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site
- Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site

#### Enchanting Islands Retail Tour Prices (CAD \$)

Net Prices Per Person Tourist Season*	TWIN	TRIPLE	QUAD	SINGLE
	\$1,906	\$1,734	\$1,756	\$2,472

\*Plus HST/GST of 10.7%





## Circle Newfoundland & Labrador Tour 2009

12 days/11 nights - Halifax to Newfoundland  
13 days / 12 nights – Halifax , return to Halifax

This comprehensive tour features the best of “the Far East of the Western World”. Travel from the northernmost tip of the island of Newfoundland to the most easterly point in North America through national parks – including Gros Morne, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Learn of ancient peoples – the Maritime Archaic, Vikings, and Basques – as you travel to coastal fishing communities to meet the friendly and hospitable people of today. Boat tours provide the opportunity to see whales, thousands of seabirds, and, depending on the time of the year, icebergs! Sample local food and drink to become an honorary “Newfoundlander”!

### Arrival in Halifax, Nova Scotia on Fridays

**10 Departures:** June 12\*, 19, 26\*;  
July 3, 17, 24\*, 31; August 14, 28\*;  
September 4, 2009

\*Bilingual English/German tour departures

- Welcome reception
- Guided tour of Corner Brook
- Gros Morne National Park  
- UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Lobster Cove Lighthouse
- Port au Choix National Historic Site
- Strait of Belle Isle ferry to/from Labrador
- Red Bay National Historic Site
- L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site  
- UNESCO World Heritage Site
- The Great Viking Feast at Leifsbudir
- Grenfell Historic Properties
- Whale Watching Boat Tour
- Scenic Boat Tour in Gros Morne
- Mary March Regional Museum
- North Atlantic Aviation Museum
- Twillingate
- Long Point Lighthouse & the local co-op
- Terra Nova National Park
- Guided tour of St. John's
- Signal Hill National Historic Site
- Cape Spear National Historic Site
- Sea Bird Watching Boat Tour
- “Screech In” Ceremony

### Circle Newfoundland & Labrador Retail Tour Prices (CAD \$)

Net Prices Per Person	TWIN	TRIPLE	QUAD	SINGLE
Tourist Season 12 day tour*	\$2,699	\$2,479	\$2,369	\$3,389
Tourist Season 13 day tour*	\$2,829	\$2,709	\$2,579	\$3,739

\*Plus HST/GST of 10.7%

## Central & Western Canada

Many tours are available throughout Canada. If you are interested in exploring other part of the country please contact us and we can help you design a package to suite your needs





## WCFL & CR Local Tours

### Deluxe Historic Halifax City Tour - 3 Hours

Daily Departures at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm

Join your kilted guide for our most complete Halifax City Tour! This informative and fun filled ride will immerse you in the history and culture of our city. Hear of Halifax's war years and of the exploits and heroism of the citizens who lived through the devastating Halifax Explosion. View Historic Properties, the Titanic Burial site, the Spring Garden Road area, Province House, Old Town Clock, St. Paul's Church, City Hall, Grand Parade, Government House, the busy port, Point Pleasant Park, residential areas, and much more. From tales of disaster and triumph to remarkable stories of everyday life. Discover the people and places that have made Halifax one of the most unique and captivating cities in North America!

This Deluxe Historic Halifax City Tour includes stops at

- The Halifax Citadel National Historic Site (admission included)
- The Titanic Grave Sites

2008	Adult	Senior	Child
CA\$	\$44.00	\$39.60	\$31.00

### Peggy's Cove Tour Sightseeing - 3 Hours

1:00 pm departures on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

The postcard-perfect village of Peggy's Cove stands on granite rock, high above the crashing Atlantic surf. Spend the afternoon with your kilted guide and learn of colourful characters and history in Peggy's Cove! Enjoy the outstanding views of Nova Scotia's unique coastline, then explore the rocks, visit the gift shops and wander through this artist's and explorer's paradise. You can even mail a postcard from the only lighthouse in North America with a post office inside of it!

2008	Adult	Senior	Child
CA\$	\$48.00	\$43.20	\$34.00





## Lunenburg & Mahone Bay Sightseeing - 6 Hours

Departs Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 AM

Join a kilted guide in “New Scotland” for an enchanting tour of Lunenburg and Mahone Bay. Tales of rum running, ship building and the legend of Oak Island will entertain you on your way to Lunenburg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lunenburg is home to Nova Scotia’s largest fishing fleet, Lunenburg Academy, extraordinary architecture, supreme shops and more. While there, take a walking tour of the town with a local historian or visit the Fisheries Museum. From Lunenburg, continue with a drive to Mahone Bay, famous for its churches along the shore and its picturesque beauty. There will be plenty of time for exploring these remarkable seaside towns.

2008	Adult	Senior	Child
CA\$	\$98.00	\$88.20	\$69.00
Prices (includes taxes)			

### Pre /Post and Local Tour Cancellation Policy:

Between 45 and 31 days prior to departure: 50% of the total tour price will be retained.  
30 days, day of departure and after departure: 100% of the total tour price will be retained.

Tour website <http://www.meet-ics.com/wcfl2009/index.html>

### Cancellation Policies

Included in Tour information as well as on the Registration Form









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