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EDUCATION

Certificate of Parenting Coordination Riverdale Mediation, Toronto, Ontario	January 2018
Certificate of Family Mediation York University, Toronto, Ontario	December 2017
M.A., Sociology Graduated in 2017 McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario	November 2017
B.A., Sociology Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario	June 2014

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Information and Referral Coordinator Axis Family Mediation	January 2022-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides clients with general and relevant information pertaining to divorce, separation, and child and parenting issues• Presents Mandatory Information Program to the public in the role of Mental Health Professional and Information and Referral Coordinator• Educates clients about mediation and alternative dispute resolutions	
Family Mediator Axis Family Mediation	January 2022-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meets with clients for distance mediation to assist with family law issues• Drafts child and spousal support calculations, parenting plans, and mediation reports• Diffuses intense conflicts to help clients come to a resolution• Provides general legal information and referrals to clients	



Family Mediator

January 2018-March 2020

Silbert Family Law, St. Catharines, ON

- Met with clients for intake meetings, screening for domestic violence and joint sessions
- Drafted child and spousal support calculations, parenting plans, and separation agreements
- Mediated disputes between clients through email, phone and in-person
- Diffused intense conflicts to help clients come to a resolution

Mental Health Professional

September 2019-March 2020

Axis Mediation Inc

- Presented curriculum in the role of Mental Health Professional for Mandatory Information Sessions on behalf of the Ministry of the Attorney General
- Provided general advice to participants proceeding in family court
- Provided referrals to local services when needed

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

Presenter. “Life at Chelsea; Deinstitutional Practices and Emotional Labour” Jane Synge Memorial Conference, McMaster University Hamilton, 2017

Presenter. “Engaging Students VIA Active Learning” Teaching and Learning Forum, McMaster University, Hamilton, 2016

Presenter. “Rape Culture in the Media: Local and International Comparisons of Rape Portrayals in the News”, LSSA Panel Discussion, Waterloo, Ontario, 2014