

NOEL SEMPLE
B.A. (Hon.), J.D., LL.M, of the Ontario Bar

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Current Positions

Ph.D Candidate (full-time), Osgoode Hall Law School, York University. Dissertation title: Is Litigating the Best Interests of a Child a Contradiction in Terms?

Contract Researcher, Law Commission of Ontario, Family Law Process Project. Research subject: Cost-Benefit Analysis of Family Service Delivery

Academic Background and Certifications

Master of Laws: Osgoode Hall Law School, York University (2009).

Called to the Bar of Ontario: Law Society of Upper Canada (2008).

Juris Doctor: University of Toronto Faculty of Law (2007).

Bachelor of Arts (Honours, Graduation with High Distinction): University of Toronto (2004).

Research and Teaching Interests

Family Law, Dispute Resolution, Civil Procedure, Children and the Law, Administrative Law, Empirical Methodology.

PUBLICATIONS

Please visit www.noelsemple.ca for a selection of my published work.

i) Books Edited

with Ann C. Wilton, *Canadian Divorce Law and Practice, Volume 3: Spousal Support*. (Toronto: Carswell, 2009).

ii) Published and Accepted Journal Articles

“Whose Best Interests?” (2010) *Osgoode Hall Law Journal*, Vol. 48, No. 2 (Forthcoming, late summer 2010). Online: Social Science Research Network, http://papers.ssrn.com/abstract_id=1572835.

“The Silent Child: A Quantitative Analysis of Children’s Evidence in Canadian Custody and Access Cases.” (2010) *Canadian Family Law Quarterly*, Vol. 29, No. 1.

“In Sickness and in Health? Spousal Support and Unmarried Cohabitants.” (2008) *Canadian Journal of Family Law*, Vol. 24, No. 2.

"The Case for Tribunal Standing in Canada." (2007) *Canadian Journal of Administrative Law and Practice*, Vol. 20, No. 3.

"Network Neutrality: Justifiable Discrimination, Unjustifiable Discrimination, and the Bright Line Between Them." (2007) *Canadian Journal of Law and Technology*, Vol. 6, No. 3.

iii) **Articles under Review and Other Legal Writing**

"The Perfect Blend? Mediation and Evaluation in the Work of Ontario's Office of the Children's Lawyer." (2010) Under review, *Family Court Review*. Online: Social Science Research Network, http://papers.ssrn.com/abstract_id=1572841.

"Book Review: *The Best Interests of Children -- an Evidence Based Approach*, by Paul Millar." (2010) Under review, *Osgoode Hall Law Journal*. Online: Social Science Research Network, http://papers.ssrn.com/abstract_id=1572894.

"The Eye Of The Beholder: Professional Opinions About The Best Interests Of A Child." (LL.M. Thesis.) Osgoode Hall Law School, York University. June 2009. Abbreviated version under review, *Family Court Review*. Online: Social Science Research Network, http://papers.ssrn.com/abstract_id=1327485.

"Negligent Emissions: Humanizing Climate Change." (2007) *Eco-Bulletin* (Canadian Bar Association), October 2007.

"The Mandatory Pre-Retirement Death Benefit in Pension Legislation: Time for Another Look." Submission to the Ontario Expert Commission On Pensions. November, 2007. Online: Expert Commission on Pensions (Ontario), <http://www.pensionreview.on.ca/english/submissions/NoelSemple.html>

iv) **Other Published Writing**

"The Charter at 25: Time for a Sequel." *Ultra Vires* (November, 2006)

"The Worst-Case Scenario, and How We Could Get There." (2004) CBC Newsworld. Online: <http://www.noelsemple.ca/?p=7>

"A Bus to Nowhere." *the newspaper* (Aug 17, 2004)

"Time for a Home-Grown President?" *the newspaper* (Aug 24, 2004)

"Dispelling the Myth of the WTO 'Evil Empire.'" *The Varsity* (Feb. 11, 2002)

"The Balloon Transcends Language." *The Globe and Mail* (Oct. 20, 2000)

"Brave New World of Teen Autonomy." *The Globe and Mail* (July 13, 1998)

Previous Positions

Contributing Editor, *Family Law Act of Ontario and Canadian Divorce Law and Practice* (James C. MacDonald and Ann Wilton, eds.) (2008-2010).

Articling Student, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Toronto (2007-2008).

Summer Student, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Toronto (2006).

Research Assistant (part-time) to Dr. Alan Alexandroff, Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto (2003-2006).

Family Law Project Volunteer Case-Worker (part-time), 311 Jarvis Street Family Court (2006-2007).

Volunteer Case Worker (part-time), Downtown Legal Services (2004-2006).

General Assistant (Communications), Office of the Hon. David Turnbull, Associate Minister of Enterprise, Opportunity, and Innovation, Ontario (2002- 2003).

Language Skills

Bilingual (Oral and written English, oral French).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

June 2, 2010 (scheduled): Canadian Law and Society Association (Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences). Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec.

May 31, 2010 (scheduled): McGill Graduate Law Students Conference. McGill University, Montreal, Quebec.

May 20-21, 2010 (scheduled): Osgoode Hall Graduate Law Students' Association Annual Conference. Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Ontario.

May 25, 2009: Canadian Law and Society Association (Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences). Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario.

May 1, 2009: Osgoode Hall Graduate Law Students' Association Annual Conference. Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Ontario.

AWARDS, PRIZES, AND RESEARCH FUNDING

April, 2010: Research Contract: Cost Benefit Analysis of Family Service Delivery (Law Commission of Ontario, \$15,000)

February, 2010: Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, \$6,000)

October, 2009: John E. VanDuzer Scholarship Award for Family Law (Hamilton Community Foundation, \$2,000)

June, 2009: Elia Scholarship (York University, \$55,000 over 4 years)

June, 2009: Canada Graduate Scholarship (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, \$105,000 over 3 years)

August, 2008: Harley D. Hallett Graduate Scholarship (Osgoode Hall Law School)

August, 2008: Newton W. Rowell Graduate Scholarship in Law (Osgoode Hall Law School)

April, 2008: Allan Falconer Memorial Essay Competition Winner (Canadian Journal of Family Law)

October, 2007: Canadian IT Law Association Student Writing Contest Winner

July, 2007: Honourable Jerry S. Grafstein, QC Prize in Communications Law (University of Toronto Faculty of Law)

June, 2007: Honours Standing (Average grade of "A") for Third Year (University of Toronto Faculty of Law)

April, 2007: Canadian Bar Association David Estrin Prize (Awarded for a student essay on environmental, energy or resources law.)

November, 2004: Canada and the New American Empire Youth Essay Competition Winner (CBC Newsworld)

September 2004: Maurice Cody Memorial Prize (University of Toronto Department of History)

June 2004: Trinity College Scholar Award (Trinity College, University of Toronto)

August 2001: National Semi-Finalist, Magna "As Prime Minister" Essay Competition

June 1999: CSPI Prize for highest mark in History 101 (University of Toronto Department of History)