

## What's happening at the Superior Court (393 University)

Our **free mediation** services at (9<sup>th</sup> floor in the Family Law Information Centre) are busy! Clients are referred by judges, Dispute Resolution Officers and counsel. Anyone in court can ask at the FLIC about two hours of free mediation.

**Subsidized mediation** is provided to anyone in the GTA, no court case required. Our family lawyer and mental health professional mediators provide skilled mediation for a wide range of issues. Visit [www.mediate393.ca](http://www.mediate393.ca) for more info.



## What's happening at the Provincial Courts (311 Jarvis and 47 Sheppard)

- We attended a celebration honouring Justice Debra Paulseth as she left 311 Jarvis to go to 47 Sheppard.
- We attended the excellent "Year in Review" program of the 311 Jarvis Open Bar Series January 7<sup>th</sup>, where Victoria Starr of the Family Lawyers Association talked about the wide range of mediation services in the Provincial Courts.
- The program on Mentally Ill Litigants held by the 47 Sheppard Education Committee on February 25<sup>th</sup> was outstanding!

*"Very valuable service on many levels. Highly recommended."*

*"Great experience, talked about real issues for the first time in years. Thank you."*

*"Our assigned mediator was particularly effective in helping reach a solution."*

*"[Our mediator] was empathetic, insightful, helpful, creative, facilitated a fair and balanced solution that was in the best interest of the children."*

*"Thank you! Your mediation service was greatly appreciated. Great job."*

*"I thought the mediator was very good at listening and directing the process in a positive way."*

**January statistics: 87% of responding on-site family mediation clients were well satisfied with the quality of our service in Superior Court.**

## HONOURING OUR MIP PRESENTERS!

The lawyers and mental health professionals who volunteer to present the Mandatory Information Programs were honoured by **Chief Justice Heather Smith**, **Senior Family Justice John Harper** and **Justices George Czutrin** and **Emile Kruzik** on January 10<sup>th</sup>. We could not provide such a high quality program without these outstanding volunteers.



*(From Left) Senior Family Justice John Harper, Hilary Linton, Justice George Czutrin and Chief Justice Heather Smith.*

## New! Services at the Provincial Courts: 311 Jarvis and 47 Sheppard

Our Information & Referral Coordinators are busy providing services in both FLICs. We also provide subsidized mediation of parenting and financial matters for both locations.



*Elizabeth Hyde & Nicole Stewart Kamanga, OBA Institute 2013 mediate393 inc. booth*

## Seeking mediators!

We are seeking mediators who speak Somali, Urdu, Tamil, Portuguese, Tagalog and Spanish to join our roster. Please contact us if you are or wish to become accredited.

## More mediate393/47/311 news

- Our booth at the OBA Annual Institute (Feb. 7-8) was busy! Thanks to all who helped out.
- We are working to make it easier for lawyers at all ends of the spectrum—from collaborative law to Legal Aid—to incorporate our subsidized mediation service into their practices. Please contact us to learn more.
- Our roster is growing! We welcome Richard Teicher, Heather MacInnis, Nicole Stewart-Kamanga, Michelle Roy, Jackie Marshall, Cindy Dymond, Shely Polak, and Lynda Ross.
- Our roster mediators have been attending workshops on financial

mediation, including ones on child support, spousal support and property division. If you are interested in joining any of our trainings, contact us or visit <http://www.riverdalemediation.com/training/course-registration/>