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Post-Secondary Education

LL.M. Harvard Law School: 1979-1980

Doctoral Fellowship of SSHRC, LL.M. Paper -- "*Consequences of Separation for Unmarried Couples: Canadian Developments*" (revised version published in 1980, 6 Queen's Law Journal).

J.D. Faculty of Law, Queen's University: 1974-1977 (awarded as LL.B., converted 2011)

Awards: Criminal Procedure Prize, 1977; Robinson-Ryan Award for contribution to Queen's Legal Aid, 1977; International Law Prize, 1976; Property Law Prize, 1975; Criminal Law Prize, 1975; Public Law Prize, 1975; Queen's University Entrance Scholarship, 1974

B.A. (Honours Economics) University of Toronto: 1970-1974

Awards: Graduated with First Class Standing, 1974; Nathanson Award in Economics and Political Science, 1973; New College Council Scholarship, 1971, 1972 and 1973

Employment and Professional Work

Professor, Faculty of Law, Queen's University, Kingston, 1980 to present (promoted from Assistant Professor July 1983; promoted from Associate Professor June 1989). Responsibilities include: teaching courses in Advanced Family Law, Family Law, Children's Law, Clinical Family Law, Contracts, Commercial Law and Civil Procedure.

Associate Dean, Faculty of Law, Queen's University: 1994 -1998 & 2004-05

Assistant Director Queen's Legal Aid and Assistant Professor at Faculty of Law, Queen's University, Kingston, 1978-79. Responsibilities included: teaching Clinical Family Law and Children's Law; and supervising about 75 volunteer students in criminal, civil, family, and poverty law work.

Articling Student at Burke-Robertson, Chadwick & Ritchie, in Ottawa, 1977-78. A varied experience in a litigation-oriented practice involving civil, criminal and family law, including court appearances, legal research and drafting, assisting principals at trial, and some real estate work.

Law student clinic worker at Queen's Legal Aid Clinic in Belleville, Ontario, summers 1975 and 1976. Representing clients in various courts and participating in community legal education program. Duties of an administrative and supervisory nature as Student Director of Clinic in 1976-77.

Career Awards, Honours & Recognition

- Association of Family & Conciliation Courts
 - AFCC President's Award (with Barbara Fidler), 2020
 - AFCC-Ontario, Dena Moyal Award, 2022
 - Stanley Cohen Distinguished Researcher Award, 2008
 - Meyer Elkin Award for best article in *Family Court Review* in past year,
 - 2006: co-winner for Bala paper on use of mental health professionals in child-related disputes
 - 2009: Jaffe, Johnston, Crooks & Bala paper on spousal violence
 - 2011: Fidler & Bala paper on parental alienation
- *Canadian Who's Who*, since 1987
- Law Society of Ontario
 - Law Society Medal, 2009
 - Long-Term Achievement Award for Continuing Professional Development, 2013
- Ontario Bar Association, Award for Excellence in Family Law, 2009
- Ontario Family Reporter, Award for Excellence in Family Law Writing from, 2008
- Royal Society of Canada, elected Fellow, 2013
- Queen's Law Students' Society Award for Teaching Excellence, 1993, 1998, 2011.
- Queen's University
 - Prize for Excellence in Research, 2006
 - William R. Lederman, Distinguished University Professor, 2019

Career Activities

Teaching Outside of Queen's University

Osgoode Hall Law School, Family Law LL.M. (O.P.D, Academic Director (2006-2016), and professor for Children's Issues Course (Fall 2007).

Visiting Scholar, Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family and University of Calgary, non-resident academic visitor, Fall 1989 (on Sabbatical from Queen's).

Visiting Professor, Duke Law School, Durham, North Carolina, Fall Term 1985, teaching Family Law and Children's Law (on leave from Queen's).

Visiting Lecturer, McGill University, Montreal, Winter Term 1982, Family Law.

Judicial Education On-line – National Judicial Institute (program developer)

- Youth Detention and Sentencing: Spring, 2007
- International program Youth Justice Programs: Fall 2009

- Youth Justice Principles, Detention & Sentencing, Fall 2010.
- Amendments to the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*, Fall 2012
- Child Protection Law, Winter 2015
- International program on *Hague Convention on Child Abduction*, Winter 2015
- Facilitating On-Line Education for Judges, Summer 2015

Course Instructor (organized, taught and examined)

Ontario Ministry of Community Services, Youth Probation Officers Law Course,
Toronto, April 1998 & Feb. 2001

Graduate student supervision & committees

LL.M. Supervisor at Faculty of Law at Queen’s University

- Diana Gordon (1982)
- Harold Ovsowitz (1986) [sessional lecturer at University of Witwatersrand];
- Deidre Rice (1986- incomplete)
- Marlene Cano (1986) [faculty appointment at University of Ottawa - Civil Law]
- Martha Bailey (1989) [faculty appointment at Faculty of Law, Queen's University]
- M.J. Maur (1993)[faculty appointment at Faculty of Law, Queen's University]
- Najma Rashid (1997)
- John Schuman (1999)
- Rebecca Bromwich (2002) [faculty appointment at University of Manitoba]
- Lucinda Ferguson (2002-2003) [faculty appointment at Oxford University].
- Karla McGarth (2011-13)[sessional lecturer at Faculty of Law, Queen's University]
- Jo-Ellen Warden (2017 incomplete)
- Hilary Warder (2020 – in progress)
- Kate Deveau (2020-21)
- Sharlene Weitzman (2020- 21)
- Sonia Campbell (2023- in progress)

Ph.D Supervisor at Faculty of Law at Queen’s University

Jane Thompson (2015-16) [Assistant Professor at University of New Brunswick]

LL.M. Supervisor for Osgoode Hall Law School major research paper

L. MacKenzie (Criminal, 2005); R. Birnbaum (Family, 2008); B. Olsen (Family, 2008);
A. Langan (Family, 2009); S. Wong (Constitutional, 2009); P. Pritchett (Family, 2010);
F. Jamal (Family 2012); G. Williams (Family, 2014)

Legal Consultant to:

- National Study on the Functioning of the Juvenile Courts, 1981 to 1985; a multi-disciplinary study of the juvenile courts, Department of the Solicitor General of Canada
- Ontario Council of Indian Chiefs, on native child welfare reform (1984)
- Department of the Solicitor General of Canada, on Young Offenders Act implementation (1986-87)
- Canadian Teachers' Federation, Ad Hoc Committee on Children's Rights (1986)

- Department of Justice Canada, on Bill C-15 training manual (1987-88)
- Ontario Ministry of Community & Social Services, Child Abuse Register (1987-88;1993-94)
- Institute for the Prevention of Child Abuse (Toronto) on monitoring Bill C-15 (1988)
- Special Advisor on Child Sexual Abuse to the Minister of Health and Welfare Canada (Rix Rogers Study) (1989)
- Manitoba Aboriginal Justice Inquiry, on native young offenders (1989-90)
- Institute for the Prevention of Child Abuse (Toronto) on monitoring Bill C-15 (1990-1992)
- Queen's University Social Program Evaluation Group, on long-term child welfare promotion study, "Better Beginnings, Better Futures" (1990-present); including Kingston Better Beginnings Project
- Department of Justice Canada, on reform of child related provisions of the Divorce Act (1992)
- Department of Solicitor General of Canada, on legal issues related to missing children (1992-93)
- Department of Justice Canada on Young Offenders Reform (Feb. & May, 1994)
- Department of Justice Canada on Research into Children of Divorce (1994)
- Gove Inquiry into Child Protection in British Columbia (1994)
- Department of Justice Canada on Corporal Punishment (1994)
- Department of Justice Canada on Child Support (1995)
- Department of Justice Canada on Family law Reform (1996)
- Saskatchewan Federation of Indian Nations on Aboriginal Youth Justice (1996)
- Health Canada (through SPR Associates) on National Longitudinal Study on Children (1996)
- Department of Justice Canada and Canadian Research Institute for Law & the Family on child support guidelines monitoring project (1997-98)
- Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police training materials for offending by children under 12(1999)
- Robins Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse in Schools (2000)
- Ontario Ministry of Health through Queen's Health Policy (sexual abuse by health care professionals) (2001)
- Yukon Territory, Dept. of Justice on *Family Violence Prevention Act* (2002)
- Winnipeg Police Services (child witness interview protocol) (2002 - 2003)
- Alberta Legal Education Society, Child Representation Education Committee (2004-05)
- Ontario Ministry of Attorney General (child witness services)(2006-07)
- Canadian Research Institute on Law & Family study on Calgary youth crime (2007-09)
- Canadian Research Institute on Law & Family study of child-related provisions of Alberta *Family Law Act*(2007-08)
- British Columbia Representative of Children and Youth study of youth offending of child welfare wards(2007-08)
- Ontario Ministry of Children & Youth Services study on adoption reform (2009)
- British Columbia Ministry of the Attorney General on family law reform (2009)
- Canadian Research Institute on Law & Family study on pathways to youth crime (2009 - 2013)

- Working Group of the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Convention on Child Abduction on Art 13(1) (b) (“grave risk of harm to children”) (2013-2014)
- Consultant to Lang Review of *Motherisk Laboratory Drug Testing* of parents in child welfare cases (2015).
- Department of Justice Canada on Parenting Plan Guide (2019).
- British Columbia Representative of Children and Youth, report on child involvement in family justice (2019-2022)

Expert Witness

- *M. v. H.*: Filed affidavit in support of successful application to challenge definition of “spouse” so that same-sex partners could claim the same benefits as partners (position accepted by Supreme Court of Canada) (1997-99)
- *Charter Challenge to s. 43 of the Criminal Code*: Filed affidavit and cross-examined in support of position of federal government that parents have privacy interests that merit not-criminalizing use of “reasonable force for purposes of correction.” (Evidence quoted in Supreme Court of Canada) (1999-2004)
- *Civil Liability of Child Welfare Agency*: Retained on referral by Ontario Association of Children’s Aid Societies to provide expert opinion in cases where agency being sued (2004)
- *Le Procureur Général du Québec v. Sa Majesté la Reine du Chef du Canada*, Cour No. T-2834-96 (Federal Court of Canada): Retained by federal government to prepare report for litigation over proper interpretation of *Canada Assistance Plan Act* concerning provision of correctional services to juvenile offenders in Quebec, and testify Nov. 20, 2006. Judgement of Montigny J. 2008 FC 713, quoted and relied on testimony of Prof. Bala, see para. 157-217. Decision affirmed by Fed Ct App and SCC, *Québec (Attorney General) v. Canada*, 2011 SCC 11
- *Cornwall Public Inquiry* into child sexual abuse cases (Glaude Commission), Feb. 14 & 20, 2006.
- *Nova Scotia Public Inquiry* into youth offenders (Nunn Commission), Halifax Feb. 16 & 17, 2006.
- *Goudge Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology in Ontario*, expert witness on child welfare issues, Toronto, Feb. 21, 2008.
- Expert Report of Nicholas Bala for British Columbia Supreme Court Reference Re s. 293 of the Criminal Code (polygamy reference), submitted on behalf of intervenor, Stop Polygamy in Canada. Report filed July 16, 2010; report cited by Bauman J. in *Polygamy Reference*, 2011 BCSC 1588
- Expert Report for Coroner’s Inquest into Death of G.A. (suicide in a youth custody facility). Final Report filed June 23, 2011.
- *Ferguson* – 2018 – Immigration & Refugee Board; nature of adult sentence imposed on a youth in Florida compared to Canadian law.
- *Lightborne*- 2021 - Immigration & Refugee Board; nature of adult sentence imposed on a youth in Florida compared to Canadian law.
- *Jane Doe #7 v HMQ Newfoundland*. NL Superior Court, on legal and social context of responses to institutional child abuse, 1960-1990 (report completed August 2020, Examined February 2021).

- *Keeping v Ontario*. Ontario Supreme Court, on legal and social context of responses to institutional child abuse, (report completed Nov. 2021)
- *Re B.A.E.M.*, Immigration & Refugee Board, (2022); polygamous marriage

Citation of Prof. Bala's Research by Supreme Court of Canada

Supreme Court of Canada

1. *R. v. S. (S.)*, [1990] S.C.J. No. 66 (alternative measures for youth)
2. *R. v. J. (J.T.)*, [1990] S.C.J. No. 88 (youth confession)
3. *R. v. Z. (D.A.)*, [1992] S.C.J. No. 80 (youth, establishing age)
4. *Moge v. Moge*, [1992] S.C.J. No. 107 (spousal support)
5. *R. v. T. (V.)*, [1992] S.C.J. No. 29 (youth diversion)
6. *R. v. Levogiannis*, [1993] S.C.J. No. 70 (child witness)
7. *R. v. L. (D.O.)*, [1993] S.C.J. No. 72 (child witness)
8. *Young v. Young*, [1993] S.C.J. No. 112 (access)
9. *R. v. Marquard*, [1993] S.C.J. No. 119 (child witness)
10. *R. B. v C.A.S. of Metro Toronto*, [1994] S.C.J. No. 24 (Child protection)
11. *R. v. M.B.P.*, [1994] S.C.J. No. 27 (child witness)
12. *L.G. v. G.B.*, [1995] S.C.J. No. 72 (spousal support)
13. *Gordon v. Goertz*, [1996] S.C.J. No. 52 (relocation)
14. *R. v. C.C.F.*, [1997] S.C.J. No. 89 (child witness; videotape)
15. *R. v. F. (W.J.)*, [1999] S.C.J. No. 61 (child witness)
16. *F.N (Re)*, [2000] S.C.J. No. 34 (youth record)
17. *Winnipeg Child and Family Services v. K.L.W.*, 2000 SCC 48 (Charter & child protection)
18. *R. v. Sharpe*, [2001] S.C.J. No. 3 (child pornography)
19. *R. v. Find*, [2001] S.C.J. No. 34 (child witness)
20. *Miglin v. Miglin*, [2003] S.C.J. No. 21 (domestic contracts)
21. *Canadian Foundation for Children, Youth and the Law v. Canada (Attorney General)*, [2004] S.C.J. No. 6 (parental rights)
22. *R. v. C.D.*; *R. v. C.D.K.*, [2005] S.C.J. No. 79 (youth offending)
23. *R. v. B.W.P.*; *R. v. B.V.N.*, [2006] S.C.J. No. 27 (young offender)
24. *Syl Apps Secure Treatment Centre v. B.D.*, [2007] S.C.J. No. 38 (child protection)
25. *R. v. D.B.*, [2008] S.C.J. No. 25 (Charter and youth justice)
26. *R. v. L.T.H.*, [2008] S.C.J. No. 50 (youth confession)
27. *R. v. S.J.L.*, [2010] S.C.J. No. 14 (youth justice procedure)
28. *R. v. D.A.I.*, [2012] S.C.J. No.5 (vulnerable adult witnesses)
29. *Quebec (Attorney General) v A*, 2013 SCC 5 (unmarried cohabitation)
30. *Churchill Falls Corp. v. Hydro-Québec*, 2018 SCC 46 (contracts, joint venture)
31. *R. v. K.J.M.*, 2019 SCC 55 (youth justice delay)
32. *R v Friesen*, 2020 SCC 9 (child sexual abuse and sentencing)
33. *R. v. C.P.*, 2021 SCC 19 (YCJA appeals)
34. *Colucci v Colucci*, 2021 SCC 24 (retroactive child support)
35. *Association de médiation familiale du Québec v. Bouvier*, 2021 SCC 54 (family mediation)

36. *Barendregt v Grebliunas*, 2022 SCC 22 (family violence and relocation)
37. *B.J.T. v. J.D.*, 2022 SCC 24 (best interests of child)
38. *F. v N.*, 2022 SCC 51 (international child abduction)

Peer Reviewer

External Referee (for papers, manuscripts, grant applications)

- American Psychology-Law Society (2017, 2020)
- Australian Institute for Family Studies (2007, 2008)
- Canadian Council on Social Development, Charter Challenge Program (1986)
- Canadian Centre for Excellence in Child Welfare at University of Toronto (2004, 2005)
- Canadian Research Institute for Law & Family (2006, 2007, 2012, 2014)
- Durham Region Steering Committee for Women Abuse Survivors (report review, 2000)
- Health Canada (legal issues related to spousal abuse) (2000)
- Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada (2002)
- Ministry of the Solicitor General (1982)
- Motherisk Commission (Ontario, 2018)
- National Longitudinal Study on Children (Health & Welfare Canada) (1996)
- National Judicial Institute (2005)
- National Accreditation Committee (review of Family Law exams)
- Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (2014)
- Ontario College of Physicians & Surgeons, Task Force on Sexual Abuse of Patients (1991)
- Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, services for child witnesses (2007)
- Pearson Educational Publishers (high school law text) (2002)
- Polish National Sciences Centre (2015)
- Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (1994)
- Social Science Federation of Canada (1983)
- Social Science and Humanities Research Council (1979, 1984, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2009, 2012, 2015, 2019, 2021 [2])
- Society for Children and Youth of British Columbia (2023)
- Swiss National Science Foundation (2022)

Referee for academic & professional journals

- Alberta Law Review (1994, 2001, 2006[2], 2013, 2016, 2018, 2020)
- Appeal (University of Victoria) (2023)
- Canadian Bar Review (2018, 2023)
- Canadian Journal for the Academic Mind (2023)
- Canadian Journal of Children's Rights (2017)
- Canadian Journal of Community Mental Health (2000, 2001, 2002, 2005[2])
- Canadian Journal of Criminology & Criminal Justice (2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012 [2], 2013, 2014[3], 2015[2], 2016 [2])

- Canadian Journal of Family Law (1985, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992 & 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006[2], 2007, 2008[2], 2009[3], 2010[2], 2011[4], 2012, 2013 [3], 2014, 2015[2], 2016 [2], 2017, 2018, 2022)
- Canadian Journal of Sociology (1985)
- Canadian Journal of Law and Society (2011, 2015)
- Canadian Public Policy Journal (1990; 2004; 2008)
- Canadian Journal of Human Rights (2014)
- Canadian Journal of Law and Society (1991,1994, 2021)
- Canadian Journal of Women and the Law (1986 & 2013)
- Canadian Review of Social Policy (1995)
- Child & Family Law Quarterly (2018)
- Child & Youth Services Review (2008, 2017, 2018[2], 2021[4], 2022(4), 2023(3))
- Empirical and Applied Criminal Justice Research (2001)
- Family Court Review (2006, 2007, 2010 [6], 2013, 2014, 2015[2], 2016 [5], 2017[6], 2018[2], 2021[2], 2022, 2024)
- Family Process (2023 [2])
- Fathering, A Journal of Theory, Research and Practice About Men as Fathers (2002)
- International Journal of Children’s Rights (2006)
- International Journal of Comparative & Applied Criminal Justice (2010)
- International Journal of Social Welfare (2023 & 2024)
- Journal of Child Custody (2007, 2014 [2], 2015[2], 2016[3], 2018 [4], 2019, 2020[2], 2021[4], 2022, 2024)
- Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology (Northwestern, Chicago) (2008)
- Journal of Empirical Legal Studies (2016)
- Journal of Family Studies (2008)
- Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics (2015)
- Journal of Law & Religion (2007)
- Journal of Law & Social Policy (2000)
- Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency (2003)
- Law & Policy (University of Buffalo) (2003)
- Law & Society (2018 [2])
- McGill Journal of Law & Health (2018)
- Manitoba Law Journal (2013) [2], 2016, 2020, 2021, 2024)
- McGill Law Journal (1993, 2000, 2007, 2020, 2021)
- Melbourne University Law Review (2011)
- New Criminal Law Review (2011)
- New Zealand Law Review (2000)
- Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly (2010)
- Osgoode Hall Law Journal (1997, 1998, 2004, 2009, 2012, 2013)
- Ottawa Law Review (1988, 1991, 1992, 1998, 2005)
- Plos One (2024)
- Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal (2013)
- Psychology, Public Policy and Law (2021 & 2022)

- Queen's Law Journal (1983, 1985, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004[3], 2006, 2008, 2010, 2011)
- Race & Justice (2019)
- Social Inclusion (2017)
- Supreme Court Law Review (2013)
- University of British Columbia Law Review (2016, 2018)
- University of Western Ontario Law Review (1984)
- University of New Brunswick Law Review (1992)
- Victims & Violence (2023)
- Windsor Review of Legal & Social Issues (1998, 1999, 2010, 2017, 2023)
- Youth Justice (2017 [3], 2019(2))

Reviewer for book manuscripts and proposals

- Butterworths (1986)
- Calgary University Press (1995)
- Canadian Research Institute for Law & the Family (1993 & 1995)
- Oxford University Press, 2020)
- Policy Research Centre for Children, Youth & Families (1992)
- Roman & Littlefield (2020 & 2021)
- Routledge (2012)
- Standing Committee for Youth Justice (SCYJ)(United Kingdom)(2015)
- Wilfrid Laurier Press (2004)
- University of British Columbia Press (2020)
- University of Toronto Press (2014 [2])

Referee for Tenure & Promotions Committees (outside Faculty of Law, Queen's)

- City University of Hong Kong Law Promotions Committee (2005)
- Dalhousie Law School Tenure & Promotions Committee (1986, 1989 & 1991)
- Queen's University, School of Nursing, Promotion Committee (1993)
- Queen's University, Psychology Dept., Promotion Committee (2005)
- Ryerson University, Promotion Committee (2014)
- Saint Thomas University, Promotion Committee (2005)
- University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law (2019)
- University of Calgary, Law School, Promotions Committee (1991)
- University of Calgary, School of Social Work, Promotions Committee (1999)
- University of Cambridge, Promotions Committee (2011)
- University of Manchester School of Law Promotion Committee (2001, 2005)
- University of Manitoba, Law Tenure Committee (1993)
- University of Melbourne Promotions Committee (2012)
- University of Toronto, Law Tenure Committee (1994); Promotion Committee (2001)
- University of Toronto, Depart. Human Development & Applied Psychology, Promotion Committee (2011)
- University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine, Promotions Committee (1991)

- University of Western Ontario Law Promotion Committee (1988)

Foundations

- Canadian Donner Foundation (1996)
- National Science Foundation (USA) (2001, 2002)
- Nuffield Foundation (UK) (2008, 2010)

National Judicial Institute: Electronic Bench Books (editor-in-chief)

(these materials are made available only to judges and are intranet based; their preparation involves a significant time commitment)

Youth Criminal Justice (2003 - 2004)

Child Witnesses (2003 – 2014; 2018 Revision)

Editorial Boards

- *Child and Family Law Quarterly*, 2007 - 2023
- *Family Court Review*, 2005 - present
- *Canadian Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice*, 2007- 2018
- *Canadian Journal of Family Law*, Editorial Board, 1990 - present
- *Young Offenders Service*, 1984 to 1987 (Butterworths)
- *Children and the Law Service*, Editorial Board, 1990-1996

Educational & Conference Planning Committees

- Planning Committee for Queen's Faculty of Law & Frontenac Mediation Service Program on Access, Kingston, December 1980.
- Planning Committee for Canadian Bar Association Domestic Contracts Program, Kingston, January 1981.
- Convenor of Meeting of Family Law Section of Canadian Association of Law Teachers, Kingston, April 1985.
- Planning Committee for Law Society of Upper Canada Program on Bill C-15, Toronto, April 1988
- Planning Committee for Federation of Law Societies National Family Law Program, Montreal, July 1988
- Co-Chair for Law Society of Upper Canada Program on Bill C-15, Kingston, Sept. 1988
- Chair, Legal Program on Children in the Courts, Institute for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Toronto, October 1991
- Steering Committee for Mediation and Domestic Violence Program of Ontario Association of Family Mediators, Spring 1992
- Chair, Legal Responses to Child Abuse Program, Institute for Prevention of Child Abuse, Toronto, October 1992
- International Society of Family Law, North American Regional Conference, Quebec City, June 1996
- International Society of Family Law, North American Regional Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 1999

- Domestic Partnerships Conference, Kingston, Ontario, October 1999.
- Convenor for International Society of Family Law, North American Regional Conference, Kingston, Ontario, June 2001
- International Society of Family Law, Conference Planning Committee, Eugene Oregon, June 2003
- National Judicial Institute, Curriculum Planning Committees:
 - Youth Justice Curriculum Committee (National), 1999 - 2002
 - Child Witness Curriculum Committee, 2002-2003
 - High Conflict Divorces Curriculum Committee, 2004 - 2006
 - Youth Justice Program for Ontario Court of Justice, May 2005
 - Assessments in Family Law Cases for Manitoba Queen's Bench, September 2005
 - Youth Justice Program for New Brunswick Court of Appeal, Dec. 2005
 - Child Welfare, Ontario Court of Justice, Toronto, Jan. 2006
 - Child Welfare & Child Custody, Superior Courts (Canada), 2005-2007
 - Child Witness Program (Criminal), March 2006
 - Family Law Primer for Ontario Judges, Sept. 2006 & April 2008
 - Domestic Violence for Ontario Judges, 2006-2008
 - Youth Justice Curriculum Committee 2008 - 2009
- Alberta Child Representation Education Committee(Legal Education Society), 2004-05
- International Scientific Committee for World Congress on Family Violence (Banff. Alta, October 2005)
- Law Society of Upper Canada, Family Law Summit, Co-Chair, 2006- 2013
- Planning Committee for Kingston Group of Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, Ontario Chapter, 2012-present
- Ontario Superior Court Family Law Education (2016)

Media

Frequently interviewed by radio, television and newspapers concerning Family and Children's Law, including CBC TV and radio, Global, CTV, Globe & Mail, Toronto Star, Toronto Sun, National Post, BBC, NPR (USA), and Washington Post.

Grants

- Queen's Advisory Research Council, \$1,100, Children's law casebook publication (with Prof. Heino Lilles), 1982.
- Queen's Advisory Research Council, \$1,500 (application with Prof. Heino Lilles); Young offenders project,1984.
- Lawson Foundation, \$25,000 - joint application with Prof. Martha Bailey for project on United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; 1998-99
- Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council, Principal Investigator: \$144,000; 1999-2002. Study on children as witnesses with co-applicants Profs. Kang Lee & Rod Lindsay of Queen's Psychology, and collaborators Dr. John Leverette in Psychiatry & Ms. Janet Lee, Director of Kingston Victim Witness program.
- Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council, Principal Investigator: \$150,000, 2002-05. Study on children as witnesses with co-applicants Profs. Kang Lee & Rod Lindsay of

Queen's Psychology, and collaborators Dr. John Leverette in Psychiatry & Ms. Janet Lee, Director of Kingston Victim Witness program.

- Cornell-Canada-Northern Ireland Project on Law, Gender & the Family: \$4,500 (U.S.) For academic visit to Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, March, 2004.
- Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council, Principal Investigator: \$184,000, 2005-08. Study on children as witnesses with co-applicants Prof. Rod Lindsay of Queen's Psychology, and Prof. Victoria Talwar, of McGill Psychology, with collaborators Prof. Kang Lee of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and Ms. Janet Lee, Director of Kingston Victim Witness program.
- Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council, Principal Investigator: \$165,000, 2008-11. Study on children as witnesses with co-applicants Prof. Rod Lindsay of Queen's Psychology, Prof. Victoria Talwar, of McGill Psychology, Prof. Kang Lee of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, with collaborator Ms. Janet Lee, Director of Kingston Victim Witness program.
- Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council, Co-Investigator: \$135,000, 2008-12. Study of high conflict separations; the Principal Investigator, Prof. Rachel Birnbaum (Social Work UWO), with Co-Investigators Profs Jaffe (Psychology, UWO) and McLeary (Nursing, Brock).
- Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council, Principal Investigator: \$190,000, 2011-14. Study on credibility assessment of children as witnesses and adult witnesses in the criminal justice process, with co-investigators Prof. Lisa Dufraimont, Queen's Law, Prof. Rod Lindsay of Queen's Psychology, Prof. Victoria Talwar, of McGill Psychology, Prof. Kang Lee, University of Toronto.
- Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council, Co-Investigator: \$112,000, 2011-14. Study of effects of parental separation on children; the Principal Investigator is Prof. Michael Saini (Social Work, University of Toronto), with Co-Investigators Profs. Rachel Birnbaum (Social Work, UWO) and Francine Cyr (Psychology, University of Montreal).
- Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council, Principal Investigator: \$338,000, 2014-22. Study on access to family justice and effects of involvement in family justice system. Co-investigators are Prof. Michael Saini (Social Work, University of Toronto), with Co-Investigators Profs. Rachel Birnbaum (Social Work, UWO) and Francine Cyr (Psychology, University of Montreal), Alain Roy (Law, University of Montreal) and Karine Poitras (Psychology, University of Quebec at Trois Rivieres).
- Law Foundation of Ontario, Co-Investigator; Principal Investigator is Prof. Rachel Birnbaum (Social Work, UWO): \$100,000, 2017-18, Views of the Child Reports.
- Law Foundation of Ontario, Co-Investigator; Principal Investigator is Prof. Rachel Birnbaum (Social Work, UWO): \$250,000, 2018-21, Family Limited Scope Retainer Project
- Law Foundation of Ontario, Co-Investigator; Principal Investigator is Prof. Rachel Birnbaum (Social Work, UWO): \$78,770, 2020-22, High Conflict Separations and Child Protection
- Law Foundation of Ontario (\$39,000) and AFCC-O (\$6,000), Co-Investigator; Principal Investigator is Prof. Claire Houston (Western Law), also with Dr Rachel Birnbaum (Social Work, UWO): 2021-23, The Pandemic and Family Justice in Ontario.

- Law Foundation of Ontario, Co-Investigator; Principal Investigator is Prof. Rachel Birnbaum (Social Work, UWO): \$29,330, 2021-23, Child Protection Inclusive Mediation
- Law Foundation of Ontario, Principal Investigator \$24,100; with Prof. Rachel Birnbaum (Social Work, UWO) as Co-Investigator: 2021-22, Parenting Plan Guide Research & Translation.
- Canadian Foundation for Legal Research, Principal Investigator, \$14,715; 2022-24, with Prof. Rachel Birnbaum (Social Work, UWO) as Co-Investigator, Parental Alienation: Long-Term Effects of Court Orders
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191. Bala & Leckey, "Charter & Child Welfare," National Judicial Institute Education Program, Ottawa, June 10, 2014.
192. Bala, "Responding More Effectively To Youth Crime: The Legal Context," Canadian Youth Justice Conference, Toronto, June 25, 2014
193. Bala & Hebert, "Views, Perspectives And Experiences of Children in Family Cases," National Judicial Institute Program on Judicial Interviews of Children, Whistler, B.C., July 15, 2014.
194. Maur & Bala, "Re-Thinking Costs In Family Cases: Encouraging Parties To 'Move Forward,'" National Family Law Program, Whistler, B.C., July 14, 2014.
195. Bala, "Shared Parenting: Now the Under-appreciated Norm in Canada - Implications For Policy & Practice," National Family Law Program, Whistler, B.C., July 15, 2014.
197. Bala & Chaput, "Past Parenting Evidence & C.F.S.A s. 50," Ontario Court of Justice, Family Law Program, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Sept. 10, 2014.
198. Bala, "Bill C-10 & the Youth Criminal Justice Act Amendments: Fine Tuning, Not Fundamental Reform, Thank Goodness!," Ontario Court of Justice East Region Education Program, Kingston, Ont. Oct. 8, 2014,
199. Bala & Chamberland, "Proving "Grave Risk: The Judicial Role," Working Group of the Permanent Bureau of Hague Convention on Child Abduction, The Hague, NL. Nov. 20-22, 2014.
200. Bala & Chaput, "The Obligation to Support Adult Children: Adulthood Delayed,"

- National Judicial Institute Family Law Program, Banff Alberta, Feb 4, 2015.
201. Bala & Chaput, "The Obligation to Support Adult Children: When Does "Childhood" End?" Law Society of Upper Canada, Family Law Summit, Toronto, March 31, 2015
 202. Bala & Hunter: "Parental Alienation: Context, Challenges and Recent Ontario Cases," Modern Families Symposium, Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto, May 5, 2015.
 203. Birnbaum, Bala, Polak & Sohani, "Shared Parenting: Ontario Case Law and Social Science Research," National Judicial Institute, Family Law Program, February 3, 2016, Toronto.
 204. Bala & Hebert, "Children Resisting Contact: What's a Judge to Do?," National Judicial Institute, Family Law Program, February 4, 2016, Toronto.
 205. Maur & Bala, "Determining Costs Quantum in Ontario Family Litigation: The Utility of Tariffs," Ontario Family Law Rules Committee, April 5, 2016.
 206. Bala & Watt, "Expert Evidence and Assessments in Family Cases: Recent Developments, Osgoode Hall Law School, Continuing Legal Education Program on *Recent Developments and Complex Issues in Evidence in Family Proceedings*, May 9, 2016.
 207. Bala, "The *Motherisk Review* and the Challenge of Expert Evidence in Child Welfare Cases," Advanced Issues in Child Protection Law, Ontario Bar Association, May 13, 2016, Toronto.
 208. Bala, "Support for Adult Children: When Does Childhood End?" National Family Law Program, St. John's NL, July 12, 2016.
 209. Bala & Hebert, "Children Resisting Contact: A Family Functioning Problem," National Family Law Program, St. John's NL, July 12, 2016.
 210. Maur & Bala, "Costs and the Changing Culture of Family Justice", Family Law Program, National Judicial Institute, Vancouver, Feb . 8, 2017.
 211. Bala, Birnbaum & Hebert, "Recognizing Ethical Duties of Parent's Lawyers to Children of their Clients," Family Law Summit, Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto, March 7, 2017
 212. Bala & Birnbaum,"Views of the Child Reports in Ontario: The Pilot Project & Final Research Results", Western University Symposium, Toronto, June 21, 2017
 213. Bala, "CSG s.9: Shared Custody & Child Support– Conundrums, Contino & Child Focus," Atlantic Courts Education Seminar for Federally Appointed Judges, National Judicial Institute, Oct 20, 2017, St. Andrew's NB.
 214. Bala & Baum, "Support for Adult Children in Canada: When Does Childhood End?", Family Law Program, National Judicial Institute, Quebec City, Feb 7, 2018
 215. Bala & Gordon, "Shared Custody and Child Support: Conundrums, Contino and Child Focus," Family Law Program, National Judicial Institute, Quebec City, Feb 8, 2018.
 216. Maur & Bala, "Family Law Costs in Ontario: A Proposal for a Tariff and Recent Developments," Law Society of Ontario, Family Law Summit, Toronto, April 9, 2018.
 217. Bala, Birnbaum, Moscoe & Eisen, "Innovations in the Practice of Family Law: Ontario's Unbundled Family Law Services Project," Law Society of Ontario, Family Law Summit, Toronto, April 10, 2018.
 218. Bala & Birnbaum, Children's Participation in Family Relationship Cases: Rethinking the Role of Lawyers for Children, National Family Law Program, Vancouver B.C., July 10, 2018.
 219. Bala, Bill C-78: Commentary on Proposed Reforms of the Parenting Provisions of the *Divorce Act*, National Family Law Program, Vancouver B.C., July 10, 2018

220. Bala & Gordon, Shared Custody and Child Support: Conundrums, *Contino* and Child Focus, National Family Law Program, Vancouver B.C., July 11, 2018
221. Bala “When Does Childhood End? Support for Adult Children in Canada” Family Law Program, British Columbia Supreme Court Educational Program, Vancouver BC, Nov 14, 2018.
222. Bala, Hague Convention and CLRA Jurisdiction Issues: The Impact of *O.C.L. v Balev*, Ontario Court of Justice, Judicial Development Institute (Family), Toronto Feb. 6, 2019.
223. Bala, “*O.C.L. v Balev*: Not the Evisceration of the *Hague Convention* and the International Custody Jurisdiction of the CLRA,” Law Society of Ontario, Family Law Summit, Toronto, March 19, 2019
224. Bala, “Bill C- 78: Amending the Parenting Provisions of the Divorce Act,” Simcoe County Law Association, Alliston, Ontario, June 14, 2019.
225. Bala, “Child Support for Adult Children in Ontario: When does Childhood End? Ontario Court of Justice,” Judicial Development Institute, Feb. 11, 2022 (Paper & Zoom)
226. Bala & Ebsim, “The 2021 Parenting Law Reforms: Is Shared Parenting the New Normal,” Law Society of Ontario Family Law Summit, March 28, 2022 (Paper & Zoom)
227. Bala, “Shared Parenting in Canada: Not Presumed, but Increasingly Accepted,” National Family Law Program, Whistler, BC, July 25, 2022.
228. Bala, Child Support Obligations of Stepparents in Canada: “Standing in the Place of a Parent” & the C.S.G s. 5, National Judicial Institute, Family Law Program, Toronto, February 16, 2023 (revised version published in *Canadian Family Law Quarterly*)
229. Bala & Abrams, Support of Adult Children In Canada: When Does Childhood End? National Judicial Institute, Family Law Program, Toronto, February 16, 2023.
230. Bala & Thom, Reform of Relocation Law in Ontario: The First Two Years, Family Law Summit, Law Society of Ontario, Toronto, March 29, 2023.
231. Bala & Frohlich, Parenting Law in Alberta, LESA Refresher 2023: Family Law, Jasper Park Lodge, Alberta, May 6, 2023.
232. Bala, Shared Parenting in Ontario: Not Presumed and Still Controversial, but a “General Trend,” Ontario Bar Association, Family Law Section (on Zoom), June 2, 2023.
233. Bala, Family Violence & Parenting Cases in Alberta’s Family Courts, Alberta Council of Women’s Shelters, Oct. 2, 2023, (on Zoom, with paper circulated)
234. Bala & Farshait, Children Resisting Contact and Parental Alienation: Context, Controversies and Challenges, Family Law Summit, Law Society of Ontario, Toronto, March 20, 2024.
235. [Bala, Birnbaum & Farshait, Children Resisting Contact & Parental Alienation: Strategies for Lawyers in High Conflict Parenting Cases. Queen's University Legal Research](#), National Family Law Program, Halifax, July 23, 2024.
236. Bala, Support for Adult Children & Struggling Zoomers, National Family Law Program, Halifax, July 22, 2024.

Professional and Academic Lectures, Presentations & Panels (No written paper)

1. Renfrew County Children's Aid Society, Training Program, Speaker, Pembroke, February 1978.
2. Leeds & Grenville Children's Aid Society, Training Program, Speaker, Brockville January 1979.
3. Kingston Children's Aid Society, Training Programs, Speaker, September 1981.

4. Canadian Congress on the Prevention of Crime, Panellist on Young Offenders Act, Winnipeg, July 1981
5. Frontenac Family Law Association, On Family Law and the Charter, March 1982, Kingston
6. Frontenac Family Law Association, on Unmarried Cohabitation, February 1982, Kingston
7. National Training Program on Young Offenders Act, Panelist, Ottawa, January 1983
8. Ontario Family Court Judges Judicial Development Institute, Speaker on Young Offenders, Toronto, February 1983 (presentation based on book)
9. Kingston Children's Aid Society, Training Program, September 1983
10. Ontario Alliance for Children, Conference on Child & Family Services Act, speaker, Toronto, January 1984
11. Ontario Family Court Judges Educational Institute, Speaker on Young Offenders Act, March 1984 (presentation based on book)
12. Hamilton Law Association, Speaker on Young Offenders Act, May 1984 (presentation based on book)
13. Kingston Inter-Agency Council for Children, Conferences on Child Abuse, March 1984 & May 1984
14. National Associations Active in Criminal Justice, Speaker at Annual Meeting, Ottawa, November 1984
15. Ontario Family Court Judges Judicial Development Institute, Speaker on Young Offenders Act, Kingston, February 1985
16. National Consultation on United Nations Congress on Crime, Speaker, Ottawa, March 1985
17. Frontenac County Law Association, on Young Offenders Act, April 1985
18. Canada - USA Law Institute, Family Dispute Resolution Conference, Speaker on Mediation of Property Disputes, London, April 1985; remarks formed basis of a book chapter
19. Ontario Association of Family Court Clinics Conference, speaker on Due Process and the Young Offenders Act, London, May 1986
20. Queen's Law Union, speaker at "Stones of Law Conference", on young offenders and alternative measures, Kingston, April 1986
21. Queen's Law Union, speaker at Young Offenders Conference, Kingston, March 1987
22. London Family Court Clinic Conference, speaker on Legal Developments and the Young Offenders Act, London, March 1987
23. Ontario Association of Family Court Clinics Conference, speaker on Bill C-15 (child sexual abuse), Kingston, April 1987
24. Ontario Social Development Council, Young Offenders Act Dispositions Conference, speaker on Dispositional Philosophy, Toronto, May 1987
25. Saskatchewan Council on Child & Youth, Panellist and Workshop Leader at "Beyond Badgley" Conference (child sexual abuse), Regina, May 1987
26. Ontario Centre for the Prevention of Child Abuse, workshop leader at Conference - Allegations of Child Abuse: Legal Issues in Civil and Criminal Proceedings, Toronto, June 1987

27. Ontario Centre for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Interdisciplinary Conferences on Bill C-15, Keynote Speaker, Pembroke, Kingston, Toronto, February 1988. Substantially revised version of speech published by Institute for the Prevention of Child Abuse (1988)
28. Law Society of Upper Canada, Young Offenders Program, panelist in session on "Current Legal Issues", Toronto, February 1988 (previous paper included in Conference materials)
29. Alberta Institute of Research and Reform, panelist at review of proposals on unmarried cohabitation, Calgary, March 1988
30. Law Society of Upper Canada, program on Child Sexual Abuse, presentations on Bill C-15 and Child Abuse Register, Toronto, April 1988 (previous paper included in materials)
31. Ontario District Court Judges Association, speaker at Education Program on Bill C-15, Toronto, May 1988 (previous paper included in materials)
32. Ontario Association of Family Court Clinics Conference, speaker on Young Offenders Act, Ottawa, May 1988
33. Ontario Council of Children's Aid Society Counsel, presentation of Child Abuse Register Review, Toronto, June 1988 (previous paper distributed)
34. American Bar Association, Juvenile Justice Section, Panel discussion on approaches to juvenile justice, Toronto, August 1988 (previous paper distributed)
35. Law Society of Upper Canada, Bill C-15 and Child Sexual Abuse, program co-chair and panellist, Kingston, September 1988 (previous papers included in materials)
36. Atlantic Child Welfare Conference, key-note speaker on Bill C-15, Halifax, September 1988 (previous paper distributed)
37. Commonwealth Magistrates Association Conference, speaker on Family Law, Kingston, September 1988
38. Institute for Prevention of Child Abuse Conference, panellist and workshop leader on legal issues related to child abuse and Child Abuse Register, Toronto, October 1988 (previous paper included in Conference materials)
39. Canadian Council on Children and Youth, Consultation on United Nations Convention on Rights of the Child, Speaker on Child Pornography and Juvenile Prostitution, Ottawa, March, 1989
40. Kidslines Training Program, Speaker on Legal Issues, Canadian Children's Foundation, Toronto, May 1989
41. "Young Offenders: A Northern Perspective", Panellist on Transfer to Adult Court, Sudbury, May 1989
42. Preparing the Professional for Court & Bill C-15 sessions at Institute for Prevention of Child Abuse Conference, Toronto, September 1989 (Previous papers included in conference materials)
43. Canadian Bar Association, Family Law Section, Calgary Alberta, October 1989.
44. Canadian Bar Association Young Offenders Section, Calgary, on proposed amendments to Young Offenders Act, December 1989
45. Family Court Judges, Calgary, Young Offenders: National Issues, December 1989
46. Children's Hospital, Calgary, Testifying on Behalf of Children, December 1989
47. Ontario Council for Leadership in Education Administration, Correctional Educators Conference, Young Offenders and Transfer to Adult Court, Toronto, March 1990
48. Ontario Association of Distress Centres, Legal Issues Related to Volunteers, Kingston, May 1990

49. Frontenac Family Law Association, Allegations of Social Abuse in Custody Cases, Kingston, May 1990
50. Prince Edward Island Community Legal Information Association, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Charlottetown, December 1990
51. Ontario Police College, Youth Justice System, 1 day lectures, 1990, 1991, 1992
52. Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, on Child Sexual Abuse and the Catholic Church, Ottawa, January 1991
53. Correctional Staff College, on Testifying in Transfer Hearings, Kingston, April 1991 (materials distributed)
54. Ontario Association of Family Court Clinics Conference, "The Expert Witness Revisited: New Challenges", Kingston, April 1991
55. Kingston Area Young Offenders Community Service Workers, "Alternative Measures and the Young Offenders Act", Kingston, May 1991
56. First North American Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Panelist on Legal Issues related to False Allegations of Sexual Abuse, Toronto, June 1991
57. Ontario Association of Family Mediators, Panelist on Legal Issues & Mediation, Hamilton, June 1991
58. Canadian Psychological Association, Presentation on The Psychologist As An Expert Witness in Child Related Proceedings, Calgary, June 1991 (prior papers distributed)
59. Institute for the Prevention of Child Abuse, "Testifying on Behalf of Children", all day workshop with R. Vogl, October 29, 1991, Toronto (Prior publication distributed)
60. Continuing Medical Education Program, Queen's University, "Health Professionals and Child Abuse: Legal Issues", Kingston, Mar. 11, 1992
61. John Howard Society, Young Offenders Dispositions, Mar. 13, 1992
62. National Judicial Education Institute, "Canadian Family Law", Program for Eastern European Judges, September 24, 1992, Ottawa
63. Institute for Prevention of Child Abuse Conference, Chair of Law Reform Program & co-presenter at Workshop on Testifying on Behalf of Children, Toronto, October 1992 (previous publications distributed at Conference)
64. Frontenac County Child Abuse Committee, "Child Sexual Abuse & Law Reform", November 6, 1992, Kingston
65. Continuing Medical Education Program, Queen's University, "Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse: Legal Issues", Kingston, Feb. 12, 1993
66. Ontario Child Abuse Register Hearing Officers, "The Reform of the Child Abuse Register", Toronto, April 19, 1993
67. Canadian Association for Law & Society, "Young Offenders Issues", Ottawa, June 7, 1993. Panelist. (Learned Societies Meeting)
68. Canadian Bar Association - Ontario. Family Law Section, "Reform of Custody Laws", September 22, 1993, Toronto
69. Institute for the Prevention of Child Abuse - International Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect Seminar, September 28, 1993, Toronto (publication listed above)
70. Institute for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Conference, "Screening for Child Abuse Using the Register and Criminal Records", October 24, 1993
71. Canadian Coalition on the Rights of the Child & Canadian Children's Bureau, "Legal Reform and Corporal Punishment: Amending s. 43 of the Criminal Code", Ottawa, January, 1994

72. Department of Justice, Reform of the Young Offenders Act, Ottawa, February 24-25, 1994 (previous paper distributed)
73. Canadian Bar Association - Ontario, Family Law Section, "New Definitions of the Family", Kingston, March 29, 1994 (previous paper distributed)
74. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Conference, "Children of Divorce", "Defining Best Interest" & "Juvenile Justice", University of Victoria, June 20-21, 1994
75. Hastings County Law Association, "Reform of the Young Offenders Act", Belleville, October 14, 1994; and Frontenac County Law Association, Kingston, October 27, 1994
76. Institute for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Annual Conference, on "Dilemmas of Disclosure" and "Learning from Judicial Decisions", Toronto October 21, 1994
77. Better Beginnings for Kingston Children, "Child Abuse Reporting & Confidentiality", November 21, 1994.
78. University of Ottawa, Human Rights Research & Education Centre, Strategies to Prevent Youth Crime Conference, "Canada in an International Comparison of Youth Crime Responses", Ottawa, March 18, 1995; broadcast on Canadian Parliamentary Affairs Channel. Revised version published
79. Health Canada and Institute for Prevention of Child Abuse, Best Practice Symposium on the Sexual Abuse of Young Children, on "Reform of the Justice System to Accommodate Young Children", Toronto, March 30, 1995.
80. Annual Meeting of Canadian Research Institute for Law & Family, "Juvenile Justice in the United States: A Comparative Perspective", Lake Louise, Alta., May 6, 1995
81. "The Clinician in Court", Institute for Prevention of Child Abuse, "Searching for the Truth" Conference, Toronto, May 31, 1995 (publication distributed)
82. "Young Offenders under 12", Earls Court Child & Family Service Centre, Toronto, October 25, 1995
83. "Spanking Kids: Does it Work? Is it Right?", panelist at St. Lawrence Centre Forum Toronto, October 25, 1995.
84. "Family Mediation in Canada" at Family Law Reform in England Consultation of BT Forum, Leeds Castle, England, January 29 & 30, 1996 (abstract distributed)
85. "Legal principles for Families, Children & Youth", Department of Justice Canada, Ottawa, March 1, 1996 (Discussion of paper listed above)
86. "The 1995 Young Offenders Act Reforms", Law Union, University of Ottawa, March 2, 1996. (Prior article distributed)
87. "Child Support Guidelines", Frontenac County Law Association & Queen's University Family Law Continuing Education Program, Kingston, April 29, 1996
88. "Towards a First Nations Youth Justice Strategy", Saskatchewan Federation of Indian Nations", Saskatoon, October 7, 1996. (Prior paper & draft brief distributed)
89. Canadian Bar Association & Law Society of Upper Canada, "Child Support Guidelines Program", Kingston, November 11, 1996
90. "The Child Support Guidelines Are Coming-With a Few Changes", Essex County Family Law Association, Windsor, February 25, 1997
91. "Offending Behaviour by Children Under the Age of 12" at Canadian Research Institute for Law & the Family, Annual Meeting, Lake Louise Alta. May 3, 1997
92. "Spousal Abuse and Children of Divorce in Canada: A Differentiated Approach" at Second International Conference on the Effects of Domestic Violence on Children,

- London Ontario June 4 & 5, 1997 (Prior article distributed, presentation written as paper and published as book chapter)
93. "Reforming the Youth Justice System: Effective Change or Responding to Public Misperceptions," Panellist at Probation Officers Association of Ontario Annual Meeting, Richmond Hill, Ontario, November 4, 1997
 94. "Responding Effectively to Youth Crime," Dignity Foundation, Calgary Alberta, November 28, 1997
 95. The United Nations Convention and the Best Interests of the Child, Defence for Children International Symposium, Toronto, March 7, 1998
 96. The Politics and Proposals for the Reform of Canada's Custody and Access Laws, at Canadian Research Institute for Law & the Family, May 2, 1998, Lake Louise Alberta
 97. Canada's Youth Justice System, at Youth Justice Conference: International Comparisons, sponsored by Department of Justice Canada and Canadian Research Institute for Law & Family, Ottawa, May 8 & 9, 1998
 98. Juvenile Justice: An International Perspective at the International Association of Women Judges Conference, Ottawa, May 23, 1998
 99. The Reform of Canada's Custody & Access Laws, at Middlesex Family Law Association, London, Ontario, May 29, 1998
 100. Children's Law and the Early Childhood Educator, at Ontario Early Childhood Education Association Meeting, Kingston, May 30, 1998
 101. Child Support Guidelines Monitoring Pilot Project, presentation of two papers with Hornick & Bertrand at Federal Provincial Conference of Research Sub-Committee on Child Support Guidelines, Ottawa, June 2, 1998
 102. Young Offenders Act: Overview & Update, Ontario Provincial Division Judges Education Seminar, Kingston, October 29, 1998
 103. Canadian Research Institute for Law & the Family, Annual meeting, presentation on "Allegations of Abuse in the Context of Parental Separation" May 1, 1999, Lake Louise, Alberta. (Report on publication in progress cited above)
 104. Status of Women Canada, "Spousal Abuse in Custody and Access Disputes: Recommendations for Reform", March 26 1999, Ottawa.
 105. Panelist at discussion of proposed new Youth Criminal Justice Act, Ontario Provincial Court Judges Education Program, Niagara Falls, Ontario, May 14, 1999.
 106. Ontario Children's Lawyer Education Programs, "Children's Law at the End of the Century: Themes and Challenges," Toronto & Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario June 7 & 8, 1999. Co-leader of 1 day education program for lawyers and social workers.
 107. Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, 1999 Annual Meeting, Presentation on offending by children under 12, Hamilton, August 23, 1999
 108. Ontario Family Law Judges Education Program, Spousal Abuse, Restraining Orders & Recognizances, Muskoka, October 1, 1999
 109. Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Restorative Justice Symposium, Moderator on "Restorative Justice and the Hidden Power Play in Communities," Ottawa, March 25, 2000
 110. Canadian Research Institute for Law & Family, Annual Meeting, "The Legal Competence of Child Witnesses: Assessing Present Practices and the Need for Reform," Lake Louise Alberta, May 6, 2000

111. Family Law Section, Canadian Bar Association- Ontario, "*Stare Decisis* & the Best Interests of the Child," Toronto, May 8, 2000
112. National Family Law Program (Federation of Law Societies of Canada) "Interviewing Children: Ascertaining Facts & Learning Wishes" (prior articles distributed) & "Reforming the Child- Related Provisions of the Divorce Act" (prior article distributed), St. John's Nfld, July 11 & 12, 2000
113. "'Getting the Truth:' Legal and Psychological Issues in Interviewing Children and Youths," Symposium on Profiling and Interviewing Young People, Chatham, Ontario, August 29, 2000 (prior papers distributed)
114. Thunder Bay Law Association, Continuing Education Program, October 21, 2000; presentations on Charter & Family Law; abuse allegations when parents separate; reforming the child related provisions of the *Divorce Act* (prior papers distributed)
115. Probation Officers Association of Ontario, member of panel at plenary session on youth justice issues, Toronto, November 9, 2000
116. Probation Officers meeting, Ontario East Central, the proposed *Youth Criminal Justice Act*, Kingston, November 24, 2000.
117. Canadian Research Institute for Law & Family, Annual Meeting, Canada's New Youth Criminal Justice Act: Law Reform in A Global Context, Lake Louise, Alberta, May 5, 2001.
118. "Children as Victims & Witnesses: Improving the Criminal Justice System," National Joint Committee of Senior Justice Officials, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, May 24, 2001
119. "Testifying In Court on Behalf of Children", Workshop at International Conference on Children Exposed to Domestic Violence, London Ont., June 8, 2001
120. High Conflict Parental Separation and Child Protection (day long interagency workshop), Kingston Children's Aid Society, June 12, 2001
121. "The Charter, the Convention and Kids: Lots of Rhetoric But Not Many Rights", Canadian Bar Association Ontario- Constitutional and Civil Liberties Section, Toronto, June 13, 2001
122. Legal Context for the Child Competency Inquiry, International Society for Applied Research on Memory and Cognition, Kingston June 14, 2001
123. Children as Witnesses in Canada's Criminal Justice System, in Child Witness Symposium at Canadian Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Quebec City, June 23, 2001
124. Charter & Child Protection; Sexual Abuse Allegations When Parents have Separated; Interviewing Children - Legal and Psychological Issues, Ontario Association of Counsel for Children's Aid Societies, Kingston, Ontario, September 13, 2001.
125. A Legal & Psychological Critique of the Present Approach to the Assessment of the Competence of Child Witnesses (with Victoria Talwar), World Congress of Family Law and the Rights of Children, Bath England, Sept. 22, 2001
126. Interviewing Children: Legal and Psychological Issues (with K. Lee and J. Lee), Ontario East Region Crown Attorneys Education Program, Kingston, October 5, 2001
127. Youth Justice Reform, Ontario High School Teachers of Law Annual Meeting(OBEA), Toronto, April 25, 2002
128. "Canada's Youth Justice Reform in an International Context," Annual Meeting of Canadian Research Institute for Law & the Family," May 4, 2002, Lake Louise, Alberta.

129. Children as Witnesses (with Prof. Lee) & Youth Justice Reform: The Role of the Judge, Youth Justice Reform: The Role of the Judge &, May 10, 2002, Liscomb Lodge, Nova Scotia
130. Bala, "Children as Witness: Psychological Research on Competence and Credibility," conference sponsored by Yukon Department of Justice, Whitehorse, June 11, 2002.
131. Commentator on: "Australia's Custody Law Reform & What We Can Learn from That," National Family Law Program of the Federation of Law Societies, Kelowna, British Columbia, July 16, 2002.
132. "The Youth Criminal Justice Act: An Introduction for Child Welfare Agencies," Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies Consultation, Toronto, Dec. 3, 2002.
133. "An Introduction to the Youth Criminal Justice Act," Ministry of Public Safety & Security and Salvation Army, Kingston Area Youth Serving Agencies, Kingston, Ont., January 8, 2003.
134. "The Youth Criminal Justice Act: Overview & Sentencing," Ministry of Community & Social Services, Kingston Probation Officers (half day seminar) Feb 7, 2003.
135. "The Youth Criminal Justice Act: An Introduction for Superior Court Judges," British Columbia Supreme Court Judges Education Program, Vancouver, March 7, 2003.
136. "Young Offenders and the School System," Ontario Principals' Council, Kingston, Ont., March 27, 2003.
137. "The Youth Criminal Justice Act: An Introduction to the New Law," Pathways Children's Services, Kingston, Ont. March 28 , 2003.
138. "The Youth Criminal Justice Act: An Introduction for Judges of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador," St. John's Nfld., April 9 & 10, 2003.
139. "Getting Hitched in Canada: Continuing Controversy Over Intimate Adult Relationships," Canadian Research Institute for Law & Family Annual Meeting, Lake Louise, Alberta, May 3, 2003
140. "A Century of Juvenile Justice Reform: 1908 - 2003" and "First Cases Under the Youth Criminal Justice Act," British Columbia Provincial Court Judges Education Program, Kelowna, British Columbia, May 1, 2003
141. "The Youth Criminal Justice Act and the Child Welfare System," main presenter at education programs for lawyers, child protection workers and other community professionals - May 16, 2003 Belleville
142. - May 30, 2003 Kingston
143. - June 5, 2003 Toronto (Office of the Children's Lawyer)
144. "The Competence and Credibility of Child Witnesses," half day workshop for judges (previous papers included in materials)
June 7, 2003 - Ontario Superior Court judges - Southwest region - Elora Ont.
145. Oct. 22, 2003 - Ontario Court of Justice judges - Central region - Muskoka, Ont.
146. "Child Credibility Assessment: Survey of Canadian Judges & Studies Comparing Justice System Professionals with Students," International Conference on Psychology & Law, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 11, 2003.
147. "Conferencing for Young Offenders: Legal & Policy Context," Judicial Development Institute for Ontario Court of Justice, Toronto, Jan.21-22, 2004.
148. "The Youth Criminal Act & The Role of the Youth Justice System in Responding to Youth Crime" (keynote address and workshop on YCJA) at Forum on Gangs, Guns and Race: Safe Schools & Safe Communities, Winnipeg, March 2, 2004.

149. "Same-sex Marriage in Canada & USA: Using Litigation to Change Public Policy & Public Attitudes," Socio-Legal Studies Conference, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom, April 6, 2004.
150. "Aboriginal Child Welfare in Canada" Canadian Research Institute for Law & Family Annual Meeting, Lake Louise, Alberta, May 1, 2004.
151. "Testifying On Behalf of Children: The Social Worker in Court" and "Assessing the Reforms to Child and Family Services Act," (panellist) Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies Annual Conference, Toronto, June 1-2, 2004.
152. "Foster Parents: A Unique but Shadowy Legal Status," (keynote address) plus workshops on youth justice and testifying in court, Foster Parents Society of Ontario Annual Meeting, Kingston, June 11 & 12, 2004.
153. "The Youth Criminal Act & The Role of the Youth Justice System in Responding to Youth Crime" (keynote address and half day workshop) at Aboriginal Crime Prevention Symposium, Vancouver, June 15, 2004, Vancouver, British Columbia.
154. "Participation of Children in Ontario Family law Proceedings," Conference on Participation of Children in Family Proceedings, International Institute for Child Rights & Development, University of Victoria, at Vancouver, August 31, 2004.
155. "Community Based Responses to Youth Offending: The Y.C.J.A. & Legal Issues," Ontario Community Justice Association Annual Meeting, Roblin Lake Ont. Sept. 23, 2004.
156. "Children as Witnesses in the Canadian Criminal Justice System," Keeping the Promise Conference (Mary Manning Centre), Victoria, B.C., October 22, 2004
157. Bala, "Expert Evidence in Family Law Cases" & "Surreptitious Taping in Family Law Cases" Family Law Seminar of the National Judicial Institute, Vancouver, Feb. 10, 2005.
158. Bala, "The Legal Status of Foster Parents", "Testifying on Behalf of Children" & "Young Offenders & Children in Children's Aid Society Care," Foster Care Operators Association of Ontario, University of Toronto School of Social Work, April 19 & 20, 2005.
159. Bala, "Child Witnesses & Bill C-12," British Columbia Crown Prosecutors Education Program, May 6, 2005 (Presentation by DVD recording)
160. Bala & MacRae, "Polygamy: International Perspectives, Implications for Canada," Canadian Research Institute for Law & the Family, Annual Meeting, Lake Louise, Alberta, May 12, 2005.
162. Bala, Goldberg & Fidler, "Parental Relocation in Canada & the U.S.A.: Moving On," Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Conference, Seattle, Wash., May 20, 2005.
162. Bala, "Children as Witnesses in Canada's Criminal Justice System;" Bala, Hogben & Palmer, "Polygamy & Sharia in Canada: "The Intersection of Faith & Family Law;" Jaffe, Bala, Hyman & Mamo, " Spouse Abuse and the Family Courts." World Conference on the Prevention of Family Violence," Banff, Alta. Oct 24 & 25, 2005.
163. Bala, "How Is the YCJA Working? Implementation & Interpretation," Probation Officers Association of Ontario, Kingston, Nov. 8, 2005.
164. Bala, "Changes in Family Life & Controversies in Family Law: Cautious Politicians & Activist Professionals Slowly Reform Canada's Family Justice System," International Forum on Family Relationships in Transition: Legislative and Policy Responses,

- organized by the Australian Institute of Family Studies, Canberra, Australia, December 1-2, 2005.
165. Bala, "Children as Witnesses in Canada's Criminal Justice System;" Bala, " Spouse Abuse, Parental Separation & Children" Diverse Voices Conference (John Howard Society & YWCA sponsored) Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 6 2005.
 166. Bala, "Child Welfare Reform: The Context", "Expert Witnesses and Assessments" (panelist), "Assessing Risk in Child Welfare Cases" (panelist), "The Standard of Proof in Child Welfare Cases" (commentator), Judicial Development Institute, Ontario Court of Justice Education Program, Toronto, Jan. 18-19, 2006,
 167. Bala, "Adult Sentencing of Youth & The Convention on the Rights of the Child: A Canadian Perspective," Conference on The Role of International Human Rights in Administering Juvenile Justice in the United States, Georgetown University Law School, Washington, D.C., Jan. 24, 2006.
 168. Bala, "Allegations of Sexual Abuse When Parents Have Separated: Children's Lying, Suggestibility & Vulnerability," American Psychology Law Society, St. Petersburg Florida, March 6, 2006.
 169. Bala, "Assessing the Credibility of Child Witnesses, National Judicial Institute, Criminal Law Program," Montreal, March 30, 2006.
 170. Bala, "Spouse Abuse, Parental Separation & Children: The Family Court Process," Lanark County Domestic Violence Conference, Perth, Ont. April 5, 2006.
 171. Bala, "Allegations of Sexual Abuse When Parents Have Separated;" Bala & Harvey "Children and the Criminal Courts: Progress & Problems;" Child Witnesses in the Criminal Courts: Preparation and Practice," Canadian Society for the Investigation of Child Abuse, Calgary, May 3 & 4, 2006, Calgary Alberta
 172. Bala & Williams, "Judicial Education on Child Welfare," Canadian Research Institute for Law & the Family, May 6, 2006, Lake Louise Alberta.
 173. Bala, "Youth Justice Reform: Going in the Right Direction but Need for Further Action," Criminal Justice Conference of the National Union of Public Employees, Ottawa, May 12, 2006.
 174. Bala, "The Context for Child Welfare Reform," Ontario Bar Association, Family Law Section, May 15, 2006, Toronto.
 175. Bala, "Child Witnesses in the Criminal Courts: Legal and Psychological Issues," education program of the Provincial Court Judges of Saskatchewan and Alberta, Edmonton, May 19, 2006.
 176. Bala, "Polygamy in Canada: The Social and Legal Context," Canadian Association of Law Teachers Annual Meeting (participant in plenary session panel discussion), York University, May 29, 2006.
 177. Bala & Mitnick, "Smokescreen or Fire: Allegations of Sexual Abuse in the Context of Parental Separation," Association of Family & Conciliation Courts: Annual Meeting, Tampa, Fla. June 1, 2006.
 178. Bala, "Child Witnesses in the Criminal Courts: Legal and Psychological Issues," education program of the Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench, Waskasieu, Sask. June 13, 2006.
 179. Bala, "Reforming Canada's Child Witness Law" National Teleconference for Child Welfare League of Canada, June 21, 2006.

180. Bala, "Children's Voices in the Family Court Process" & "Expert Evidence in Family Law Cases," High Conflict Separation Program, National Judicial Institute, Kananaskis, Alta. July 8, 2006
181. Bala, "Participation of Children in the Family Court Process in Ontario and Alberta: Institutional and Professional Education Issues," Conference on Meaningful Child Participation in British Columbia Family Court Processes, organized by International Institute for Child Rights and Development and Law Foundation of B.C., Vancouver B.C., Aug. 28 - 30, 2006.
182. Bala, Introduction to Child Welfare, Evidentiary Issues in Child Welfare, Introduction to Child & Spousal Support, Ontario Court of Justice, Family Law Primer for Criminal Court Judges, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., Sept. 18-22, 2006.
183. Bala, "Assessments in Child Welfare Proceedings in Ontario: Reforming Law & Practice," Ontario Court of Justice Annual Family Law Program, Muskoka, Sept. 27, 2006.
184. Bala, "Spouse Abuse and Child Welfare," Annual Conference of Ontario Association of Children's Aid Society Counsel, Ottawa, Sept. 28, 2006.
185. Bala, "Child Witnesses: Legislation, Case Law and Credibility Assessment," Maritime Superior Court Judges Education Seminar, Brundell River, P.E.I., Oct. 19, 2006.
186. Bala, "Expert Witnesses in Child Custody Disputes: Can They Make Recommendations" Plenary Session Debate, Child Custody Evaluators Education Conference, Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, Atlanta Georgia, Oct. 21, 2006
187. Bala, "Young Offenders Sentencing" & "New Child Witness Legislation: Caselaw and Problems," Ontario Court of Justice, West Region Education Program, Goderich, Ontario, November 2, 2006.
188. Bala, "Assessments Under the C.F.S.A. s. 54," Ontario Justice Summit, Toronto, November 15, 2006.
189. Bala, "Child Witnesses: Legal Reforms and Credibility Assessment", Alberta Court of Queen's Bench Education Program, Calgary, November 16, 2006.
190. Bala, "Family Law; Dilemmas in Evidence," panelist for Law Society of Upper Canada, teleconference program, Jan. 12, 2007.
191. Bala, "Role of the Judge in Child Welfare Proceedings" and "Spousal Violence Issues in Custody and Access Cases" (prior papers distributed), National Judicial Institute, Family Law Program, Victoria, B.C., Feb 7-9, 2007.
192. Bala, "Detention & Sentencing Under the Y.C.J.A.: National Trends," Youth Justice Symposium of Canadian Research Institute for Law & Family, Calgary, Alta, Feb. 23, 2007.
193. Bala, "Extra-Judicial Measures, Detention & Sentencing Under the Y.C.J.A.: A Review of National Trends," Northern Region, Probation Officers, Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, March 1, 2007.
194. Bala & Harvey, "Child Witnesses: Preparation, Testifying and Credibility Assessment" Workshop of British Columbia Ministry of Children & Family Development, Abbotsford, B.C. April 24, 2007.
195. Bala, Fidler & Goldberg, "Practical Approaches to Parental Alienation Cases," Ontario Bar Association, Family Law Section, Toronto, April 30, 2007.
196. Bala, "Research on High Conflict Families," Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family, Annual Meeting, Lake Louise, Alta., May 5, 2007.

197. Jaffe, Bala, Campbell, Hyman & Mamo, "Spouse Abuse and the Family Courts," 3rd International Conference on Children Exposed to Domestic Violence, London, Ontario, May 9, 2007.
198. Bala, "Children in the Criminal Courts: Assessing Credibility," Ontario Court of Justice Education Program, Niagara Falls, Ont., May 17, 2007.
199. Bala, "Responding to Youth Crime: Understanding the Role & Limits of the Youth Justice System," 6th Crime Prevention & Crime Reduction Regional Forum Kelowna, B.C. - May 24, 2007.
200. Bala, Fidler & Goldberg, "Responding to Alienation: Practical Solutions in the Family justice System," Association of Family & Conciliation Courts: Annual Conference, Washington D.C., May 31, 2007.
201. Bala, "Family Law & The Older Client: Grandparenting & Late Life Romance," National Elder Law Conference, Canadian Bar Association, Fredericton N.B., June 16, 2007.
202. Bala, "Child Witness Law in Canada: Psychological Research Results in Legal Reform" 30th International Congress on Law and Mental Health, University of Padua, Italy, June 30, 2007.
203. Bala, "Increasing Community Options for Young Offenders: The (Limited) Success of the YCJA," Annual Meeting of the Community Oriented Sentencing Program, Belleville, Ontario, Sept. 24, 2007.
204. Bala & Jaffe, "Spousal Abuse Issues in Child-related Family Law Cases," Joint meeting of Canadian Association of Provincial Court Judges and American Judges Association, Vancouver, Sept. 28, 2007.
205. Bala, "Allegations of Alienation & Sexual Abuse in High Conflict Separations" at Law Society of Upper Canada program on *Child Protection Hearings – Best Practices*, Toronto, Oct. 11, 2007.
206. Bala, "Liability & Accountability Issues for Child Welfare Workers," National Union of Public and General Employees, Ottawa, Nov. 9, 2007.
207. Bala, "High Conflict Separations and Children," Alberta Court of Queen's Bench Education Program, Edmonton Alta, Nov. 15, 2007.
208. Bala, "Allegations of Sexual Abuse When Parents Separate: "Smokescreen or Fire?" Zebra Child Protection Centre, Edmonton Alta, Nov. 16, 2007.
209. Bala & Lightstone, "Planning Curriculum for Judicial Education on High Conflict Divorce," National Judicial Institute Curriculum Planning Seminar, Ottawa, December 6, 2007.
210. Bala, "Making Plans for Custody & Access Cases with Allegations of Spousal Violence: The Need for Differentiated Responses," Office of the Children's Lawyer, Workshop for Clinical Investigators, Toronto, Jan. 19, 2008.
211. Bala, "Access Compliance: Understanding Problems, Developing Solutions," Federal-Provincial-Territorial Meeting on Access Compliance, Ottawa, Jan. 22, 2008.
212. Bala, Introduction to Child Welfare, Evidentiary Issues in Child Welfare, Introduction to Child & Spousal Support, Ontario Superior Court and Ontario Court of Justice, Family Law Primer Program, Cambridge, Ont., April 13- 18, 2008.
213. Bala, "Child & Vulnerable Adult Witness Reforms: Judicial Perceptions Survey & Case Law Review on Bill C-2," Department of Justice Canada, Montreal, April 22, 2008.
214. Bala, "Child Witness Reforms: Judicial Perceptions Survey & Case Law Review," Annual Meeting of Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family, Lake Louise,

- Alta, May 3, 2008.
215. Bala, "Inadequate Forensic Pathology Reports: Child Welfare Issues" and "Separation, Access & Custody: The Implications of Spousal Violence," Canadian Society for the Investigation of Child Abuse, Calgary, Alberta, May 13, 2008.
 216. Advanced Institute for Judicial Officers & Domestic Violence in Separating Families: Dilemma and Debates in Developing Parenting Plans, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, Vancouver, May 28 – 30, 2008.
 217. Bala, "Alienation and Access for Very Young Children," National Judicial Institute Program, on "Child Development and Best interests Decisions," Deerhurst, Ontario, July 12 & 13, 2008.
 218. Bala, "Deterrence as A Principle of Youth Sentencing: No Effect on youth But a Significant Effect on Judges," National Judicial Institute, program on Judging Effectively Under the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*, Toronto, February 26, 2009.
 219. Panellist on "Meaning and Interpretation of the Best Interests Principle" at Conference on Best Interest of the Child: Meaning and Application in Canada at Centre for Constitutional Rights, University of Toronto, Feb. 27, 2009.
 220. Bala, "The Y.C.J.A. After Six Years: Setting the Context", Canadian Research Institute for Law & the Family Annual Meeting, Lake Louise, Alta., May 2, 2009.
 221. Family Law Panellist at the AFCC (Ontario) – Queen's University, Celebrating Nick Bala Conference, May 8, 2009.
 222. Bala, "Domestic Violence in Family Proceedings: Recognizing the Nature & Effect of Violence," Family Law Summit 2009, Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto, June 12, 2009.
 223. Bala, "Adult Sanctions for Youth: Canada," Consultation on Juvenile Justice, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Washington D.C., August 31, 2009.
 224. Bala, Responding to Alienation: Introduction to Concepts & Canadian Legal Responses, Ontario Court of Justice, Family Law Education Program, Sept. 23, 2009, Huntsville, Ontario.
 225. Bala, "Parental Alienation: Concepts & Legal Responses," Open Bar program of Ontario Court of Justice, Toronto, Oct. 5, 2009.
 226. Bala & Bloomenfeld, "Young Persons in the Court of Queen's Bench," Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench Education Seminar, Winnipeg, Oct. 29, 2009.
 227. Bala & Bloomenfeld, "Youth Criminal Justice Act: Principles, Precedents & Problems" Manitoba Provincial Court Education Seminar, Winnipeg, Oct. 30, 2009.
 228. Bala, "Parental Alienation: Concepts & Legal Responses," Education Seminar of Quebec Superior Court, Montréal, Québec, Jan. 27, 2010.
 229. Bala "Alienation, High Conflict Separations, Child Welfare and the Family Justice System," ParOntaio Webinar (child welfare workers, Feb. 23, 2010 (475 listeners).
 230. Bala, "Responding to Cultural Diversity in Regulating Adult Relationships: Polygamy & Sharia in Canada," Agenda Setting Workshop on Family, Regulation and Society Universities of Exeter, Bath, Bristol & Cardiff, Nuffield Foundation, London, UK, March 15, 2010.(via webex)
 231. Bala, "Domestic Violence in Child-Related Cases: Differentiation and Parenting Plans," & Allegations of Sexual Abuse in the Context of Parental Separation: Smokescreen or Fire?" Canadian Bar Association – Alberta, Calgary, April 29, 2010
 232. Bala, "Hearing the Voice of the Child in Custody & Access Disputes: Judicial Interviews

- with Children,” Annual Meeting of Canadian Research Institute for Law & the Family,” Lake Louise, Alta. May 1, 2010.
233. Bala, ”Parental Alienation: Concepts & Caselaw”, Superior Court of Justice (Ontario) Annual Education Seminar, Niagara-on-the-Lake, May 5, 2010 (via webex)
 234. Bala, “Alienation, High Conflict Separations, and the Family Justice System,” Law Society of Newfoundland & Labrador, St. John’s , Nl., May 7, 2010 (via webex).
 235. Bala, Legal Issues for Victims of Abuse Seeking Redress, 3rd Annual Conference of Kingston Trauma & Abuse Centre, Kingston, Ont. May 20, 2010.
 236. Bala, “Responses to Alienation” (plenary) and “Judicial Interviewing of Children”, Association of Family & Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, Denver Colo., June 3-5, 2010.
 237. Bala & Birnbaum, “Responses to Alienation” and “Judicial Interviewing of Children”, Waterloo Bar Association, Kitchener, Ontario, June 9, 2010.
 238. Bala, Conference Co-Chair & moderator of sessions on Bill 133 Custody reforms & Child Protection issues, Family Law Summit, Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto, June 10-11.
 239. Bala, “The Challenge of High Conflict Separations, Contact Disputes & Alienation of Children: A North American Perspective on UK Cases,” Family Law Seminar (Families Need Fathers), House of Commons, Westminster, London, UK, June 16, 2010
 240. Bala, “Responses to Alienation in the Canadian Courts” and “Judicial Interviewing of Children in Custody & Access Cases,” National Judicial Institute, Responding to Allegations of Estrangement and Alienation Seminar, Victoria, B.C. July 9-10, 2010.
 241. Bala & Shaffer, “Differentiated Approaches to Spousal Violence in Family Law Cases” and Birnbaum, Bala, Czutrin & Grant, “ Judicial Interviews of Children in Custody and Access Cases”, National Family Law Program of Federation of Law Societies of Canada, Victoria, B.C. , July 13 & 15, 2010.
 242. Bala, Principles for Custody & Access Orders When Domestic Violence is a Issue, Ontario Court of Justice Family Law Education Program, Niagara-on-the-Lake, September 16, 2010.
 242. Bala, “Legal Perspective on YCJA Implementation: Principles, Precedents & Problems,” Youth Justice Ontario Conference, Toronto, Sept. 24, 2010. Legal Perspective on YCJA Implementation, Toronto, Sept. 24, 2010
 243. Bala & Talwar, “The Accuracy and Credibility of Children’s Statements,” and Bala, Family Law Reform in Ontario: Reflecting Back and Looking Ahead, AFCC Ontario Conference, Toronto, Oct 14 & 15, 2010.
 244. Bala,” Children in the Family Courts: Judicial Interviews”; “Child Witnesses in Canada’s Criminal Justice System”; and “Domestic Violence in Child-Related Cases: Differentiation and Parenting Plans,” Diverse Voices Domestic Violence Conference, Edmonton, Alta, Nov. 15, 2010.
 245. Bala, “Differentiating Domestic Violence Cases,” “Judicial Notice in Family Cases,” “Experts in Domestic Violence Cases”, Program on Managing the Domestic Violence Family Cases, National Judicial Institute, Quebec City, November 16-19, 2010.
 246. Bala, Responding to Youth Crime in Canada: Policies, Controversies & Politics, Ukraine Juvenile Justice Reform Project (C.I.D.A. & Agriteam Canada) Ottawa, Nov. 25, 2010.
 247. Bala, “Interviewing Children & Assessing Their Credibility: A Developmental Perspective” Ontario Court of Justice, Judicial Development Institute, Toronto, Jan. 19,

- 2011.
248. Bala, “Roles for Children’s Attorneys,” “Alienation & Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse,” “Judicial Interviews of Children,” Representation for Children Program, Judicial Education Institute, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, Feb 22. -24, 2011.
 249. Bala, “Child Witnesses in the Criminal Courts: Legislation, Judicial Perceptions & Cases,” Child Advocacy Centres, Knowledge Exchange, Department of Justice Canada, Ottawa, Feb 28- Mar. 1, 2011.
 250. Bala & Birnbaum, “Responding to Parental Alienation: Practical Solutions in the Family Justice System,” Domestic Relations Seminar of the Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College, Port Columbus Ohio, April 8, 2011
 251. Bala & Fidler, Responding to Alienation: Practical Solutions in the Family Justice System, Office of Attorneys for Children, New York State, 3rd Department, Albany, N.Y. April 15, 2011.
 252. Hornick & Bala, “A Study of the Historical Evolution of Federal Family Justice Policy in Canada from 1985 to 2011.” presented to Consulting Committee of Senior Officials– Family Justice, Ottawa, May 11, 2011.
 253. Bala, “Parental Relocation: The Challenge of Predicting Best Interests Outcomes for Kids & Best Interests Judicial Decisions,” Annual Meeting – Canadian Research Institute for Law & Family, May 14, 2011, Canmore, Alberta.
 254. Bala, “Family Mediation: An Introduction” at Riverdale Basic Family Mediation Training for Family Lawyers, Kingston, Ont. May 24, 2011.
 255. Bala, Fidler & Saini, Differential Responses To Alienation: Definitions, Assessment & Interventions, AFCC Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, June 1, 2011.
 256. Bala & Birnbaum, “Lawyers’ Experiences with Family Litigants Without Representation,” Family Law Summit - Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto, Ont., June 17, 2011
 257. Birnbaum & Bala, “Hearing Children’s Voices in Family Dispute Resolution,” Association for Conflict Resolution – Family Section, Teleconference Series, July 6, 2011.
 258. Bala, “Parental Alienation & The Child’s Voice in Family Proceedings,” Nuffield Foundation, London, UK, July 13, 2011.
 259. Bala & Birnbaum, “Judicial Interviews of Children in Child Welfare and Custody Cases” and “Children’s Experiences with their Lawyers & Lawyers’ Experiences with Child Clients,” Best Practices in Child Legal Representation Conference (Alberta Legal Representative of Children and Youth), Sept 15 & 16, Banff, Alberta
 260. Bala, Dealing with Family Litigants Without Representation, Frontenac Law Association Annual Education Conference, Gananoque, Ontario, October 1, 2011.
 261. Bala, Assessing the Credibility of Child Witnesses, Ontario Court of Justice, East Region Education Seminar, Kingston, Ontario, Oct. 20, 2011.
 262. Chair, panel on attachment and family violence, Association of Family & Conciliation Courts - Ontario, Toronto Oct. 21, 2011
 263. Bala “Domestic Violence Cases & Mediation,” Limestone Mediation, Kingston, Ont, Nov. 11, 2011
 264. Bala & Birnbaum, “Family Litigants Without Lawyers: Results of Surveys of Lawyers & Litigants, Kitchener Waterloo Family Law Association, Nov. 14, 2011.
 265. Bala & Clinton, “Children as Witnesses in Jamaica’s Criminal Courts: Recognizing

- Capabilities & Accommodating Vulnerabilities,” Supreme Court of Jamaica (funded in part by Canadian International Development Agency), Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 2 & 3, 2011.
266. Bala, “Who’s Your Daddy? It Depends: Controversies & Contexts of Fatherhood” Open Bar Series, Ontario Court of Justice - Family Court, Toronto, Dec. 5, 2011.
 267. Bala, “Legal Responses to Alienation in the Canadian Courts” and “Judicial Interviews with Children in Alienation Cases”, National Judicial Institute program for Alberta Court of Queen’s Bench, Calgary, Jan 26, 2012.
 268. Bala, “Expert Evidence in Family law Cases (panelist), Canadian Bar Association Alberta Mid-Winter Meeting, Calgary, Jan. 26, 2012.
 269. Bala, “Hearing the Voices of Children in Family Court Process & the Role of Judicial Interviews,” Canadian Bar Association, New Brunswick Mid-Winter Meeting St. John N.B., Feb. 4, 2012.
 270. Bala & Birnbaum, “Self-represented Family Litigants and the Access to Justice,” National Judicial Institute, Family Law Program, Toronto, Feb 8, 2012.
 271. Bala, “Parental Alienation & High Conflict Separations;” “Domestic Violence & Parenting Arrangements: A Differentiated Approach;” “Assessing the Credibility of Children;” “Professional Responsibility Issues in Dealing with Self-Represented Litigants & Limited Scope Retainers,” Legal Aid Western Australia Summer Education Program, Perth, Australia, Feb 15 – 17, 2012.
 272. Bala, “Involving Children in the Family Dispute Resolution Process;” and “Parental Alienation & High Conflict Separations;” Pathways Family Relationships, Perth W.A., Feb 16, 2012.
 273. Bala, “Contact Concerns in High Conflict Cases: Alienation, Estrangement & Hybrid Cases”, Family Court of Western Australia, Perth, Feb 15, 2012; Family Court of Victoria, Melbourne, Feb 20, 2012; Family Court of Sydney, Sydney N.S.W., Feb 22, 2012.
 274. Bala, “Parental Alienation, Contact Problems and the Family Justice System: Policy Responses,” Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, Aust., Feb. 20, 2012.
 275. Bala, Birnbaum & Cyr, “Hearing the Voices of Children in the Family Court Process: The Research,” Law Society of Upper Canada, Voice of Child Education Program, Toronto, Ontario, March 28, 2012.
 276. Bala, “Youth Justice Principles, Sentencing and Bill C-10”, Navigating the Youth Justice System Program, Ontario Justice Education Network, Kingston, Ontario, Mar. 31, 2012.
 277. Bala, “Family Litigants Without Lawyers: Surveys & Suggestions about a Complex Issue,” Carleton County Law Association, Family Law Institute, Ottawa, April 13, 2012.
 278. Bala, Bertrand & Williams, “Voices of Children in Alberta’s Family Courts: Controversies on the Role of Counsel & Judicial Interviews,” Canadian Bar Association – Alberta, Calgary, May 3, 2012.
 279. Bala, Bertrand & Williams, “Voices of Children in Alberta’s Family Courts: Research & Protocols for Judicial Interviews,” Canadian Research Institute for Law & Family, Annual Meeting, Canmore, Alberta May 5, 2012.
 280. Clinton, Kline-Pruett, Bala & Johnston, “Attachment, Brain Science & Development: Challenges in Applying Science in a Socio-legal Context” ; Bala, Birnbaum, Cyr & McColley, “Involving Children in Post-Separation Decision-making: A Voice But Not a Choice, Association of Family & Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, Chicago, June

- 8, 2012.
281. Bala, "Recognizing & Responding to Parental Alienation: Why have English Courts been So Slow? Family Law Seminar, House of Parliament, London UK, 27 June 2012.
 282. Bala, "Family Litigants Without Lawyers: Implications for Ontario Legal Aid," Legal Aid Ontario Financial Eligibility Study Group, Toronto, July 25, 2012.
 283. Bala, "Relocation Presumptions: A Canadian Perspective," International Family Justice Judicial Conference, Hong Kong, August 30, 2012.
 284. Bala, "The Challenge Of Applying Discretionary Standards & Guidance from Patterns not Precedent: The Example of Parental Relocation," National Judicial Institute, Good Judging Program: Precedents & Principles Ottawa, Ontario, Dec. 6, 2012.
 285. Bala "High Conflict Separations, Family Violence & Child Abuse: The Challenges of Concurrent Family/Criminal/Child Protection Proceedings," Federal-Provincial Territorial Working Group on Family Violence, Jan. 17, 2013.
 286. "Parental Relocation: Analysis of Canadian Judicial Trends & A Proposal For Guidelines" Canadian Network Of Contact Judges for Hague Convention on Child Abduction, Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 12, 2013.
 287. Judges Meeting Kids in Family Cases: Survey of Judges & Suggestions for Practice," National Judicial Institute, Family Law Program on Children, Feb 15, 2013, Vancouver, B.C.
 288. Bala, "Canada's Empirically-Based Competency Test & "Principled" Approach to Hearsay," Symposium on Child Witnesses in Sexual Abuse Cases. Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, Rhode Island, Feb. 22, 2013
 289. Bala & Fidler, "Children Who Resist Post-Separation Contact with a Parent: A Differential Approach for Legal & Mental Health Professionals," AFCC – Colorado, 2013 Annual Conference (day long presentation), Denver, March 22, 2013.
 290. Bala, "Self-represented Litigants: The Challenges Facing Judges," British Columbia Supreme Court Education Program, Kelowna, British Columbia, May 23, 2013.
 291. Bala, Bryant, Moss & Schepard, "Reforming the Family Justice Process I: Identifying the Issues;" Bala, Birnbuam, Cyr & Saini, "Pathways Through the Family Justice Process;" Association of Family & Conciliation Court Annual Conference, Los Angeles, May 30 & 31, 2013.
 292. Bala, "Judges Meeting Kids in Family Cases: 'A voice, but not a choice', AFCC-O Kingston, June 11, 2013.
 293. Bala, "Parental Relocation: A Perspective on Guidelines" and Bala & Birnbaum, "Judges Interviewing Children in Family Cases: "A voice but not a choice," 2nd International Family Conference, London Metropolitan University, UK July 3-5, 2013.
 294. Bala, "Assessing Credibility of Children & Adolescents: Experience in Criminal & Family Courts," UNHCR Research Study Project (CREDO 2), Credibility Assessment of Asylum-seeking Children, Budapest, Hungary, Sept 25, 2013 (via Skype).
 295. Bala, Birnbaum, Cyr, "Judicial Interviews of Children in Canada's Family Courts: Still Controversial but Increasingly Common," Promoting the Participation of Children Across the Globe: From Social Exclusion to Child-Inclusive Policies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Oct.10, 2013.
 296. Bala, "Negotiating Ontario's Family Justice Maze: A Multi-professional Approach" and Birnbaum & Bala, "Pathways Through Ontario's Family Justice Process," Association of Family & Conciliation Courts – Ontario, Toronto, Oct. 17 & 18, 2013.

297. Bala, "Crossover Youth: Recommendations for Reform in Ontario," Ryerson University, Oct. 23, 2013.
298. Bala, "Charter of Rights & Child Welfare;" and Bala & Birnbaum, "Alienation, High Conflict Separations, Child Protection & the Family Justice System" ^[SEP] Alberta Legal Representative of Children & Youth, Conference Jasper, Alberta, Oct 27 & 28, 2013.
299. Bala, "Parental Relocation: Analysis of Social Science Research & Case Law, A Little Practical Advice & A Proposal for Reform," Manitoba Bar Association, Winnipeg, Nov. 1, 2013.
300. Bala, "Self-represented Family Litigants: Research & Challenges," Canadian Court Administrators Network, Toronto, Nov. 5, 2013.
301. Semple & Bala, "Reforming the Family Justice System: An Evidence Based Approach," Family Justice Reform Colloquium, Toronto, Nov. 15, 2013.
302. Bala, "The Changing Expectations of Judges in Family Cases," Northern Courts Judicial Seminar, National Judicial Institute, Iqaluit, Nunavut, Feb. 18, 2014.
303. Bala & Blitt, "The Hague Convention and the Role of the Child's Lawyer", Canadian Bar Association Webinar, April 15, 2014.
304. Bala & Blais, "Cyberbullying and the Law," Ontario Justice Education Network, Queen's University, Kingston, May 9, 2014
305. Bala "Hague Convention Proceedings: Article 13(b) Working Group & the Role of Children," Hague Convention Network Judges Meeting, Toronto, May 27, 2014
306. Bala, Birnbaum, Martinson & McColley, "Children's Participation in the Family Justice Process," Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Toronto, May 29, 2014
307. Bala, Epstein, Garbarino & Stahl, "Parental Relocation: Best Practices for Settlement & Litigation, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Toronto, May 28, 2014
308. Bala & Waldman, High Conflict Families & the Family Justice Process, Provincial Education Chairs Program, National Judicial institute, Ottawa, June 10, 2014
309. Bala, Finlay & Scully, "Crossover Youth In Ontario: Increasing Understanding & Improving Responses," Youth Justice Advisory Panel, Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Toronto, June 20, 2014.
310. Bala, "Family Mediation in Canada: Understanding the Context," 25 Years of Family Mediation: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow Conference, Children Now, Montreal, June 26, 2014.
311. Bala, Campbell & Hebert, "Children's Voices in Family Cases & Judicial Interviews," National Family Law Program, Whistler, B.C., July 14, 2014.
312. Maur & Bala, "Rethinking costs in Ontario Family Cases: Encouraging Parties to 'Move Forward'," Frontenac Law Association, Gananoque, Ontario, Sept. 19, 2014
313. Bala & Blitt, "Child Abduction: Prevention and Response to National & International Cases", Canadian Bar Association webinar, Oct. 8, 2014
314. Bala, "Youth Sentencing: The Adolescent Brain, the Y.C.J.A. & the Omnibus Crime Bill " British Columbia Provincial Court Education Program, Vancouver B.C., Nov. 7, 2014. Bala, "Post-Separation Parenting: Concepts, Controversies, Context& Change," Judicial Development Institute, Ontario Court of Justice, Toronto, Jan. 15, 2015
315. Bala & Lutes, "Responding to Youth Offending: The YCJA & Bill C-10," Nova Scotia Legal Aid, Halifax, January 23, 2015
316. Bala, "Child Development and the Justice System: Children as Witnesses & Judicial Interviews of Children," Alberta Queen's Bench Education Program, Edmonton, Jan 29,

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317. Bala, "Working Group on the Guide to Good Practice on Article 13(b) of the Hague Convention on Child Abduction: A Progress Report," Canadian Network of Hague Convention Judges' Meeting, Banff, Alberta, Feb. 3, 2015
 318. Bala, The Legal Framework for Bill S-7, Tackling Early and Forced Marriage and 'Honour' Based Violence Canada Conference, Department of Justice, Ottawa, Feb. 26, 2015
 319. Bala, "'I am leaving my spouse!' The Effect of Decisions at Separation on Status Quo & Eventual Outcomes – Will They be Case Critical?," Frontenac Family Law Section, Kingston, Ont., March 20, 2015
 320. Bala, "Alienation & Emotional Abuse in High Conflict Family Cases," Alberta Family Mediation Society, Edmonton, Alta., April 10, 2015.
 321. Bala, "Children Caught in the Cross-Fire: Parental Alienation and High Conflict Separations," Manitoba Bar Association, Family Law Section, Winnipeg, April 30, 2015.
 322. Bala & Mitnick, "Child Development and the Justice System: Children as Witnesses & Judicial Interviews of Children," Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench, National Judicial Institute, Winnipeg, April 30, 2015.
 323. Bala "International Child Abduction & the Hague Convention," Family Law Education Program, Carleton County Law Association, Montebello, Quebec, May 8, 2015.
 324. Bala, Birnbaum, Boyd & Henry, "Views of the Child Reports in Canada", Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, New Orleans, May 30, 2015
 325. Bala, "Increasing the Use & Value of Court-appointed Mental Health Professional in Ontario Family Cases & Preventing the Abuse of the Justice Process by Disgruntled Family Litigants, The Law Society of Upper Canada, Action Group on Access to Justice, Toronto, June 3, 2015
 326. Bala, "Views of the Child Reports: A Good Addition to the 'Toolbox'?" Canadian Research Institute for Law & the Family, Calgary, June 6, 2015.
 327. Bala, "Canada's Controversy Over Best Interests & Post-separation Parenting," Colloquium on the Convention on the Rights of the Child - Implementation Project, organized by Stirling University at Edinburgh, Scotland, June 9, 2015
 328. Bala, "Judges Meeting Kids in Family Cases: A Voice but not a Choice," International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Quebec City, June 12, 2015
 329. Bala, Families, Kids & the Justice System: Towards a Holistic & Child-Centered Approach, Crown Summer School Ministry of the Attorney General Hamilton, Ontario, June 17, 2015
 330. Bala & Birnbaum, "Education Program on Child Representation," Office of the Children's Lawyer of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, NWT, Aug. 18 & 19, 2015.
 331. Bala, "Best Interests and Children's Rights: Consistent or in Conflict?" Community Pediatrics Symposium, Faculties of Medicine at McGill and Université de Montréal, Montreal, QC, Sept. 18, 2015
 332. Bala, "Changing Professional Culture and Reducing Use of Courts & Custody for Youth: Youth Criminal Justice Act & Bill C-10, Canadian Criminal Justice Association Congress, Regina, SK, Oct 2, 2015.
 333. Bala, "Crossover Cases: The Role of the CAS in High Conflict Separations," AFCC Ontario Chapter, Annual Conference, Toronto, Oct. 23, 2015.
 334. Bala, "Expert and Assessments: Understanding the Family Context," Expert Evidence

- Program of the Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association, Regina SK, Oct. 30, 2015.
335. Bala, “Judicial Interviews of Children” and panelist on plenary on “Voice of the Child,” Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Regional Conference, Columbus, Ohio, Nov 5 & 6, 2015.
 336. Bala, “Expert Evidence in Family & Child Welfare Proceedings,” North York Family Bar, Toronto, Ont., Nov. 24, 2015.
 337. Bala, “Research on Family Dispute Resolution and Its Relationship to practice (panelist), Self-represented litigants and Family Dispute Resolution, Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto, Nov. 25, 2015.
 338. Bala, “Hear the Child Reports” & Judicial Interviews: Good Additions to the ‘Toolbox’? Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch, Victoria B.C., 27 November 2015.
 339. Bala, “Judicial Interviews with Children: A Valuable Addition to the Judicial Toolbox?” and Houston & Bala, “Crossover Cases: Child Welfare Involvement in Family Cases,” Ontario Court of Justice Judicial Education Program, Toronto, Jan. 14, 2016.
 340. Birnbaum & Bala, Views of the Child Report, Law Society Action Group on Access to Justice, Toronto, Feb 10, 2016 (webinar).
 341. Bala, “Understanding Cases of Children Resisting Contact,” The Intersection of Family Law & Psychology, Continuing Legal Education British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, March 10, 2016.
 342. Bala & Birnbaum, “Views of the Child Reports,” Family Law Summit, Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto, April 11, 2016.
 343. Bala & Scott, “Child Welfare Adolescents and the Youth Justice System: Failing to Respond Effectively to “Crossover Youth,” Practice & Research Together Child Welfare Canada Webinar, April 19, 2016.
 344. Bala, “Understanding Cases of Children Resisting Contact: What’s a Lawyer to Do?”, Frontenac Family Law Section, Kingston, Ont., April 22, 2016.
 345. Bala, “High Conflict Separations: The Legal Context”, Superior Court of Justice of Ontario Spring Education Program, Ottawa, May 5, 2016.
 346. Bala, “Making Family Justice More Accessible: The Role of Legal Aid Ontario & Para-professionals,” Legal Aid Ontario Board Retreat, May 13, 2016, Toronto.
 347. Bala “Ending the War Between Parents: The Role of the Courts,” Civil Remedies Program, National Judicial Institute, Vancouver, May 19, 2016
 348. Birnbaum, Bala, Poitras & Cyr, “Court Outcomes in Quebec and Ontario,” and Houston, Bala & Saini, “Cross-over Cases: Child Protection Agency Involvement in High Conflict Family Cases”, Association of Family & Conciliation Court, 53rd Annual Conference, Seattle, June 3, 2016.
 349. Bala, Birnbaum, Boyd & LeClaire, “Shared Parenting in Canada: How Much Do We Have?,” Canadian Research Institute for Law & the Family Annual Meeting, June 11, 2016, Calgary.
 350. Bala, Children Caught in the Crossfire: High Conflict Separations, Views of Children & Parental Alienation, Kings’ Inns (Barristers’ College), Dublin Ireland, July 4, 2016.
 351. Birnbaum & Bala, “Views of the Child Reports in Canada;” and Bryant & Bala, “*Guide to Good Practice* on Hague Convention Art. 13(b): A Progress Report,” Conference on Culture, Dispute Resolution and the Modernised Family, International Centre for Family Law, Policy and Practice and King’s College University, London, U.K., July 8, 2016
 352. Farid, Boyd & Bala, Survey on the Practice of Family Law in Canada” National Family

- Law Program, St. John's NL, July 12, 2016
353. Bala, "Challenges for Judges and Families in Multiple Court Proceedings, Canadian Association of Provincial Court Judges, National Conference, Vancouver, Sept 30, 2016
 354. Bala & Saini, "Supervised Access in Family Cases: Facilitating Transitioning," AFCC Ontario Chapter, Toronto, Oct 21, 2016
 355. Bala, "Hearing the Voices of Children in Family Dispute Resolution: Time For Child Inclusive Mediation in Ontario?" Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute Of Ontario, Webinar, Nov. 3, 2016.
 356. Bala, "Children Resisting Contact: What's a Judge to Do?" British Columbia Supreme Court Education Program, Nov. 9, 2016, Vancouver, B.C.
 357. Bala, "Motherisk, Expert Evidence & Assessments in Child Protection Cases," Frontenac Family Law Association, Kingston, Nov. 18, 2016.
 358. Bala, "Kids & Cash: Child Support and Shared Parenting," AFCC-O Kingston, Nov. 22, 2016.
 359. Houston & Bala, "Intersection of Domestic Cases & the Child Welfare System: Recent Research and Recommendations," Ontario Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Symposium, Osgoode Hall, Toronto, Nov. 25, 2016.
 360. Bala & Polak, "Children Resisting Contact: What's a Judge to Do?," Ontario Court of Justice, Judicial Development Institute, Toronto, Ontario, Jan. 12, 2017 ^[1]_{SEP}
 361. Bala "Expert Evidence & Hearsay," in Hot Topics in Evidence Program of North York Family Bar (Ontario Court of Justice) Education Committee, North York, Ont., Jan 17, 2017.
 362. Bala & Cyr, "Quand les enfants résistent aux accès - Que faire? Les forcer ou lâcher prise?" Formation continue Juges de la Cour Supérieure du Québec, Montreal, QC, Jan 24 2017
 363. Bala & Landau, "Parenting After Separation: The Law," Co-operative Solutions Mediation, Toronto, Jan 27, 2017.
 364. Bala & Hebert, Children Resisting Contact: A Family Functioning Problem, Canadian Bar Association New Brunswick, Fredericton, N.B., Feb. 4, 2017,
 365. Bala & Sherr, Crossover Cases: Family Cases with Concurrent Child Protection or Criminal Proceedings, Family Law Program, National Judicial Institute, Vancouver, Feb 10, 2017
 366. Bala, "Entitlement and the Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines," Carleton County Law Association, Family Law Program, Montebello QC, April 21, 2017
 367. Bala, "Access To Family Justice: What Role for Paralegals;" and Birnbaum & Bala, "Views of the Child Reports: Research on the Ontario Pilot Project," Canadian Research Institute for Law & the Family, Calgary, AB, May 6, 2017.
 368. Bala & Hebert, "Recognizing Ethical Duties of Parent's Lawyers to Children of their Clients," Legal Education Society of Alberta, Lake Louise AB, May 7, 2017.
 369. Bala, "Views of the Child Reports: A Useful Addition to the Family Justice Toolbox," Frontenac Family Law Association, Kingston, ON, May 12, 2017
 370. Bala, "High Conflict Separations and Children Resisting Contact" Education Program of the Provincial Court of Nova Scotia, White Point Resort, Hunts Point, N.S., May 25, 2017
 371. Drozd, Slabach, Bala & Fidler, "Responding to Parent-Child Contact Problems," Association of Family & Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, Boston, May 31, 2017.

372. Bala, "Evolving Approaches to Domestic Violence and the Hague Child Abduction Convention: 1980 to 2017", Experts' Meeting on Issues of Domestic Violence and the 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention, University of Westminster, London U.K., June 12, 2017.
373. Bala, "The Role & Value of Community-Based Youth Diversion: What Research Can and Can't Tell Us," Eastern Ontario Region Youth Justice Service Providers, Kingston, ON, June 26, 2017.
374. Bala, "Children Resisting Contact & High Conflict Families: Recognizing the Limits of Law" International Society of Family Law, Amsterdam, NL, July 26, 2017.
375. Bala, "Assessing Children's Competence and Credibility" & Bala & Birnbaum, "Judicial Interviews of Children," Children's Participation in Justice Processes, Alberta Legal Representative for Children and Youth, Calgary, Alberta, Sept. 15 & 16, 2017
376. Birnbaum & Bala, Views of the Child Reports: Ontario Practice & Final Research Results, Federal-Provincial-Territorial Family Justice Working Group, Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 7, 2017.
377. Bala, "Assessing the Competence and Credibility of Child Witnesses" Ontario Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth, Toronto, Ontario, Dec. 5, 2017.
378. Bala, "Child-focused Family Dispute Resolution", Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario, Family Law Section, Kingston and webinar, Jan. 23, 2018.
379. Bala & Birnbaum, "Children's Participation in Canada's Family Courts: Still Controversial, but Increasingly Common," Judicial Committee on Interjurisdictional Protection of Children, Quebec City, Feb. 6, 2018.
380. Bala & Fidler, "I Don't Want to Go! Children Who Resist Post-Separation Contact with a Parent," Alberta Chapter, Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, Edmonton, March 14, 2018.
381. Ainslie & Bala, "Testimonial Aids Overview: Criminal Code and Evidence Act Provisions", Vulnerable Witness Knowledge Exchange, Department of Justice, Ottawa, March 26, 2018.
382. Bala, "The Youth Justice Process: Rights, Responsibilities and Participation of Youth," Forum on Child Participation in the Justice Process: Challenges and Promising Practices, Montreal, March 28, 2018.
383. Bala, "High Conflict Separations & Children Resisting Contact with a Parent," Symposium on Working with Families in Transition in the 21st Century, Children Now, Montréal, QC, June 1, 2018
384. Birnbaum, Bala, Kavassalis, Henry, "Views of the Child Reports: A Valuable Addition to the Family Justice Toolbox," Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, Washington D.C., June 9, 2018.
385. Bala, "Child Witnesses in the Criminal Courts: Assessing Competence & Credibility;" Bala & Fidler, "I Don't Want to Go! Children Who Resist Post-Separation Contact with a Parent," Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, St. John's NL, June 20 & 21, 2018.
386. Bala, "Children Resisting Post-Separation Contact," Family Relations Network, Canberra, ACT, Aust, August 14, 2018
387. Bala & Papaleo, "High Conflict Separations, Alienation & Children Resisting Contact with Parents" & Bala, "Parental Alienation: Social Context and Legal Responses," AFCC Australia, 5th Annual Conference, August 16 & 17, 2018, Adelaide,

- SA, Australia
388. Bala, High Conflict Separations, Parental Alienation & Emotional Abuse: The Intersection of Family Justice & Child Protection, New Zealand Psychological Society, Auckland, Aug 20, 2018 & Wellington, Aug 22, 2018
 389. Bala, Children Resisting Contact: Social Contexts and Legal Responses, Family Court Judges Seminar, Auckland, Aug 20, 2018 & Wellington, Aug 21, 2018
 390. Bala “High Conflict Separations & Children Resisting Contact with a Parent” for University of Otago Law School and New Zealand Law Society, Dunedin NZ, Aug 23, 2018.
 391. Bala & Birnbaum, “Assessing the Competence and Credibility of Children” and “Managing Concurrent Proceedings,” Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island Education Seminar: “Children”, Morell, PEI, September 14, 2018.
 392. Bala & Hounsell-Grey,” Considering the Interests of the Children: Managing Concurrent Family & Criminal Proceedings,” Nova Scotia All Courts Education Seminar, Halifax, Nov. 8, 2018
 393. Bala & Birnbaum, “Representation of Children in Family Proceedings,” Office of the Children’s Lawyer of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, NWT, Jan 29 & 30, 2019.
 394. Bala, “Voice of the Child in the Family Justice Process: One Size Does Not Fit All” and Bala & Whitehead, “Shared Parenting & Bill C-78: Legal & Social Science Concepts & Controversies,” 2019 Family Law Program, National Judicial Institute, Vancouver, BC, Feb. 13 & 14, 2019.
 395. Bala, “Bill C- 78: Reform of Parenting Provisions of the Divorce Act” Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Ontario Chapter, Kingston, Ontario, March 4, 2019
 396. Bala, “Bill C- 78: Amending the Divorce Act – Impact on Multi-disciplinary Practice” Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Ontario Chapter, Ottawa, Ontario, March 26, 2019
 397. Bala, “Managing High Conflict Parents, In and Out of Court: The Context;” and Bala & Birnbaum,”Children’s Experience of Separation and Wish To Be Included Decision-making”, A Deeper Dive: The Intersection of Family Law and Psychology 2019, Continuing Legal Education British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, April 11 & 12, 2019
 398. Bala & Glennie, “Towards Indigenous Control of Child Welfare: Bill C-92 & Inherent Sovereignty Jurisdiction,” Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Akwesasne, NY, May 16, 2019.
 399. Bala, “Hearing The Voices of Children in Family Disputes,” Youth at the Crossroads Colloquium, Université de Montréal, Montréal, Québec, May 24, 2019
 400. Poitras, Bala & Birnbaum, Causes and Correlates of Family Trials in Quebec; Birnbaum & Bala, “Improving Access To Justice: Innovation in Ontario,” International Centre for Family Law, Policy and Practice, London, U.K., July 4 & 5, 2019
 401. Bala, Himel & Burke, AFCC-O Parenting Plan Guide & Template: Consultation Session, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Ontario Chapter Annual Conference, Hamilton, Ont. Oct. 18, 2019
 402. Farid, Bala & Birnbaum, “The *Divorce Act Amendments*: How Will the Changes Impact FDR,” Family Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario, Toronto, Nov. 18, 2019.
 403. Bala & Birnbaum, “Representation of Children in Family Proceedings,” Office of the Impact FDR,” Family Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario, Toronto, Nov. 18, 2019.
 404. Bala, Birnbaum & Whitehead, “Parenting Orders: To Share or Not to Share” & Bala,

- “Bill C-78: Divorce Act Reform,” Alberta Court of Queen’s Bench Education Program, Edmonton, AB., Jan 30 & 31, 2020.
- 405 Bala & Jarvis, “Experts & Assessments in Parenting Cases,” Family Law institute of Ontario Bar Association, Toronto, Feb. 7, 2020.
406. Bala & Clay, “Parenting Plan Guide & Template: Resources for Judges to Facilitate Resolution”; and Bala & Mackinnon, “Children Resisting Contact & High Conflict Cases: What’s a Judge to Do?,” National Judicial Institute, Family Law Program, Toronto, Feb. 13, 2020.
407. Bala & Himel, “AFCC-O Parenting Plan Guide & Template: Resources for Judges to Facilitate Resolution,” Ontario Court of Justice, Judicial Development Institute, Toronto, Feb 27, 2020
408. Bala, Himel, Wong & Ashbourne, *Post-Separation Parenting in the Spring of 2020: The Covid 19 Crisis and the AFCC-O Parenting Plan Guide*, Ontario Chapter of Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, Webinar, April 23, 2020.
409. Bala, Covid 19 & Family Justice, Legal Aid Ontario, Lunch & Learn Webinar, April 28, 2020
410. Bala, The Covid 19 Crisis & Family Justice, National Judicial Institute, Webinar, April 30, 2020.
411. Fidler & Bala, Concepts, Controversies & Conundrums of Parent-Child Contact Problems, Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, International Webinar, May 12, 2020.
412. Birnbaum & Bala, Practicing in the New Normal: Increasing Use of Unbundled Family Legal Services, Family Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario Conference (web-based), June 2, 2020.
413. Bala, AFCC-O Parenting Plan Guide & Template: Resources for Lawyers to Facilitate Resolution, Legal Aid Ontario, Lunch & Learn Webinar, June 16, 2020
414. Bala, “The Obligation to Support Adult Children: When Does Childhood End?,” Hastings County Law Association Webinar, Sept. 16, 2020
415. Bala, “Bill C-78 & Bill 207: Parenting Plans and the Amendments to the *Divorce Act* & *CLRA*,” Family Law Summit, Law Society of Ontario, Webinar, Oct.1, 2020
416. Bala, “Children Resisting Contact & High Conflict Cases: What’s a Judge to Do?,” Alberta Provincial Court Conference, Webinar, Oct. 9, 2020.
417. Bala, “Children Resisting Contact & High Conflict Cases: What’s a Judge to Do?,” Manitoba Court of Queen’s Bench, Webinar, Oct. 16, 2020.
418. Bala, “AFCC-O Parenting Plan Guide & Template: Resources to Facilitate Resolving Parenting Cases”, Carleton County Law Association, Webinar, Oct. 16, 2020
419. Bala, Panelist for “Domestic Violence in Immigrant Communities,” Sheridan College Webinar, Nov. 2, 2020.
- 420 Bala, Himel & Chappel, *The Judicial Role in Making Parenting Plans: Bills C-78 & 207, and Resources for the Courts*, Ontario Superior Court of Justice Education Program, Jan 14, 2021 (on Zoom)
421. Bala et al, *Parenting Plans and Legislative Reforms*, Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, Ontario Chapter (Kingston), Jan. 27, 2021 (on Zoom)
422. Bala, Himel & Chappel, *The Judicial Role in Making Parenting Plans & Bill C-78 Revolution or Evolution?* National Judicial Institute (National Program), March 11, 2021, (on Zoom)

423. Bala, Parenting Law Reform in the Pandemic: Changing Expectations for Family Lawyers, 2021 Manitoba Annual Joint Family Law Program, March 19, 2021 (on Zoom)
424. Bala, Medhekar & Franks, “Bills C-78 & 207: Reforming The Law & Changing The Culture,” York Region Law Association and AFCC-O, Education Program, April 9, 2021 (on Zoom).
425. Bala, Himel & Chappel, The 2021 Amendments to the Divorce Act and CLRA: *Revolution or Evolution?* Law Society of Ontario Family Law Summit, April 13, 2021. (on Zoom)
426. Himel, MacPherson & Bala, York Region Children’s Aid Society, Legal Clinic: High Conflict Custody Cases, April 26, 2021 (on Zoom)
427. Houston, Birnbaum & Bala, “The Pandemic and Family Justice: Unequal Outcomes and Access to Justice,” Centre for Research & Education on Violence against Women & Children, Western , April 29, 2021(Zoom)
428. Bala, “Children’s Access to Justice in Canada,” International Conference on Child Participation in the Justice System, Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child (IRLRC) | University of Ottawa, May 27, 2021(on Zoom)
429. Bala, Drozd, Fidnick. Fredick & Saini, When a Child Rejects a Parent: Becoming Part of the Solution, 58th Annual AFCC International Conference, June 9, 2021 (on Zoom)
430. Bala, Himel & Wong, Hot Off the Press: AFCC Ontario’s Parenting Plan Guide and Template, Workshop, 58th Annual AFCC International Conference, June, 2021 (on Zoom)
431. Bala & Jarvis, Experts & Assessments in Child Protection Cases, Halton County Law Association, June 14, 2021 (on Zoom)
432. Bala, Alton & Himel, AFCC-O Parenting Plan Guide & Template: Resources for Lawyers to Facilitate Resolution, Simcoe County Law Association & AFCC-O, June 21, 2021 (on Zoom)
433. Bala & Fidler, Shared Parenting Orders: The New Normal?, Ontario Superior Court of Justice Education Program, June 23, 2021 (on Zoom)
434. Bala, Crossover Youth In Ontario: Increasing Understanding & Improving Responses, Conference of Ontario Counsel of Children’s Aid Societies, June 25, 2021 (on Zoom)
435. Bala, Drozd, Frederick, Saini, “When a Child Rejects a Parent” Massachusetts, Probate and Family Court Department , Spring 2021 Education Conference, June 28, 2021 (on Zoom)
436. Bala, Post-Separation Parenting Law: Canadian Reforms & the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*, Roundtable on *Convention on the Rights Of the Child* Articles 3 And 12: Opportunities and Challenges, Bergen Exchanges 2021, University of Bergen, August 20, 2021 (Zoom)
437. Bala & Gunn, Judicial Interviews & Children’s Evidence: Family & Criminal Proceedings, New Brunswick Queen’s Bench, Fall Education Program 2021, Sept. 9, 2021 (Zoom)
438. Houston, Birnbaum & Bala, Moving Past the Pandemic: The Evolving “New Normal,” AFCC-O Annual Conference, October 15, 2021 (Zoom)
439. Bala, Judges Meeting Kids in Family Cases: A Good Addition to the Toolbox, British Columbia Supreme Court, Education Program, November 9, 2021 (Zoom)
440. Birnbaum, Bala & Moscoe, Ontario’s Family Law Limited Scope Services Project: The Family Bar Addressing Access to Justice Challenges, Law Society of Ontario, Nov. 17,

- 2021 (Zoom)
441. Bala & Fidler, Resist-refuse Dynamics In Custody Cases, Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, Missouri Chapter, Nov. 19, 2021 (Zoom)
 442. Bala & Birnbaum, Children’s Participation in High Conflict Cases, Alberta Legal Representation for Children & Youth Forum, February 24, 2022 (on Zoom)
 443. Himel, Kurz, Coates & Bala, Missteps & Oversteps: Improving Advocacy in the Family Courts, April 7, 2022, Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, Ontario Chapter (on Zoom)
 444. Houston, Birnbaum & Bala, Transforming Family Justice in Ontario: From the 19th to the 21st Century in Two Years, Association of Family & Conciliation Courts (International), Chicago IL, May 12, 2022
 445. Bala, Assessing the Competence & Credibility of Children, British Columbia Provincial Court Education Program, May 13, 2022 (on Zoom)
 446. Paquin-Boudreau, Poitras, Birnbaum & Bala, Improving the Responses of Lawyers & Judges to High Conflict Cases, Association of Family & Conciliation Courts (International), Chicago IL, May 14, 2022
 447. Bala, The Charter & Role of Experts in Child Protection Cases, Judging in the First Five Years (Family Law), National Judicial Institute, Montreal
 448. Bala, “Presumptive Hearings – Townhall for Legal Professionals & Members of the Legal Profession, Ontario, August 3, 2022.
 449. Bala, Judges Meeting Kids in Family Cases: A Good Addition to the Toolbox! NJI Northern Courts Judicial Education Program, Whitehorse YK (on Zoom), Sept 7, 2022
 450. Bala, Assessing the Competence & Credibility of Children & Judges Meeting Kids in Family Cases: A Good Addition to the Toolbox! Canadian Association of Provincial Court Judges (CAPCJ), Halifax NS, Sept 21, 2022
 451. Bala, Litigation Abuse: The Context, Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children (Zoom), Sept. 27, 2022
 452. Bala & Birnbaum, Children’s Participation in the Family Court Process: Recent Alberta Precedent - *Re L (SK v. DG)*, 2022 ABQB 425, 2022 Best Practices in Child Legal Representation Conference, Office of the Child and Youth Advocate, Edmonton, October 24, 2022 (on Zoom)
 453. Bala & Harper, Legal Aid and Family Law, Post-Pandemic, Legal Aid Ontario Board Retreat, Nov 3, 2022, Kingston, ON
 454. Bala & Birnbaum, What Research Reveals About Child Participation: The Importance of Children “Having A Voice, But Not a Choice,” Ontario Superior Court of Justice Education Program, Nov.9, 2022, Toronto, ON
 455. Bala & Birnbaum, Making Parenting Plans: Helping Lawyers to Facilitate Resolution of Parenting Disputes, Law Society of Saskatchewan, November 16, 2022 (on Zoom)
 456. Bala, Judges Meeting Kids in Family Cases: A Good Addition to the Toolbox! Supreme Court of Newfoundland & Labrador, Judicial Education Program, St. John’s NL (on Zoom), Dec. 1, 2022.
 457. Bala, Judges Meeting Kids in Family Cases: A Good Addition to the Toolbox! British Columbia Provincial Court , Judicial Education Program, Vancouver, BC, Dec. 9, 2022.
 458. Bala, Weir, French, Zarzecki & Trousdale, How to Manage Family Violence Cases : New Developments & Family Justice Resources, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Ontario Chapter, Kingston Group, January 19, 2023.

459. Bala & Blitt, International child abduction & the Hague Convention: Canadian Context - Law & Practice, Family Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario, International Cross Border Mediation Certificate Program, January 23, 2023 (Zoom).
460. Bala, Landry, Lamrock & Bélanger-Richard, Child Participation in Family Court, Mid-Winter Meeting, Canadian Bar Association, New Brunswick Chapter, Moncton, Feb 3, 2023.
461. Jaffe & Bala, Shelter Staff and Advocates Consulting with Family Lawyers to Support Victims of Family Violence in Family Court Proceedings, Alberta Council of Women's Shelters, Feb 8, 2023 (Zoom).
462. Fidler & Bala, Children Resisting Contact & High Conflict Cases: What's a Judge to Do? Ontario Court of Justice, Judicial Development Institute, Toronto, Feb 10, 2023.
463. Bala, High Conflict Family Cases: What's a Judge to Do? Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island, Lunch Time Education Program, February 23, 2023 (Zoom)
464. Bala & Jaffe, Making Appropriate Parenting Arrangements in Family Violence Cases: Applying the Literature to Identify Promising Practices, Coordinating Committees of Senior Officials (CCSO) - Family Justice (Zoom), April 19, 2023.
465. Bala, Jaffe & Medhekar, Making Appropriate Parenting Arrangements in Family Violence Cases: Applying the Literature to Identify Promising Practices, Centre for Education and Research on Violence Against Women, Toronto, May 11, 2023.
466. Bala & Jaffe, Improving Family Justice System Responses to Family Violence: Training for Shelter Staff and Directors, Alberta Council of Women's Shelters (Zoom), June 8 & 14, 2023.
467. Bala, High Conflict Family Cases: What's a Judge to Do?; Judges Meeting Kids in Family Cases: A Good Addition to the Toolbox!; Differentiated Approaches to Family Violence: Making Appropriate Parenting Arrangements, Family Law Program – Judging in Your First Five Years, National Judicial Institute, Edmonton, AB, June 12 & 13, 2023.
468. Bala, Birnbaum & Houston, Effect of the Pandemic and Virtual Court on Family Justice in Ontario, Virtual Town Hall, Ad Hoc Family Steering Committee, June 28, 2023 (Zoom)
469. Bala, Exploring Litigation Abuse in Ontario: An Analysis of Costs Decisions, International Society of Family Law Conference, Antwerp, Belgium, July 12, 2023.
470. Birnbaum & Bala The Long-Term Outcomes of Custody Reversal in Parental Alienation Cases in Ontario, International Society of Family Law Conference, Antwerp, Belgium, July 13, 2023.
471. Birnbaum, Bala & Long, Child & Youth Informed Mediation, Legal Representative of Children & Youth (Alberta) & Ontario Association of Family Mediators, Sept. 22, 2023 (Webinar).
473. Bala, The Role of Family Lawyers: Gladiators or Peace Makers? Middlesex County Family Law Program, London, ON, Sept. 29, 2023 (Webinar).
474. Gonzales, Lee, Kitley, Thomson & Bala, Keira's Legacy of Hope Part 2: Enhancing Judicial Education on Family Violence, Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women, Oct 5., 2023 (Webinar).
475. Bala, Children's Participation in the Family Court Process, Family Law Program – Manitoba Court of King's Bench, National Judicial Institute, Winnipeg MB, October 12, 2023 (Participating via Zoom).
476. Bala, "Family Violence & High Conflict Separations in Domestic Court: The Role of the

- CAS,” Organization of Counsel for Children’s Aid Societies
Niagara Falls, Ont., October 27(Participating via Zoom).
477. Bala, “Percolating Issues Before the Courts: Family Law,” British Columbia All Courts Education Seminar, National Judicial Institute, Vancouver B.C., Nov.10, 2020.
 478. Bala, The AFCC-British Columbia Parenting Plan Guide:Helping Parents & Professionals Make Developmentally Appropriate Parenting Plans, AFCC-British Columbia, Nov. 14, 2023 (Webinar).
 479. Bala & Jaffe, “Improving Family Justice System Responses to Family Violence: Building Bridges Between Family Lawyers & Shelters (Edmonton and Northern Alberta)”, Alberta Council of Women's Shelters, Webinars, December 14, 2023; Jan. 24, 2024 & Feb. 13, 2024 (Webinars).
 480. Ramsay, Weitzman & Bala, “Why Family Law Litigation Harms Children: Transforming Family Law Culture,” AFCC-Ontario, Webinar, Dec. 14, 2023.
 481. Bala & Jaffe, Making Appropriate Parenting Arrangements in Family Violence Cases: From Research to Practice, AFCC-Ontario, January 25, 2024 (webinar).
 482. Bala, Intimate Partner Violence & Children: Judicial Responses in Family Proceedings, Family Law, Judicial Education Program, National Judicial Institute, Victoria, B.C. February 7, 2024 (on Zoom).
 483. Bala, Expert Evidence, Assessments & Judicial Notice: Understanding Children and the Family Context, *Colloque sur l’expertise psychologique et psychosociale en matière familiale*, Université de Québec à Trois Rivieres, Montréal, QC, Feb. 10, 2024
 484. Birnbaum & Bala, Children Resisting Contact and Parental Alienation: Recent Research, George Hull Centre For Children and Families, ADR Education Program, February 12, 2024 (Webinar).
 485. Bala, Swindley, Vesca & Swartz, “Child Support: Kids and Cash,” AFCC-Ontario, Kingston, March 4, 2024.
 486. Bala & Medhekar, Making Appropriate Parenting Arrangements in Family Violence Cases: From Research to Practice, Manitoba Court of King’s Bench & Law Society of Manitoba, Winnipeg MB, March 8, 2024
 487. Bala, Family Violence and Parenting Plans: Differentiated Responses, Judging in Your First Five Years, National Judicial Institute, Charlottetown PEI, April 23, 2024.
 488. Bala, Capacity to Instruct Counsel & Withdrawal in Child Welfare Cases, Alberta CBA, Child Welfare Section, April 25, 2024 (Webinar).
 489. Bala, Family Violence and Parenting Plans: The Social & Legal Context, British Columbia Provincial Court Education Program, Kelowna, B.C., May 10, 2024.
 490. Bala, Navigating the Justice System with IPV Survivors: A Guide for Shelter Workers, Alberta Council of Women's Shelters, Calgary, May 14, 2024
 491. Bala, Assessing the Competence & Credibility of Children, Alberta Provincial Court Judicial Education Program, Canmore AB, May 16, 2024.
 492. Bala, Child Participation in the Child Protection Process: The Role of Counsel for the Child, Manitoba Child Protection Defense Lawyers Association, May 21, 2024 (on Zoom)
 493. Bala, Altobelli & Williams, Litigation Abuse: Understanding its Dimensions & Appropriate Responses Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, Boston MA, June 6, 2024
 494. Rowe & Bala, Lying and Deception in Family Court Assessments: Who Knew?

Invited Lectures and Presentations at Universities

Outside of Queen's University

1. Australian National University, "Judicial Interviews of Children: Research & Resistance to Reform," Centre for Social Research and Methods, , Canberra, ACT, Aust, August 14, 2018.
2. Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass., Sept 20,2013; SJD seminar on social science research and law; and panel discussion on parental alienation.
3. La Trobe University, School of Law, Melbourne, Aust. Feb. 20, 2012, "Who is a 'Parent' [in Canada]? The Widening Concept of 'Parent': Step-Parents, Same-Sex Partners & Parents by ART."
4. London Metropolitan University, London, UK, July 12, 2011, Summer School in Children & the Law, Parental Alienation.
5. McGill University, Faculty of Social Work (Kingston program), Social Workers in the Courts, June 17, 2001
6. Oxford University, "Youth Justice Reform in Canada: Reducing Use of Courts & Custody, Continuing Controversy," Centre of Criminology, April 24, 2000
7. Osgoode Hall Law School, Family Law LLM,

History of Family Law: 2006; 2008; 2010; 2012; 2015

Legal Regulation of Polygamy: 2006; 2012; 2015

Child Witnesses & Charter issues, 2009

Hague Convention on Child Abduction, 2013, 2016

8. Osgoode Hall Law School, OPD Criminal Law, LLM.
Child witness issues, Jan. 12, 2007.
Child Witness issues & Bill C-2, Jan. 31, 2009
9. University of Bergen, Graduate Seminar, The Controversy Over 'Parental Alienation: Intersections of Law, Social Science, Gender Politics and Rights of Children, Phd Course – University of Bergen, Child's Rights Track, AORG908 Effects of Lawfare: Courts and law as battlegrounds for social change, August 13, 2021 (Zoom)
10. University of Calgary, Faculty of Law, November 1989
 - Legal Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
 - Child Protection Law in Canada
11. University of Calgary (Edmonton campus), Department of Social Work, December 7, 1989 - Legal Issues Related to Child Sexual Abuse.
12. University of California at Davis, Comparative Criminal Law Class, Canada's Response to Youth Crime, March 8, 2022 (Zoom)
13. University of Manitoba, Faculty of Law, Parental Relocation, Oct. 31, 2013.
14. University of Regina, School of Public Policy, youth justice policy, Nov. 4, 2011.
15. Law Foundation of Saskatchewan Chair in Police Studies Lecture, domestic violence and children, Nov. 7 2016,
16. University of Saskatchewan:
Native Law Centre, "Aboriginal Child Welfare", Saskatoon, June 22, 1994
College of Law, Faculty Lecture Series, "Reforming Divorce Act," March 8, 1999

17. Université de Sherbrooke, Law & Theology, on polygamy, Feb. 21, 2007
18. University of Sydney, Law School, Australia, family violence & custody, Feb 22, 2012.
19. University of New Brunswick, Faculty of Law, on youth justice, Sept. 21, 2012.
20. University of New Brunswick, Faculty of Law, on child witnesses, Feb. 3, 2017
21. University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, Children's law class on alienation, Feb. 23, 2010.
22. University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, Access to Justice Townhall, Nov. 21, 2012.
24. University of Toronto, O.I.S.E., Cyberbullying and Sexting, Oct. 23, 2013
25. University of Windsor, Faculty of Law, Faculty Seminar on "The Constitutional Challenge to s. 43 of the Criminal Code," February 2, 2000

Queen's University Lectures & Seminars (outside of law school teaching)

1. Sociology - Law & the Family, 1981, 1982 & 1990
2. Faculty of Medicine - Capacity to consent, 1982 & 1983
3. St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital - Capacity to Consent, 1984 & 1985
4. School of Rehabilitation Therapy, Legal Status of Children, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988
5. Family Medicine Centre, Child Abuse, 1985 & 1986
6. Family Court Clinic, Child Custody Cases, 1990
7. Physical Health & Education, Child Abuse, 1991
8. Department of Obstetrics - Abortion & the Law, 1991
9. Group for Interdisciplinary Legal Studies, 1991
10. Faculty of Medicine - Two Career Families, 1994
11. Faculty of Health Sciences, Spousal Abuse & Legal Issues: 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 [2], 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2013, 2015[2], 2017 [2], 2018
12. Paediatric Grand Rounds, Children & Divorce, 2000
13. Faculty of Law, Faculty Seminars, 1988, 2000 & 2002
14. Faculty of Law, Family law lectures to Visiting Chinese scholars, 1999 & 2000
15. School of English – Same-sex Marriage & Polygamy, 2005 & 2006
16. Excellence in Research Public Lecture, 2006
17. School of Policy Studies, child welfare law, 2007
18. Psychology Department, Graduate Seminar in Clinical Program, 2009
19. Psychology Department, Graduate Seminar in Developmental Program, 2010
20. Mini-U Lectures on Child Witnesses and Evolution of the Family in Canada, 2009
21. Mini-U Lectures on Child Witnesses and Young Offenders, May 29, 2010
22. Family Medicine Centre, disclosure of medical errors, Nov. 30, 2010.
23. Faculty of Medicine Residents, disclosure of medical errors, 2011, 2013, 2015

Briefs Presented at Parliamentary Committee Hearings

- 1 Presented brief of Canadian Council on Children & Youth on Bill C-15, "Child & Adolescent Sexual Offences Act", to House of Commons Committee, December 1986
- 2 Presented brief of Canadian Council on Children & Youth on Bill C-15, "Child & Adolescent Sexual Offences Act", to Senate Justice Committee, December 1986
- 3 Presented brief on Bill C-58, Young Offenders Amendments, on behalf of Canadian Council on Child & Youth, and Witness at House of Commons Committee, October 1990

- 4 Presented brief on Young Offenders Amendments, on behalf of Canadian Council on Child & Youth, at Senate Committee on Bill C-12, March, 1992
- 5 Presented brief on Bill C-12, Young Offenders Amendments, of Canadian Council on Children & Youth at Senate Committee, March 1992
6. Presented brief to House of Commons Justice Committee studying reform of child sexual laws, April, 1993
- 7 Presented brief at House of Commons Committee on Bill C-126 (child sexual abuse and criminal harassment), June 1993.
- 8 Presented brief on Bill C-37 (Young Offenders Act amendments), to House of Commons Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, September 27, 1994, Ottawa
9. Presented brief on Bill C-37 (Young Offenders Act amendments), to Senate Committee, Ottawa, March 1995
10. Presented brief on Phase II of Young Offenders Reform, to House of Commons Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, May 9, 1996
11. Presented brief presented to Senate Committee on Child Support Guidelines, January 28, 1997.
12. Presented brief at hearing of Special Joint Parliamentary Committee on Reform of Child Related Provisions of the *Divorce Act*, March 1998
13. Presented brief at hearing of Senate Committee on Social Affairs on *Child Support Guidelines*, April 1, 1998
14. Presented brief on *Youth Criminal Justice Act (Bill C-3)* to House of Commons Justice and Legal Affairs Committee, Feb. 16, 2000, Ottawa
15. Presented brief on Bill C-23 (Same Sex Relationships) to House of Commons Justice and Human Rights Committee, March 16, 2000, Ottawa
16. Presented brief to House of Commons Committee on Justice and Human Rights on Bill C-20(child witness reform), October 8, 2003.
- 17 Presented brief to Senate Committee on Human Rights on “The Protection of Children in Canada’s Justice System & the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child,” Ottawa, Dec. 13, 2004.
- 18 Presented brief to House of Commons Committee on Justice and Human Rights on Bill C-2(child witness reform), March 24, 2005.
19. Presented brief to House of Commons Committee on Justice and Human Rights, on Bill C-4 (youth justice reform), June 8, 2010
20. Presented brief to House of Commons Committee on Justice and Human Rights, on Bill C-4 (youth justice reform), March 9, 2011
- 21 Presented brief on Bill C-10 (Criminal Law Amendment Act - Part IV), youth justice to House of Commons Committee on Justice and Human Rights, Oct. 25, 2011.
22. Senate Committee on Human Rights, on youth justice and visible minority youth, March 3, 2014.
23. Senate Committee on Legal & Constitutional Affairs, on Bill S-202 (Shared Parenting), Dec. 14, 2017 (witness)
24. House of Commons Committee on Finance, Unified Family Courts, May 8, 2018 (witness)
25. House of Commons Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, Bill C-78 (Divorce Reform), November 28, 2018 (witness & submitted brief)
26. Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, Bill C-78 (Divorce Reform), June

2019 (witness & submitted brief)

Briefs Submitted to Government Committees and Commissions, etc.

1. Submitted brief on "Advocacy for Children", to Ontario Ministry of Community & Social Services, January 1981
2. Submitted brief on Ontario "Child & Family Services Act", to Legislative Committee, February 1984
3. Principal drafter of brief of Canadian Council on Children & Youth Canada, "Divorce Act, 1985", November 1985
4. Submitted brief to Garber Committee on Adoption Disclosure, March 1986
5. Presented brief of Canadian Council on Children & Youth on Bill C-106, "Young Offenders Amendment Act", at House of Commons Committee, June 1986
6. Presented brief to Thomson Committee on Social Assistance Review, December 1986
7. Submitted brief to Zuber Committee of the attorney General of Ontario in regard to proposals for Unified Family Courts, December 1987
8. Submitted brief on Unified Family Court in Kingston, to Ministry of the Attorney General of Ontario, December 1992
9. Submitted brief on Legal Recognition of Unmarried Cohabitation and Homosexual Relationships, to Ontario Attorney General, January 1994
10. Submitted brief to Task Force on Child Protection Law Reform in Ontario, December 1997
11. Submitted brief to Law Society of Upper Canada Task Force on revision of Code of Professional Conduct (Family & Children's Law), September 1999
12. Submitted brief to Department of Justice Consultation Paper on *Child Victims*, February 2000
13. Presented brief on *Youth Criminal Justice Act (Bill C-7)* to Senate Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs Committee, Oct. 24, 2001 Ottawa
14. Submitted brief to Minister of Justice responding to: *Marriage and Legal Recognition of Same Sex Unions: A Discussion Paper* (November 2002)
15. Submitted brief to House of Commons Committee on Justice and Human Rights on Bill C-22(reform of child -related provisions of the *Divorce Act*) (Summer 2003)
16. Submission and meeting with Ontario Family Law Legal Services Review (Bonkalo Review) (2016)
17. Senate Justice & Legal Affairs Committee, June 5, 2019 – Bill C-78, Divorce Act Reforms (Brief written and presented as a witness on behalf of AFCC-Ontario)
18. Brief to Attorney General of Ontario, on behalf of AFCC-Ontario, Ontario Family Law reform Consultation (on behalf of AFCC-Ontario Chapter).
19. Law Society of Ontario, Consultation on Family Law Services Providers (Paralegals) (Nov 30, 2020)

Invited Participant to Government-sponsored Law Reform Consultation Sessions

1. Ministry of Health & Welfare Canada, on child sexual abuse, September 1988, Millcroft Inn, Ontario

2. Ministry of Health & Welfare Canada, Legal Issues related to Child Sexual Abuse Consultation, November 1988, Vancouver
3. Ministry of Health & Welfare Canada, Special Advisor on Child Sexual Abuse, National Consultation, chair session on Legal Issues, May 1989, Ottawa
4. Department of Justice Canada, Young Offenders Amendments, Ottawa, October 1989
5. Ontario Law Reform Commission, Child Victim Witness Project, Toronto, January 1991
6. Ontario Task Force on Alternative Measures for Young Offenders, Toronto, February 1991
7. Ministry of Justice Canada, Young Offenders Amendments, Ottawa, November 1991
8. Ontario Law Reform Commission, Round Table on Reporting Child Abuse, October 1992
9. Ontario Ministry of Community & Social Services, Member of Task Force on Screening Child Abusers, 1992-94
10. Department of Justice Canada, on reform of child custody laws, Ottawa, October, 1992
11. Canadian Children's Bureau, on reform of corporal punishment law, Ottawa, January 20, 1994
12. Department of Justice Canada, on child abuse screening, Toronto, May 12, 1994
13. Department of Justice Canada, on violent young offenders, Toronto, May 24, 1994
14. Department of Justice Canada, on research on custody and access issues, Ottawa, June 3-4, 1994
15. National Forum on Youth Crime and Justice, House of Commons Justice Committee, Ottawa, November 22, 1996
16. Department of Justice Round Table on Offenders Under 12, Ottawa, February 16, 1999
17. Ontario Office of Victims of Crime Consultation, Ottawa, March 26, 1999
18. Invited participant at Department of Justice Consultation on Offenders Under 12, Toronto, June 14, 2000
19. Department of Justice Round Consultation on Sexual Offences Against Children, Toronto, June 15, 2000
20. Child Welfare Research & Policy Forum, for Centre for Excellence for Child Welfare, hosted by School of Social Work, University of Toronto at Kitchener, Ont. June 22, 2002.
21. Canadian Experts Meeting on Guidelines on Justice for Child Victims/Witnesses, Department of Justice, Ottawa, Dec. 13 & 14, 2004.
22. Ontario Legal Aid, Future of Access to Justice Roundtable, Toronto, June 11, 2007
23. Department of Justice Canada, Youth Justice Reform, Toronto, August 29-30, 2007
24. Department of Justice Canada, Youth Criminal Justice Act Review Roundtable, Toronto, July 16, 2008.
25. Ontario Law Commission, Roundtable on Family Law Reform, Toronto, Toronto, Sept. 13, 2008.
26. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Consultation on Report on Juvenile Justice in the Americas, Washington D.C., Oct.23, 2009 (invited participant).
27. Department of Justice Canada, Youth Bail & Pre-Trial Detention, Research & Policy Meeting, Toronto, March 5, 2010.
28. Governor General of Canada, Families in Canada Roundtable Discussion, Ottawa, April 4, 2012.

29. Policy Workshop on developing a policy on shared parenting post-separation, Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, Chicago, Jan 24-26, 2013.
30. Policy Workshop on Self-represented litigants in civil and family cases, University of Windsor , Windsor, Ontario, May 9-11, 2013.
31. Consultation – Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, Family Policy and Programs Branch, Court Services Division, Jan 23, 2014.
32. Department of Justice Canada, Divorce Act Reform, Ottawa, Sept 19 & 20, 2016.
33. Justice Beaman Motherisk Commission, Strengthening the Child Protection Bar, Toronto, June 20, 2017.
34. Department of Justice, Public Legal Education on *Divorce Act* Reform, Ottawa, Nov. 9, 2018.
35. Reform of Child-Related Provisions of the Divorce Act, Law Society of Ontario, Toronto, Jan 22, 2018
36. Department of Justice, Public Legal Education on *Divorce Act* Reform, Ottawa, Nov. 9, 2018.
37. Legal Representative of Children and Youth of British Columbia, Vancouver, Nov 14, 2018.
38. BC Representative of Children and Youth, Child Participation in the Family Justice Process (Sept. 21, 2021)
39. Canadian Centre on Justice Statistics, Family Court Survey, Feb 1, 2022
40. Justice Canada: Advisory Group on Divorce and Family Violence, July 14, 2022
41. Attorney-General of Ontario, Doug Downey, on virtual access to family justice, Oct 4, 2022
42. Ontario Youth Justice Review, June 17, 2024

Videos for Judicial & Professional Education

1. "A Juvenile Trial: R. v. David Mitchell" (1980) (with Prof. H. Lilles and Judge P. Nasmith)
2. "Termination of Parental Rights: Re Joy F" (1981) (Prepared on contract for Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services) (with Prof. H. Lilles and Judge P. Nasmith)
3. "R. v. Robert Langtin: A Trial under the Young Offenders Act" (1982) (prepared on contract for Ministry of the Solicitor General of Canada). These video tapes, produced together with Prof. Lilles and Judge A.P. Nasmith, were used extensively across Canada for teaching law students, judges, lawyers and other professionals.
4. "Children's Evidence" (1987), prepared for Federation of Law Societies of Canada, participated in writing, acting and directing with Prof. R. Delisle. This videotape has been used extensively across Canada for teaching judges, lawyers and law students.
5. Youth Criminal Justice Act, video for judges and other professionals, funded by National Judicial Institute and Department of Justice (2002)
6. High Conflict Family Law Cases, video for use in teaching of judges, funded by National Judicial Institute and Department of Justice (2004) .
7. Support Enforcement Proceedings, video for use in education programs of the Ontario Court of Justice and Ontario Superior Court (2006)

Community Presentations

1. Speaker on "Canadian Legal System", Czechoslovak Society of Arts & Science, Ottawa, March 1978
2. Speaker on "Children's Rights", Moira Secondary School, Belleville, April 1979
3. Speaker on "Children's Rights", Ontario Council of Girl Guides, Kingston, May 1979
4. Speaker on "Legal Responsibilities of Staff", Camp Outlook, Kingston, June 1981 and June 1982
5. Speaker on "Legal Responsibilities", Block Parents Annual Conference, Kingston, May 1981
6. Speaker on "Gays & Family Law", Queen's Homophile Association, Kingston, September 1982
7. Speaker on Young Offenders Act and Alternative Measures, Kingston, July 1983, Frontenac Diversion Program
8. Speaker on Young Offenders Act to Kingston Police Force, Autumn 1983 (three lectures) May 1985
9. Speaker on Young Offenders Act to Frontenac County Principals Association, Ivy Lea, May 1984
10. Speaker on Young Offenders Act at Provincial Principal's Course, Ottawa, July 1984
11. Speaker on Young Offenders Act, Lasalle Secondary School, April 1985
12. Speaker on "The Legal Status of Children", Provincial Association of Women Annual Meeting, April 1985, Kingston
13. Speaker on Young Offenders & Child Abuse, Queen Elizabeth Collegiate & Vocational Institute, Kingston, April 1986
14. Speaker on Law and the Legal System, Bayridge Public School, Kingston, April 1987
15. Kingston Children's Aid Society, presentation to Board on Child Abuse Register Review, March 1988
16. Renfrew Children's Aid Society, guest speaker at Annual Meeting on "Legal Responses to Child Sexual Abuse", Pembroke, April 1988
17. Frontenac Diversion Project, speaker at Training session for Youth Court Committee, Kingston, November, 1988 & September 1992.
18. Queen's Alumni Dinner, speaker on "Legal Responses to Child Abuse", Smith Falls, May 1989
19. Queen's Course for Public School Principals, on Young Offenders issues, Kingston, July 1989
20. Professional Development Day, Loyalist Collegiate and Vocational Institute, Kingston, Young Offenders and Sexual Abuse, September 1989
21. Y's Men Club International, Legal Issues in regard to child sexual abuse, Kingston, December 1989
22. Frontenac Secondary School, Young Offenders, Kingston, December 1989, November 1990, December 1991, December 1992, December 1993, December 1994, December 1995, May 1997
23. Kingston Telephone Aid Distress Centre, Training Session, Legal & Ethical Issues, Kingston, June 1989
24. Gananoque Rotary Club, Family Law, December 1990

25. Belleville Community Options Sentencing Project, Annual General Meeting, Young Offenders and Alternative Measures, May 1991
26. Prince Edward Children's Aid Society, Annual General Meeting, Legal Response to Child Sexual Abuse, April, 1992, Picton.
27. Canadian Association of Journalists, speaker on Young Offenders, Belleville, October, 1992
28. Kingston Rotary Club, on Legal Responses to Violent Young Offenders, February 1994
29. Kingston Collegiate & Vocational Institute, on Discrimination Against Teenagers, May 1995
30. Men's Conference, on Child Custody, Kingston, Oct. 21, 1995
31. John Howard Society of Kingston Annual Meeting, "The Young Offenders Act: Controversies & Concerns" Sept. 17, 1997
32. Queen's University Student Liberals, on divorce law reform, Feb. 9, 1999
33. Youth Crime In Our Community, panel discussion at Kingston City Hall, September 16, 1999
34. Pittsburgh Correctional Institution, Family Law for Pre-release Program, Feb. 10, 2000
35. Queen's University Alumni, Kingston Branch, "Myths and Realities in Youth Justice" Kingston, March 29, 2000
36. Queen's University Institute for Lifelong Learning, "Responding Effectively to Youth Crime," Kingston, November 26, 2000
37. Child Witnesses & The Criminal Justice System: The Need for Law Reform, Kingston Children's Aid Society, Annual General Meeting, June 12, 2001.
38. Canadian Federation of University Women, Kingston Club, Open Forum on the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*, on "The New Act" and "Community Diversion Programs," Nov. 2, 2002.
39. Hastings County Children's Aid Society Annual Meeting, Keynote speaker on "The Youth Criminal Justice Act: New Challenges for the Child Welfare System," Belleville Ont. June 18, 2003
40. Collins Bay Correctional Institution - family law lecture for inmates, Feb. 19, 2004
41. Faculty of Health Sciences, Queen's University, enrichment program for high school students - on legal issues related to domestic violence, May 19, 2004
42. Canadian Association of Retired Persons, on legal rights of grandparents, Toronto, June 10, 2005
43. Lifelong Learning Program, Kingston, on child witnesses, Sept. 30, 2005
44. Kingston Collegiate & Vocational Institute, Careers in the Justice System, May 11, 2009.
45. The Development of Family Law in Ontario, Canadian University Women's Club Kingston, May 13, 2009
68. National Perspectives on the YCJA: Reducing Use of Courts & Custody for Teens in Canada, Crime & Our Kid Forum, City Hall, Kingston, Ont. April 15, 2010
Responding to Youth Crime & The Value of Early Intervention Success by 6 - Kingston United Way, Nov. 22, 2010
69. Panellist, "The Rights of the Child," Canadian Lawyers for International Human Rights, Queen's University, Kingston, March 20, 2011
70. "Regulating Adult Relationships in an Increasingly Diverse Canada: Polygamy & Sharia," Queen's University Toronto Alumni, May 9, 2012
71. "Regulating Adult Relationships in an Increasingly Diverse Canada: The Challenge of

- Polygamy,” Queen’s University Alumni, Vancouver, B.C. July 17, 2014
72. Queen’s Model Court, Nov. 8, 2014
 73. Making Life and Death Decisions: Medical Treatment of Children: Legal Issues, Kingston Life Long Learning, Jan 16, 2015
 74. Youth Criminal Justice, Queen’s University Alumni, Brockville Ont, June 15, 2015
 75. Kingston Rotary Club, High Conflict Separations, Dec. 14, 2017
 76. Cogeco TV, Ask-A-Lawyer, Jan. 17, 2019
 77. *Topic: Starts With Youth Intergenerational Trauma Awareness Panel*, ‘Starts with Youth,’ Queen’s University, January 20, 2021
 78. Future Lawyers, Toronto Conference, July 11, 2021 (on Zoom), on practicing family law
 79. Institutional Abuse, Queen’s Unicef Chapter, January 27, 2024

Academic & Professional Organizations and Memberships

- Centre for Excellence for Child Welfare, School of Social Work, University of Toronto; Advisory Committee, 2001-2007.
- International Society of Family Law, contributor to International Survey of Family Law 1986-2009; conference organizing Committees 1993, 1996, 1999, 2001 (Convenor)
- Law Society of Upper Canada (1982 call to the Bar, non-practising member, retired member 2009).
- Canadian Association of Law Teachers; member 1980- 2009 (Convenor, Family Law Section, 1983-1986)
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, member, 2004-present
- Ontario Bar Association, 2008 to 2015, member (Family Law Section)

Boards & Professional Committees (Child & Family Serving Organizations)

- Chair of multidisciplinary task forces that prepared the *Parenting Plan Guide and Template*, for AFCC-Ontario, AFCC-Alberta, AFCC British Columbia, 2020-2023.
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Ontario Chapter, Board of Directors, 2016-2019
- Canadian Research Institute for Law & the Family at the University of Calgary, Board member, 1996- 2018(Executive Committee, 1998-2018)
- Law Society of Upper Canada, Action Group on Access to Justice, Committee on Improving Access to Family Assessments, 2015- 2016
- Working Group on Preparation of *Guide to Good Practice* on the application of Article 13(1)(b) of the Permanent Bureau of the 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention, Permanent Bureau of The Hague Convention on Private International Law, 2012- 2019
- Legal Aid Ontario, Family Law Advisory Committee, 2013 – present
- Legal Aid Ontario, Financial Eligibility Working Group, 2014
- Ontario Youth Justice Advisory Panel, 2012 - 2016
- Committee on Drafting Guidelines for Judicial Interviewing of Children in Ontario (AFCC-O & Advocates Society) (2011- 2013)
- Canadian Bar Association Committee, Children’s Law Committee (2011-2018).
- Ontario Committee to revise process for complaints about family assessors (2010 – 2014)

- Manitoba Bar Association, Committee on Parental Relocation (2013-14).
- Frontenac Youth Diversion Committee, volunteer with young offenders 1984 -2011; member of Executive (1985-1990; President 1987-1990)
- International Bureau for Children's Rights (based in Montreal). Board of Directors (2005-2009)
- Canadian Bar Association, Ad Hoc Committee on Young Offenders, 1985-86
- Canadian Bar Association Committee, Supporting Access to Justice for Children & Youth in East Africa, 2015-2016
- Child, Youth and Family Policy Research Centre (Ontario) Research Board, 1987 to 1989
- Canadian Council on Children and Youth, Board of Directors, 1984 to 1990; Advisory Board, 1990 to 1992
- Justice for Children, (Policy Committee 1987 - 1993)
- Frontenac Family Mediation Service, Kingston, Board member (1980-81)
- St. Lawrence Youth Assoc. (Juvenile Court Home), Kingston, Board member (1981-83)
- Children's Aid Society of Kingston, Board member (1982 to 1986)