



Andrea Cooley, (She/Her) Counsel - Family Law

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Andrea has practiced exclusively in the area of family law for over 20 years. Her practice encompasses all areas of family law including financial and property division, child support, spousal support, parental decision making (formerly custody), parenting time (formerly access), negotiation of separation agreements, parenting agreements, marriage contracts, cohabitation agreements, variation proceedings and more.

Education

Western University, B.A. Hon.

Western University, LL.B.

Called to the Bar in 2002

About

Andrea Cooley is proud to be a part of Siskinds' strong team. Since 2002 Andrea has practiced exclusively in the area of family law. Her practice areas including property division, child support, spousal support issues, parental decision-making (custody), parenting schedules (access), Children's Aid Society proceedings, negotiation of domestic contracts such as separation agreements, marriage contracts, cohabitation agreements and parenting agreements. While it is Andrea's goal to advocate on your behalf while resolving your matter amicably, that may be with negotiation, mediation, or other dispute resolution methods. Andrea is also prepared to litigate and advocate on your behalf in Court to protect your interests.

Andrea was born in Montreal, Quebec and raised north of Toronto in the Unionville area. But London and more recently Elgin County are home for Andrea. Andrea received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Western University in 1995. She earned her Bachelor of Law degree from Western University in 2001.

Andrea truly enjoys her work. She is sensitive to the needs of her clients, which in the case of Family Law are quite unique and sometimes pose special challenges. It is a priority to provide cost effective, reasonable legal advice to her clients. This requires identifying strategies for moving forward towards a resolution that is fair, reasonable, and appropriate for her client's circumstances. Court can be very costly and stressful. Practical problem solving is important to her clients. Andrea will assist you in determining the best way to proceed, whether it be by way of negotiation of a separation agreement, alternative family dispute resolution processes such as mediation or Court. There are options available. In 2017 Andrea was appointed by the Ministry of the Attorney General to be a Dispute Resolution Officer of the Superior Court of Justice, Family Court. As a Dispute Resolution Officer Andrea conducts Case Conferences in Motions to Change, to provide litigants with early evaluation of their case. Andrea strives to provide reasonable guidance to litigants. Andrea finds her work very rewarding.



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Publications and Speaking

In November 2017, Andrea attended Western Law's Access to Justice class as a panel member to discuss the issue of access to justice in family law.

Memberships and Associations

- Law Society of Ontario
- Superior Court of Justice (Family Court Branch) Dispute Resolution Officer, 2017 to present
- Legal Aid Ontario Area Committee, Member, 2010 to 2022
- Middlesex Family Lawyers' Association, Executive 2015 - 2020, Member since 2002
- Middlesex Law Association, Member, 2002 to present
- Elgin Law Association, Member
- London and Middlesex High Conflict Forum, Past Board Member 2016 to 2020

Community Involvement

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Thomas-Elgin, Past Board Member
- Legal Aid Ontario Area Committee Member
- Volunteer, Forest City Community Church
- London and Middlesex High Conflict Forum, Past Board Member
- Volunteer, Mandatory Information Program at the Superior Court of Justice
- Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Past Board Member