

Fairway Family Services – Kotahitanga Webinar Series – 27 August 2020 – 10.30 to 11.30am

FairWay Family Services are excited to announce their new *Kotahitanga Webinar Series*. The purpose of these three online interactive sessions is to provide a platform for ongoing learning and discussion focussing on mediation practice. The sessions will take the form of a panel discussion with the opportunity for questions and comments. The first webinar will take place on 27 August from 10.30 to 11.30am. Two additional webinars will be held in September and October. We will update members once dates are confirmed.

Topic: Getting through impasse – when do we walk away?

We all have experience of parties who are truly stuck. Past experiences inform their present truths and expectations for the future and create conflict cycles and dynamics that are very challenging to shift. Our panel will discuss and explore the skills and strategies they use to help parties shift from competition and positions to collaboration and problem solving. You will develop a deeper understanding of interest-based mediation principles specifically for FDR; gain confidence in crafting good questions and build parties capacity to explore underlying issues.

Panel: [David Robinson](#), [Bill Rainey](#) and [Keri Morris](#). Facilitator: [Samantha de Coning](#)

Please RSVP to Samantha.Brennan@fairwayresolution.com who will then send you a Zoom invite for the event. Click [here](#) for a verification form for your CPD records.

CLE webinar – Care of Children Act applications – 31 August

As at 1 July this year, legal representation has been restored in all proceedings under the

Care of Children Act, and the Legal Services Act was amended to allow the provision of legal aid for eligible parties in COCA proceedings. Just a reminder that registrations are open for a webinar that will be presented on 31 August. The webinar will consider the “do’s and don’ts” of without notice applications including when not to use them and when to proceed. It will also provide practical guidance for framing effective without notice and on notice applications and affidavits which will help ensure that you are able to assist your clients effectively. Click [here](#) to register.

Free Oranga Tamariki webinars – coming up – save the date

We are pleased to advise that Oranga Tamariki in conjunction with the FLS will present a series of webinars for members to attend free of charge on four discrete areas of the Oranga Tamariki Act:

- Transition to independence – **9 September at 9.30am**
- Section 7AA – **15 October at 9.30am**
- Family Group Conferences and the role of hapu and iwi in FGCs
- Special guardianship and permanency.

These seminars are focussed on areas in which both social work practice and the law are still evolving. In addition, the webinars will be able to be used as CPD points for those who practise as lawyers for children. We are still working to finalise the dates for two of these webinars and will send you the links and dates as these become available.

Collaborative Practice Training – save the date – Queenstown 20 and 21 November

Clients are increasingly seeking out lawyers who can offer them collaborative practice as a way to cost effectively and respectfully resolve their family law issues. Working using collaborative practice also has benefits for the lawyer in terms of their well being and generally making for happier days at the office! The next two day introductory collaborative practice training is being held in Queenstown on 20 and 21 November (Friday and Saturday). Registrations will open in September but, for now, save these dates in your diary. If you would like to be emailed the registration information, please feel free to contact Dannielle@familylawresults.co.nz.

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