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A senior member of the Family Law bar and a senior partner in our Family Law Group, Lorne's practice includes all aspects of family law, including divorce, custody and access, property, support, and domestic contracts. He conducts litigation before every level of court in Ontario, as well as providing mediation and arbitration services. He also acts as counsel to lawyers and accountants addressing family law concerns that arise in business, wills and estates, and personal financial planning. He has been a partner with Torkin Manes since 1979.

Lorne has been accredited as a family mediator by the Ontario Association for Family Mediation. He is also a Dispute Resolution Officer of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and sits on the Family Law Rules Committee.

Lorne is recognized for his mediation and arbitration expertise and has completed the following related specialty training:

- Harvard Negotiation Institution Mediation Workshop
- Law Society of Ontario Mediation Course
- Mediation and Domestic Violence Training

Lorne currently holds several teaching positions, including:

- Instructor, Family Law Section, Can Bar Prep
- Instructor, Family Law 101 Course
- Instructor, Family Law Arbitration Course
- Instructor, Basic Family Mediation Course
- Continuing Legal Education programmes with the Law Society of Ontario and the Canadian Bar Association

Expertise

- ▶ Family Law

Awards & Recognition

- ▶ OBA Award for Excellence in Family Law (in Memory of James G. McLeod) - 2015
- ▶ *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* - Family Law
- ▶ *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® - Family Law

Publications & Presentations

- ▶ Jan 15, 2022 | Presentation
Bi-Annual Update on Power Imbalances and Family Violence in Family Arbitration and Parenting Coordination
FDRIO
- ▶ Nov 15, 2021 | Presentation
THE FUTURE OF FDR: ADR, ACCESS TO JUSTICE, INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND OTHER ISSUES
FDR Under the Microscope 2021 Conference
- ▶ Sep 14, 2021 | Presentation
When Bankruptcy meets Family Law
Moderator, Practical Issues in Family Law Seminar
- ▶ Mar 19, 2021 | Presentation
2021 Annual Joint Family Law Program - the Times They are STILL a Changin'
The Law Society of Manitoba
- ▶ Apr 20, 2020 | Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Settling family law cases: Lawyer beware
The Lawyer's Daily
- ▶ Apr 13, 2020 | Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
The coming family law tsunami
The Lawyer's Daily
- ▶ Jun 12, 2018 | Torkin Manes LegalPoint
Out-of-court dispute resolution focus of Divorce Act overhaul
- ▶ Mar 08, 2018 | Article
Achieving third party settlements when criminal charges are involved
The Lawyers Daily
- ▶ Mar 08, 2018 | Presentation
Lorne Wolfson discusses achieving third party settlements when criminal charges are involved in
The Lawyer's Daily
- ▶ Feb 07, 2018 | Article
What to do when third parties impede settlement
The Lawyers Daily
- ▶ Oct 23, 2017 | Book
Settling Family Law Cases: Practical Techniques for Advocates and Neutrals
Published by Carswell, 2017
- ▶ Jul 19, 2017 | Article
Why so many family law cases are difficult to settle
The Lawyers Daily
- ▶ Jul 17, 2017 | Article
Why do family law cases settle when they do?
The Lawyers Daily

- ▶ Jun 01, 2017 | [Torkin Manes LegalPoint](#)
Lessons from Dagg
- ▶ Feb 10, 2017 | [Article](#)
Think of arbitration as a creative multi-tool
The Lawyers Weekly
- ▶ Nov 30, 2016 | [Article](#)
Effective Use of Mediation-Arbitration
Torkin Manes LegalSource
- ▶ May 17, 2016 | [Newsletter](#)
How to Make Gifts to Children
Torkin Manes LegalPoint
- ▶ Sep 26, 2014 | [Article](#)
Start By Picking the Right Resolution Method
The Lawyers Weekly
- ▶ Jul 15, 2014 | [Presentation](#)
Effective Advocacy in Family Law Mediation
The National Family Law Program, Whistler, B.C.
- ▶ May 30, 2014 | [Article](#)
Solving the Disclosure Problem
The Lawyers Weekly
- ▶ May 22, 2014 | [Presentation](#)
Settlement Sweeteners - Practical Techniques for Settling Family Law Cases
National Family Law Program
- ▶ May 01, 2014 | [Book](#)
Settling Family Law Cases - Practical Techniques for Neutrals and Advocates
Coming in Fall 2014, Contributing Editor, Carswell
- ▶ Apr 01, 2014 | [Article](#)
How Good Mediators Finesse Difficult Counsel
The Lawyers Weekly
- ▶ Feb 01, 2014 | [Article](#)
Thirteen Habits of a Successful Advocate
The Lawyers Weekly
- ▶ Jan 15, 2014 | [Presentation](#)
Advanced Family Law for Financial Advisors
CA Consortium
- ▶ Dec 01, 2013 | [Article](#)
Family Trusts Under Canadian Family Law
2013 Annual Joint Family Law Program, The Law Society of Manitoba
- ▶ Nov 27, 2013 | [Presentation](#)
Family Law Issues and Answers in Succession Planning
The Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto
- ▶ Oct 31, 2013 | [Presentation](#)
Family Mediator's Guide to Working with Counsel
ADR Institute of Canada
- ▶ Oct 24, 2013 | [Presentation](#)
Custody and Access, Mental Health and Other Issues
ADR Institute of Canada

- ▶ Sep 09, 2013 | Article
Smart Mediation Starts with Advanced Planning
The Lawyers Weekly
- ▶ Apr 17, 2013 | Presentation
Effective Advocacy in Mediation
The Law Society of Upper Canada
- ▶ Mar 15, 2013 | Presentation
Family Trusts Under Canadian Family Law
2013 Annual Joint Family Law Program, The Law Society of Manitoba
- ▶ Mar 01, 2013 | Article
The One Thing (or Two) I Wish I Knew...
The Advocates' Journal (Vol. 31, No. 4)
- ▶ Feb 14, 2013 | Presentation
Settlement Sweeteners, Part 2: What Judges Can Learn From Mediators
National Judicial Institute (Part 1 Presented in February 2012)
- ▶ Feb 02, 2013 | Article
Guidelines Enhance Advocacy in Mediation
The Lawyers Weekly
- ▶ Feb 01, 2013 | Article
Tax Issues in Matrimonial Matters: A Discussion of Key Concepts
Etobicoke District Chartered Accountants & Association
- ▶ Feb 01, 2013 | Article
Advocacy in Mediation
The Lawyers Weekly
- ▶ Jan 01, 2013 | Presentation
Practice & Ethical Problems in Mediation and Arbitration
ADR Institute of Ontario
- ▶ Dec 01, 2012 | Article
Incivility and Sharp Practice in Family Law
The Law Society of Upper Canada Family Law Summit
- ▶ Jul 18, 2012 | Presentation
Settlement Sweeteners - Practical Techniques for Settling Family Law Cases
National Family Law Program
- ▶ Jul 01, 2012 | Article
Intrusion Upon Seclusion: Common Law for the 21st Century
L'Avvocato - Canadian Italian Advocates' Organization Newsletter
- ▶ Jun 06, 2012 | Presentation
New Rules for Pension Division on Divorce
Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto
- ▶ May 24, 2012 | Presentation
Mediating Marriage Contracts
ADR Institute of Ontario
- ▶ May 11, 2012 | Presentation
Incivility and Sharp Practice in Family Law
The Law Society of Upper Canada Family Law Summit
- ▶ Apr 03, 2012 | Presentation
NFP Freezes - Do They Work?
Osgoode Professional Development

- ▶ Feb 08, 2012 | Presentation
Settlement Sweeteners - Practical Techniques for Settling Family Law Cases (Part 1)
National Judicial Institute (Part 2 Presented in February 2013: What Judges Can Learn From Mediators)
- ▶ Jan 01, 2012 | Book
The Controlling Mind
Co-author, Carswell
- ▶ Dec 01, 2011 | Presentation
18 Things You Can Get in Settlement But Not From a Court
ADR Institute of Ontario
- ▶ Sep 26, 2011 | Presentation
Techniques for Settling Family Law Cases
Osgoode Professional Development
- ▶ Jun 02, 2011 | Newsletter
New Rules for Common Law Partners
Torkin Manes Focus - Spring 2011
- ▶ Nov 08, 2010 | Presentation
Arbitration in Family Law
Saskatchewan Bar Association Joint Meeting
- ▶ Oct 15, 2010 | Presentation
The Future of Mediation and Arbitration
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Conference
- ▶ Sep 24, 2010 | Presentation
Family Law Do's and Don'ts for Financial Advisors
Advocis (Peterborough Chapter)
- ▶ Sep 23, 2010 | Presentation
Family Law Do's and Don'ts for Financial Advisors
Advocis (Peterborough Chapter)
- ▶ Jul 12, 2010 | Presentation
Family Law Arbitration in Canada
National Family Law Program
- ▶ Apr 01, 2010 | Presentation
The Estate Freeze
- ▶ Mar 05, 2010 | Presentation
Advanced Family Law Class
University of Toronto
- ▶ Jan 19, 2010 | Presentation
Mediation and Arbitration Agreements: What You Need to Know
Osgoode Professional Development
- ▶ Jan 01, 2010 | Presentation
Family Arbitration in Canada
National Family Law Program
- ▶ May 01, 2009 | Article
Focus on Family Law: Family law advice for tough times
- ▶ Jan 01, 2009 | Presentation
Recent Amendments to the Family Law Act
Annual Conference of Superior Court Judges

- ▶ Jan 01, 2008 | Presentation
Alternative Dispute Resolution and Family Law
Ontario Bar Association
- ▶ Jan 01, 2008 | Presentation
Common Tax Mistakes in Family Law Cases
Ontario Bar Association
- ▶ Jan 01, 2008 | Presentation
Drafter Beware: Common Mistakes in Drafting Separation Agreements
Osgoode Hall Professional Development
- ▶ Jan 01, 2008 | Presentation
Family Law Do's and Don'ts for Financial Advisors
Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto
- ▶ Jan 01, 2007 | Article
Pre-nups: How to Make 'Em and How to Break 'Em
Canadian Family Law Quarterly
- ▶ Jan 01, 2006 | Article
Vicarious Liability
The Litigator, Ontario Trial Lawyers Association
- ▶ Mar 01, 2003 | Article
Broken Promises, Broken Hearts: Intrafamilial Tort and Contract Claims
Canadian Family Law Quarterly
- ▶ Dec 01, 2002
Broken Promises, Broken Hearts: Intrafamilial Tort and Contract Claims
Canadian Family Law Quarterly
- ▶ Jan 01, 2000 | Book
Family Mediation, Arbitration and Collaborative Practice Handbook
Co-author, LexisNexis Butterworths, 3rd-to-5th Editions (2000 - 2009)
- ▶ Sep 01, 1998 | Article
Love Ain't Easier The Second Time Around: Family Law Concerns For The Remarrying Client
Canadian Family Law Quarterly
- ▶ Jan 01, 1998 | Book
The Best of *Money and Family Law*
Co-author, Carswell
- ▶ Dec 15, 1997 | Article
Creating Confusion
C.A. Magazine
- ▶ Aug 10, 1997 | Article
Ten Things They Never Told You About The New Child Support Rules
Canadian Bar Association Magazine
- ▶ Jan 01, 1997 | Book
Federal Child Support Guidelines Workbook
Author, Department of Justice Canada
- ▶ Dec 05, 1996 | Article
Shifting Support
Canadian Tax Highlites
- ▶ Jan 01, 1987 | Book
The New Family Law
Random House

- ▶ Feb 01, 1986
The New *Family Law Act*. What You Need to Know
- ▶ Jan 01, 1986 | Newsletter
Money and Family Law

Memberships

- ▶ The Advocates' Society
- ▶ American Bar Association
- ▶ Canadian Bar Association

Community Involvement

- ▶ Executive Committee, Family Arbitration Section, ADR Institute of Ontario
- ▶ Professional Advisory Committee, Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto
- ▶ Board member, Association of Jewish Family and Children Agencies of North America
- ▶ Past President, Jewish Family and Child Service of Greater Toronto
- ▶ Past Chair, Family Law Specialty Committee, the Law Society of Upper Canada

Credentials

- ▶ Certified as an Arbitrator by the ADR Institute of Ontario
- ▶ Certified as a Specialist in Family Law by The Law Society of Ontario
- ▶ Called to the Ontario Bar, 1977

Education

- ▶ LL.M., University of British Columbia, 1976
- ▶ LL.B., Osgoode Hall Law School, 1974