

### **Regular review of court appointed counsel remuneration**

We had a positive meeting with the Secretary for Justice last Wednesday to discuss our concerns about the lack of a structure to ensure there are regular reviews of remuneration rates for all court appointed counsel in the Family Court. The Ministry have committed to looking at ways to address this in terms of a system or structure for regular reviews. We will be working closely with Ministry officials on this issue.

### **Free OT webinar section 7AA - 9.30am to 11.00am – Thursday 15 October – 1.5 CPD hour**

Just a reminder about our second free OT webinar on “Section 7AA of the Oranga Tamariki Act” which will take place on Thursday 15 October from 9.30am to 11.00am. The webinar will be presented by Uarnie-Jane More, Director, Treaty Response Unit, Tamariki Advocate Group, Oranga Tamariki. Those who wish to attend **must** register. Click [here](#) to read more about the presenter and to register.

On 14 October, we will send those who have registered a link to join the webinar. Following the webinar, we will also send attendees a CPD verification of attendance for their records. Click [here](#) if you missed the last webinar and would like to view this. We do hope you will be able to join us for this webinar.

### **Collaborative practice – Queenstown training: Registrations now open**

Increasingly, families are looking to the collaborative process to work through their family law issues. This multi-disciplinary dispute resolution process offers clients a more respectful and dignified way to resolve issues in ways that are meaningful to them. It gives professionals a way to work with clients in a more engaged and enjoyable manner. Collaborative practice makes for happier days in the office! Collaborative Resolution New Zealand is running its next training in collaborative practice in Queenstown on **20 and 21 November**. Spaces are limited so register early to avoid disappointment. For more information and to register, please contact [Dannielle@familylawresults.co.nz](mailto:Dannielle@familylawresults.co.nz).

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