



## Divorce Act changes coming March 1, 2021



February 4, 2021 1- 4 pm - Online Zoom Conference

Presented by: Shams Amiry and Dr. Terry Singh

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Parliament passed the long-awaited changes to the Divorce Act in 2019 however, due to disruptions from the pandemic, the coming into force date has been deferred until March 1, 2021.

Join Shams Amiry and Dr. Terry Singh as they lead participants through the Divorce Act changes, **with a unique perspective of law and psychology**, and what these changes will mean for people working in the field of Separation and Divorce.

### Learning Objectives:

- Outline of legislative changes in the new Divorce Act;
- Preparing for the changes, and how to adapt to them;
- How you will be part of setting new legal precedents; and
- The impact of the new *Divorce Act* and best practices for Alberta lawyers and mental health professionals.

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## Presenters

Mr. Shams Amiry earned his Juris Doctor from the Faculty of law at the University of Calgary in 2014. He was called to the Alberta Bar in 2015 after completing his articles at Calgary Legal Guidance, and has since exclusively practiced in the area of Family Law. In addition to his extensive litigation practice at the Provincial Court, Court of Queen's Bench, and Court of Appeal, Shams takes a special interest in alternative dispute resolution. He has presented for LESA and AFCC on topics including Queen's Bench Practice Notes, Parenting Assessments, and Litigation Strategy.

Dr. Terry Singh is a registered psychologist with expertise in the areas of Child and Family Forensics, Advanced Violence Risk Assessment and Management, and Parenting Coordination. His areas of special interest include child custody evaluation, consideration of cultural factors in assessment and treatment, and the treatment of severe and persistent psychopathology. Dr. Singh is the author of the upcoming book "Understanding Psychosis & Schizophrenia: A Guide for Interested Persons and their Supporters." He has been a member of AFCC since 2015, and has made a habit of presenting annually at AFCC conferences regarding child and family issues.

