
Marty Klein is a family law lawyer, but "at heart" – a mediator and "peacemaker." He has practiced law in the Greater Toronto Area since 1984. He is a Dispute Resolution Officer in the Superior Court of Justice at Brampton; an Accredited Family Mediator (AccFM) with the Ontario Association for Family Mediation (OAFM) and has been a Licensee to place children for private adoption in Ontario since 1987. In 2004, Marty was appointed as a Deputy Judge in the Small Claims Court at Brampton, where he presides once a week. For several years, Marty has worked extensively within the South Asian community in Peel and is the current Chair/President of the Punjabi Community Health Services (PCHS). Marty is a member of several different committees and organizations, including board member of the Ontario Deputy Judges Association; member of the Family Lawyers Association, member of the Peel Law Association; member of the Ontario Court (Family) Bench & Bar Committee at Brampton and past Chair of the Operations Committee, Toronto Family Court. For many years, Marty was an instructor at Bar Admission Course, Law Society of Upper Canada and member of the Children's Lawyer Panel of lawyers. Marty has received extensive training in alternate dispute resolution (ADR), including mediation, arbitration, the collaborative process and parental coordination. He is a member of the ADR Institute of Ontario; Peel Halton Collaborative Practice Group; executive member of Mediation Arbitration Peel, a group of experienced lawyers who have come together to assist disputing parties and their lawyers in resolving matters and member of the Board of the recently formed Family Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario (FDRIO).

Professional Legal Experience

1984 to Present: Law Practice

Although my practice of law is mainly restricted to family law, in past, I have handled criminal law matters, real estate transactions and continue to do Wills & Powers of Attorney. Fortunately, I have acquired a well-rounded understanding of other areas of law which have greatly enhanced my family law practice. Family Dispute Resolution is a very important component in my practice.

During my 30+ years that I have been in the practice of law:

- In 1984, I commenced my law career as a sole practitioner.
- From 1986 through 1988 I was in a five member partnership.
- From 1988 through 1993 I practiced in association with other lawyers.
- From 1993 to November 2002, I practiced as a sole practitioner.
- From November 2002, I have had several associates working under my mentorship, under the firm name of Klein Law.

2004 to Present: Deputy Judge

I was appointed as a Deputy Judge in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Small Claims Court at Brampton in April 2004. I dedicate one day a week as a Deputy Judge.

June 2008 to Present: We Mediate

I established We Mediate as a Dispute Resolution service to the GTA. Over the years, I have come to appreciate that with the increase in court delays and the divisiveness which litigation causes, that dispute resolution is more than a viable and valuable option. Although there are cases that cannot be mediated, I believe, from experience, the majority can.

Legal Memberships • Participation • Affiliations

[*Continuing]

- 2015**
 - Board member, Family Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario (FDRIO)*
 - Founding Member, Peel-Halton Family Law Practice Group*
 - Founding Member, Family Dispute Resolution Group*

- 2014**
 - Accredited Family Mediator (AccFM), Ontario Association for Family Mediation*

- 2012**
 - Founding member of Mediation Arbitration in Peel*
Senior lawyers in the Region of Peel who offer mediation and/or arbitration services to resolve family law disputes
 - Founder and Chair, Brampton Small Claims Court Committee*
A committee established to promote and improve the administration of justice, for the deputy judges, users and administrators in the Brampton Small Claims Court
 - Member of the Mediator Roster, Milton Courthouse
 - Board Member, Ontario Deputy Judges Association*

- 2010**
 - Member of the Bench & Bar Committee, Ontario Court of Justice (Family) (Brampton)*
 - Dispute Resolution Officer, Superior Court of Justice at Brampton*
 - Member, Advisory Committee, Peel Supervised Access Centre*

- 2008-2009**
 - Appointment as a Dispute Resolution Facilitator, a pilot project in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice at Brampton

- 2008**
 - Member, AFCC: Association of Family and Conciliation Courts*

- 2007**
 - Family law mentor, Legal Aid Ontario*
 - Founding member, Family Law Section, Peel Law Association*
 - Member, ADR Institute*
 - Member of a special advisory group to the Regional Senior Judge, Ontario Superior Court of Justice at Brampton
 - Member, Peel Halton Collaborative Family Law Practice Group*

- 2006-2007**
 - Member, Domestic Violence Response Training Project, Legal Aid Ontario

- 2005**
 - Member, Ontario Deputy Judges' Association*

- 2004-2009**
 - Member of Ontario Legal Aid, Child Protection Committee
This was an ad hoc committee formed to raise the standard of practice with lawyers in the field of child protection cases
 - Member of Ontario Legal Aid, Family Law Standards Committee
This was a special provincial initiative to develop quality standards for lawyers practicing in the area of family law

- 2004-2009**
 - Meeting in the Trenches. Founder and coordinator of a gathering of domestic violence workers and transitional support workers in Peel Region, educating social service agency workers in areas of family law and domestic violence in the family

- 2005-2007**
 - Founding member of the Support Recalculation Committee formed at the Ontario Court of Justice at 311 Jarvis Street, Toronto

- 2001** • Member, Peel Law Association*
- 1993-2007** • Founding member & then Chairperson, Operations Committee (Bench & Bar) Ontario Court of Justice, 311 Jarvis Street, Toronto
- 1990** • (Founding) member, Family Lawyers Association*
- 1988-1993** • Member of the Panel - Children's Lawyer, Child Representation Program and the Secure Treatment Panel
- 1987-2005** • Instructor, Bar Admission Course, Law Society of Upper Canada
Family Law & Professional Responsibility under the pre-licensing regime
- 1987-2010** • Member, Toronto Area Committee, Legal Aid Ontario
- 1987** • Licensee to place children for private (domestic) adoptions in Ontario
Ministry of Children and Youth Services*

"Non-Law" Ventures & Participations

- 2013** • President & Chair, Punjabi Community Health Services (Peel Region)*
- 2003-2006** • Member of the Steering Committee of Victim Services of Peel, Mentoring for Change programme, which was an innovative community outreach to women who are victims of spousal abuse in the South Asian communities in Peel Region. Volunteer mentors are trained and walk alongside those who are going through the pains of spousal abuse
- 1991-1996** • Founder and Executive Director of a non-profit, national organization, seeking to bring people from different faith groups, both culturally and racially together throughout Canada
- 1989-1994** • Founder and President of a non-profit, charitable organization whose objectives were to bring together people from cross-cultural and racial persuasions
- 1976-1979** • Clean Sweep Chimney Cleaners, St. Stephen, New Brunswick. Owned and operated a successful chimney cleaning business with a fellow student while attending university
- 1973-1975** • Founder and director of a drop-in centre assisting youth in Saint Sauveur-des-Monts, Québec, teaching life skills and providing counseling
- 1973-1975** • Mont Saint Sauveur, Saint Sauveur-des-Monts, Québec.
Worked as a safety and security overseer and full-time ski patroller for a large ski centre north of Montréal, in the Laurentian Mountains
- 1972-1973** • The Ark, Montréal, Québec.
Founded and operated a community, youth drop-in centre in Montréal
- 1968-1971** • United Metal & Refining Company, Montréal Québec
Just out of high school, purchasing agent for a large recycling company
- 1967-1968** • Perfect Rubber Stamp, Montréal
Owner of an office supply company while attending evening classes

Education

Undergraduate

St. Stephen's University
B.A. Honours in Liberal Arts (*Valedictorian*), 1979

Law School

University of Ottawa, LL.B., 1982

Dispute Resolution

- Advanced Certificate in Conflict Management, Family Mediation & Arbitration
University of Waterloo, Conrad Grebel University College, 2007 - 2012
- Updated Domestic Violence & Power Imbalances Training, January 2014
- Accreditation, Ontario Association of Family Mediation, November 2014
- Training in "Narrative Mediation" at University of Waterloo, Conrad Grebel University College, June 2015
- Mediation-Arbitration Training, West Coast ADR Law Group/FDRIO, Toronto, November 2015

Collaborative Family Law Process

- Completed the required Levels I & II Certificates, 2007

Parental Coordination

- Advanced training in Parental Coordination Training, Orlando, Florida, April 2014
- Barbara Jo Fidler & Linda Chodas, Parental Coordination: Advanced Applications, October 2015

Leisure Activities

- Resistance weight training, downhill skiing, hiking, cycling, gardening