



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF FAMILY LAW CARIBBEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2014

In conjunction with the

THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS BAR ASSOCIATION

November 19 -21, 2014 | British Colonial Hilton
Nassau, Bahamas

CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstract Deadline: - September 3, 2014

THEME: OUR CHILDREN, AN ENDANGERED SPECIES

Overview:-

More than ever, in this period of our history, there is widespread concern being expressed about environmental degradation, threats to our ecosystem, nature reserves, wild life, landscape and seascape and the need to preserve historic buildings and natural monuments. But the voices are not so strident with regard to the threat of extinction facing so many of our children, our future generations, on whom rest the hope and burden of sustainable development of our societies.

On November 20, 1989, the Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. Hailed as the most widely-ratified human rights instrument in international law, it has been celebrated as the most comprehensive international treaty, embodying as it does, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of children. While the Convention affirms children's entitlement to rights, it recognizes that children, because of their vulnerability, are entitled to the necessary care and protection that would ensure their development to the fullest potential.

This year, marks the 25th anniversary of the Convention. It is a convenient time for mature reflection on the Convention. This Conference invites family law and related academics and practitioners to examine the progress made in protecting children's rights, identify the risks to which children remain susceptible and share experiences of innovative laws, practices and policies which seek to advance children's rights.

PAPER TOPICS INCLUDE:-

- ✓ VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN
- ✓ HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- ✓ PATERNITY AND INHERITANCE LAWS
- ✓ CUSTODY AND ACCESS
- ✓ ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE
- ✓ CHILD LABOUR
- ✓ PARENTING EDUCATION
- ✓ YOUTH JUSTICE
- ✓ THE GIRL CHILD AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE
- ✓ INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION, EMIGRATION AND PARENTAL ALIENATION
- ✓ CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES - ACCESS TO THE LAW
- ✓ RIGHT TO CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION ISSUES
- ✓ CHILD PROSTITUTION AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

ABSTRACTS:

Presentations on the proposed paper topics are highly sought. Persons are invited to submit an abstract, which should not exceed **250 words**.

Abstracts should be submitted no later than **September 3, 2014** via email to conference@bahamasbarassociation.com.

TARGET GROUP:

- ✓ Judges
- ✓ Magistrates,
- ✓ Attorneys-at-law
- ✓ Students
- ✓ Academics
- ✓ Therapists
- ✓ Social workers
- ✓ Psychologists

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION RATES:

	ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2014	OCTOBER 1, 2014 TO NOVEMBER 15, 2014	NOVEMBER 15, 2014 TO CONFERENCE
ISFL and BBA MEMBERS	\$350.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
Conference Presenters	\$350.00	\$400.00	\$450.00
NON-MEMBER	\$400.00	\$450.00	\$500.00
Spouse/Guest	\$275.00 <i>(Reception and Banquet Only)</i>	\$275.00 <i>(Reception and Banquet Only)</i>	\$275.00 <i>(Reception and Banquet Only)</i>

Registration Fees include:

- ✓ Attendance at all working sessions
- ✓ Conference documentation and materials
- ✓ Opening ceremony and Closing Banquet
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Tea and coffee during breaks

Accompanying person (Spouse/Guest) Fees include:

- ✓ Attendance at the Opening Reception and Closing Banquet
- ✓ Please note the accompanying person fee does not include attendance during sessions or lunch.