# **FERTILITY LAW 2020:** *Critical and Emerging Issues*

### Get key updates and practical guidance to advise with confidence in this complex and rapidly evolving area.

Join Canada's leading experts as they take you through the critical issues you and your clients grapple with daily, including:

- Drill down on the new regulations under the *Assisted Human Reproduction Act*: The key changes and what they will mean for you and your clients
- When the love (or life) is gone: Implications for embryos, eggs and sperm upon death or separation
- Practical strategies for advising and working with hospitals
- When things go wrong: How to avoid and navigate the common (and not so common) pitfalls

**PLUS:** Get a grounding in the basics with our online primer *Fertility Law: Understanding the Key Concepts* 

## Program Chairs

**Sara R. Cohen** Fertility Law Canada™ at D2Law LLP

Ellen K. Embury Carbert Waite LLP

## Date and Time

February 4, 2020 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. In Person or Webcast

Online Replay: March 4, 2020

### Location

**Osgoode Professional Development** 1 Dundas St. West, 26th Floor Toronto, ON

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# Fertility Law 2020: Critical and Emerging Issues

Fertility law is challenging, even for the experts. Counsel and other professionals who work in this area need a solid grounding in the basics, while keeping on top of the constantly evolving legal landscape.

### Staying up-to-date has never been more critical.

The past year has seen the introduction of sweeping new regulations, significant new case law developments, and constantly evolving procedural trends. Over one intensive day, you will get the in-depth and practical guidance you need, from a multidisciplinary faculty of experts.

### Topics Include

- Insurance pitfalls and how to avoid them
- Intersection of the AHRA with Family, Property and Contract Law
- Cross-Canada Fertility Law check-in
- Donor registries
- Constitutional challenges in Fertility Law: Current and on the horizon

### Who Should Attend

- Family Law lawyers
- Fertility Law practitioners
- Health lawyers
- Wills and Estates lawyers



# Agenda

#### 8:30 a.m.

Registration

9:00 a.m.

#### Welcome from the Chairs

**Sara R. Cohen** Fertility Law Canada™ at D2Law LLP

Ellen K. Embury Carbert Waite LLP

#### 9:10 a.m.

#### Cross-Canada Fertility Law Check-Up

**Ellen K. Embury** Carbert Waite LLP (Calgary)

**Robynne B. Kazina** Taylor McCaffrey LLP (Winnipeg)

**Terrance G. Sheppard** BOYNECLARKE LLP (Halifax)

Drill down on the latest developments and emerging issues from across Canada, including:

- Parenting declarations
- Hospital bills (expected and unexpected)
- International intended parents
- Birth registration vs parentage orders

#### 9:45 a.m.

#### Critical Update on the New AHRA Regulations

Sara R. Cohen Fertility Law Canada™ at D2Law LLP

#### **Cindy R. Wasser** Hope Springs Fertility Law ™

The long awaited and sweeping new regulations promise to change the fertility law landscape. Our expert panel will take you through the key changes and provide you with practical guidance on what they could mean for you and your clients.

- Overview of the most significant regulations, including those related to reimbursing surrogates and donors, import of donor gametes, and donor screening
- How the new regulations are being interpreted and applied in practice
- Implications for counsel, clients, the donor and the surrogate, and agency owners

#### 11:00 a.m.

Refreshment Break

#### 11:15 a.m.

#### When the Love (or Life) Is Gone: Implications Upon Relationship Break Down or Death for Embryos, Eggs and Sperm

**Sara R. Cohen** Fertility Law Canada™ at D2Law LLP

**Shantona Chaudhury** Pape Chaudhury LLP

Jasmeet K. Wahid Kahn Zack Ehrlich Lithwick LLP

Fertility law intersects with many other areas of law and issues for your clients. You need to be aware of the potential crossovers and plan for them.

- Critical case law update, including the Court of Appeal (Ont.) decision in *S.H. v. D.H.*
- Intersection of the *AHRA* with family, property and contract law
- Practical guidance for lawyers and clinicians on how to anticipate and navigate the issues

#### 12:00 p.m.

#### Luncheon and Special Lecture on Donor Registries

Vanessa Gruben Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics at the University of Ottawa

**Barry Stevens** Documentary Filmmaker, member Donor Conceived Alliance of Canada

#### 1:15 p.m.

#### Strategies for Working with and Advising Hospitals

**Melanie de Wit** VP, Chief Risk and Legal Officer for Sinai Health System

**Lisa Feldstein** Lisa Feldstein Law Office P.C.

Hospitals are a critical partner in the fertility process. Understand what hospitals need and want from counsel and other fertility professionals, some of the key challenges on both sides, and strategies for how to navigate them effectively.

#### 2:00 p.m.

#### Insurance Pitfalls and How to Dodge (or Manage) Them

Michelle Colley Carbert Waite LLP

**Virginia Hart** CEO ART Risk Solutions

Unexpected medical bills will raise the ire of most clients. In this session our experts will take you through some of the common and unexpected insurance issues that can arise in the fertility process.

- What to watch out for (the hidden insurance issues that can catch you and your clients off guard)
- $\cdot$  Guidance on how to anticipate and plan for the worst

#### 2:45 p.m.

#### Refreshment Break

#### 3:00 p.m.

When Things Goes Wrong: How to Avoid and Navigate The Common (and Not So Common) Pitfalls

**Sara R. Cohen** Fertility Law Canada™ at D2Law LLP

**Ellen K. Embury** Carbert Waite LLP Even with the most careful planning, things may go awry. Drill down on some of the issues that can undermine the outcome, including:

- No happy ending? What happens when the surrogate refuses to sign
- Managing the separated and/or common-law spouses who reside in foreign jurisdictions
- At what point does it become extortion?

#### 3:45 p.m.

#### Constitutional Challenges in Fertility Law: Current and on the Horizon

**Ellen K. Embury** Carbert Waite LLP

**Megan Savard** Addario Law Group LLP

#### Amir Attaran

Professor, Faculties of Law and Medicine, University of Ottawa

Our day will conclude with an interactive roundtable on current and emerging constitutional issues, including the validity of s. 12.

#### 4:30 p.m.

**Program Concludes** 

### On Demand Primer

Fertility Law: Understanding the Key Concepts

Drill down on the foundations of fertility law and procedure in an intensive online primer. Learn at your convenience and at your own pace in this unique On Demand program (total running time approximately 1 hour). Available on demand January 6, 2020, and included with the program fee.

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#### Past attendees say it best:

The overall program was very pertinent, valuable, informative and useful to my learning curve in my new role.

Nadine Martin, Clinical Director, Conceptia





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#### Fee per Delegate \$545 plus HST Newly Licensed (2016 – Present): \$272.50 plus HST

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