

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2011

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION

**8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Session 1**

Opening Plenary Session

Moderator: Mme. Justice Thompson (Ret.)
(The Bahamas)

Greetings: Mrs. Ruth Bowe-Darville, President, The
Bahamas Bar Association

*Address: The Hon. Sir Michael Barnett, Chief Justice
of The Bahamas

Keynote Address: Professor John Eekelaar **(U.K.)**
*Family Justice: “Not of the Highest
Importance”*

Panel Discussion: Marriage

Presenters:

Dr. William Doherty **(U.S.A.)**

*Preventing Unnecessary Divorce Through Legal
Reform*

Professor Margaret Brinig **(U.S.A.)**

*Marriage and Other Mediating Institutions for the
Benefit of Children*

Professor Roger Kay **(U.K.)**

*Radmacher: The Meaning of Life, The Universe and
Everything*

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

COFFEE BREAK

**10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Session 1A**

**Legal Consequences of Family Disintegration – Divorce, Child
Custody and Property Division**

Moderator: The Hon. Mme. Justice Bain **(The Bahamas)**

Presenters:

Dr. Joseph Walker **(The Bahamas)**

No Fault Divorce – Style Without Substance

Professor Eva Ryrstedt **(Sweden)**

Can We Make Do With Collaboration?

Ms. Tracy Robinson **(Barbados)**

*Division of Relationship Property in the Caribbean:
Negotiating “Equity” and “Commonsense
Knowledge” of Caribbean Families*

The Hon. Mr. Justice Robin Mohammed **(Trinidad and
Tobago)**

*The Law in Relation to Property Adjustment for
Cohabitants*

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Session 1B

Legal Consequences – Disintegration of Families – Property Division on Divorce and Death

Moderator: The Hon. Mme. Justice Remy (**Antigua and Barbuda**)

Presenters:

Professor McKen Carrington/Mr. Christopher Ogolla (**U.S.A.**)
Fame, Family Feuds, Intestate Succession and Vicissitudes of Transnational Probate

Professor Dr. Olga Cvejic Jančić (**Serbia**)
Paternity and Inheritance Laws

Mr. A. Dion Hanna Jr. (**The Bahamas**)
Land and Freedom: Family, Generation and Distributive Justice in a Bahamian Context

12:15 – 1:30 p.m.
Session 2A

Social Consequences of Family Disintegration – Domestic Violence

Moderator: The Hon. Mme. Justice Peterson (**Trinidad and Tobago**)

Presenters:

The Hon. Mme. Judge Nancy Flatters (**Canada**)
The Mountain and Beyond – Working Together on Domestic Violence – A Collaborative Approach

Ms. Donna Boucaud (**Trinidad and Tobago**)
Family Violence Intervention Programmes of the Family Court of Trinidad and Tobago

Dr. Marija Draškić (**Serbia**)
Family Law Protection from Domestic Violence: Serbian Response to the Legal Consequences of the Disintegration of Families

Mrs. Lynette Seebaran Suite/Ms. Sydelle Johnson (**Trinidad and Tobago**)
Zero Tolerance Towards Domestic Violence: Strengthening Accountability and Changing Culture To End Violence Against Women

12:15 – 1:30 p.m.
Session 2B

Issues of Children’s Rights and Juvenile Delinquency

Moderator: Her Worship Mrs. Carolyn Voght-Evans (**The Bahamas**)

Presenters:

Ms. Janice George (**Trinidad and Tobago**)
The Possibility of Mediation as Problem Solver to Male Juvenile Delinquency in Trinidad and Tobago

Professor Jane Adolphe (**U.S.A.**)

Marriage and the Family, Rights of Parents and Children in International Law

Mr. Kevaugh Mattis (**Trinidad and Tobago**)

The Nature of Legal Reform in Light of the Disintegration of the Family Structure and the Resultant Pathologies of Youth Crime and Delinquency in Trinidad and Tobago

1:30- 2:45 p.m.

LUNCH

Chairperson: Hazel Thompson-Ahye, EDLS

Speaker: The Hon. Justice Rodney K. Burr, A.M. (**Australia**)
The Importance of The Family Court in the Delivery of Justice: The Australian Experience

2:45- 4:15p.m.
Session 3A

Social Consequences of Family Disintegration – Children in the Middle

Moderator: Mrs. Cheryl Bazard (**The Bahamas**)

Presenters:

Ms. Anna Maria Mora (**Trinidad and Tobago**)

Community as Family: A Redefinition

Ms. Joy Dillon (**Trinidad and Tobago**)

It Takes a Village to Raise a Child: An Insight into the Fluidity of Contemporary Caribbean Family Life and its Impact on Protecting the Rights of the Child

Dr. Martha Hayes Sampson (**U. K.**)

In Re A Child: Relocation

Professor Dr. Gordana Kovaček Stanić (**Serbia**)

International Child Abduction

2:45 – 4:15 p.m.
Session 3B

Saving Families; Children, Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART), Adoption

Moderator: The Hon. Mme. Justice George (**Guyana**)

Presenters:

Professor Lynn D. Wardle (**U.S.A.**)

Children's Rights to their Parents: A Better World for the Next Generation?

Professor Mark Strasser (**U.S.A.**)

Child Welfare and the Promotion of Marriage

Dr. Douglas A Abbott (**U.S.A.**)

Children in Diverse Family Forms: Is there an Optimal Environment for Child Development?

4:15 – 4:30 p.m.

COFFEE BREAK

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Session 4A

Reconstitution of Families – Paternity and Adoption Issues

Moderator: Professor Sanford Katz (U.S.A.)

Presenters:

Dr. Leighton Jackson (Jamaica)

*Science Over Sense and Matter Over Mind?
Destabilizing Caribbean Family Relationships with
DNA*

Professor Shani Mahiri King (U.S.A.)

*Haitian Monohumanism: Haiti in the Aftermath of
the 2010 Earthquake: A Case Study of Inter-
Country Adoption Practices*

Professor David R. Papke (U.S.A.)

*Race and Contemporary Adoption Law in the
United States*

Professor Cynthia Hawkins DeBose (U.S.A.)

*US Trans-Racial and African American Adoption:
Findings from the 2007 DHHS National Survey of
Adoptive Parents (NSAP)*

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Session 4B

Reconstitution of Families – Children, ART & Adoption

Moderator: Dr. Evaneth McPhee (The Bahamas)

Presenters:

Professor Robert Destro (U.S.A.)

*The Rights of Children and the
Ethical Obligations of Professionals*

Professor Walter R. Schumm (U.S.A.)

*Two Lesbian Parents are Better than a Mom and
Dad? Really? Logical and Methodical Flaws in
Recent “No Harm” Studies Affirming the
Superiority of Lesbian Parenthood*

Professor George W. Dent (U.S.A.)

*“No Difference” Claims and the Deprivation of
Parental Bonds*

Ms. Tatiana Tolstoy Kongstad (Sweden)

Contemporary Parenthood

8:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE BANQUET

Speaker: Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Thorpe (U.K.)

*London’s Influence on Big Money Cases on Other
Common Law Jurisdiction*

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2011

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

**9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Session 5**

**Plenary Session
Family Issues**

Moderator: The Hon. Mr. Justice William Chandler (**Barbados**)

Presenters:

Mme. Justice Nottage (Ret.) (**The Bahamas**)

Marriage: Family Law's Fractured Lens

Dr. Maria Gomes (**Trinidad and Tobago and U.S.A.**)

*Living On The Edge: Families Fractured by the
1996 U.S. Immigration Reform Act*

Hon. Anthony D. J. Gafoor (**Trinidad and Tobago**)

*The Evolving Treatment of the Family for Tax and
Other Related Economic and Financial Purposes in
the Commonwealth Caribbean with Reference to
Trinidad and Tobago*

Dr. Diane Douglas (**Trinidad and Tobago**)

*Co-Parenting Intervention for Separated and
Divorced Families of the Family Court of Trinidad
and Tobago*

Ms. Gina Morley (**The Bahamas**)

*The Legal Disabilities of Bahamian Women and the
Concomitant Effect on Illegitimate Children*

11:00 – 11:15a.m.

COFFEE BREAK

11:15a.m. – 12:00 noon

EVALUATION AND CLOSING

Moderator: Mrs. Hazel Thompson-Ahye, EDLS

Speaker: Hon. Mrs. Loretta Butler-Turner, Minister of Social
Development (**The Bahamas**)

Session 6

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH

1:30 p.m.

DEPARTURES/TOURS

6:30 p.m.

COCKTAIL RECEPTION: Royal Bahamas Defence Force
Headquarters, Coral Harbour.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2011

10:00 a.m.

Day Tour to Paradise Island