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**Experience**

Russell Alexander Collaborative Family Lawyers 1998 – present  
 *Founder/Senior Partner*

**Education and Training**

*Ontario Collaborative Law Federation* February, 2010  
 Level II Training

Ontario Collaborative Law Federation September, 2009  
 *Level I Training*

York University – Osgoode Hall Law School 1993-1996  
 *LL.B., Law*

University of Toronto 1989-1993  
 *BA (Hons), Political Science, Criminology, Philosophy*

**Professional Affiliations**

Law Society of Ontario *(formerly “Law Society of Upper Canada*, Member*)* 1998-present

Canadian Bar Association, Member 1998-present

Ontario Bar Association, Member 1998-present

Victoria Haliburton Law Association, Member 1998-present

Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Member 1999-present

Advocates Society, Member

Durham Law Association, Member

International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, Member

Ontario Collaborative Law Federation, Member

Durham Region Collaborative Practice, Member

Kawartha Collaborative Practice, Member

York Region Collaborative Practice, Member

**Publications**

Saving the Golden Goose April, 2018  
 Author

Understanding Collaborative Law April, 2018  
 Author

Divorce Magazine December, 2017  
 *“Are you really Separated? Try this 16-Part  
 Separation Test”*

Canadian Lawyer August, 2017  
 *“Gender Expression, Identity now protected  
 for children in Ontario Legislation.”*

Swagger Magazine May, 2017  
 *“10 Dirty Tricks to watch out for when  
 getting a divorce.”*

The Huffington Post January, 2017  
 *“All Caps and Exclamation Marks Could  
 legally cost you a divorce.”*

Canadian Family *2017  
 “How to Work Together when Getting Divorced.”*

10 Things You Need to Know Before You File for Divorce 2017  
 Author

The Path to a Successful Divorce 2017  
 *Author*

CanLII Connects  
 Blog posts published regularly.   
 *The Importance of Offers to Settle* June, 2018  
 *What’s Considered “Bad Faith” in Family Law?* July, 2018  
 *If Your Spouse Moves Out, Can They Later Ask You to Pay Rent?* July, 2018  
 *Financial Experts in Family Law – to Hire or Not to Hire?* July, 2016  
 *Appeal Court Rules on Privacy of Text Messages*

FamilyLLB – Ontario Divorce & Family Law Blog   
 Top posts:  
 *Can I Keep My Ex’s New Partner Away from My Kids?* July, 2015 *Selling the Matrimonial Home – What if One Spouse Won’t Co-operate?* January, 2013 *Top 5 Things to Know About the Child Tax Benefit* May, 2011  
 *Top 5 Questions About Adultery and Divorce in Ontario* May, 2011  
 *10 Things you should know about Child Support* April, 2010

Law Practice Today December, 2011  
 *“Top things I learned at the ABA Marketing  
 Strategies Conference”*

Canadian Lawyer July, 2010  
 *“The Times they are A-Changing:  
 Reflections on the National Family Law Summit 2010”*

**Awards**

Amazon Best Seller May, 2017  
 *The Path to a Successful Divorce,* Russell Alexander

2016 Clawbie Award (Canadian Law Blog Awards) 2016  
 *Family LLB – Best Practitioner Award*

2013 Clawbie Award (Canadian Law Blog Awards) 2013  
 *Family LLB – Best Practitioner Blogs*

**Speaking Engagements**

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| October, 2018 | Presenter at the 19th Annual IACP Networking and Educational Forum on saving family businesses in family disputes entitled “Saving the Golden Goose”. |

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| September, 2018 | Conference Chair and Presenter at the Law Society of Ontario’s “Using Technology in Family Law” Conference on “Using Social Media to Market your practice more effectively”. |
| May, 2018 | Presented at the Family Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario (FDRIO) FDRethink the Future Unconference on saving family businesses in family disputes entitled “Saving the Golden Goose”. |
| May, 2018 | Presented at the Family Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario (FDRIO) FDRethink the Future Unconference on Advanced Marketing Techniques. |
| May, 2016 | Presented at the Family Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario (FDRIO) FDRethink the Future Unconference on “Social Media & Family Law”. |
| November, 2015 | Presented at The Institute of Law Clerks of Ontario Conference on “The Law Clerk’s Guide to using Technology in Family Law”. |
| June, 2015 | Presented at the Advanced Marketing Roundtable at the Solo and Small Firm Conference |
| October, 2014 | Presented at the Ontario Bar Association Tech Expo on “60 Technology and Practice Management Tips in 60 Minutes”. |
| September, 2013 | Law Society of Upper Canada’s “Opening your Law Practice: Getting Started, the Business of Law and Marketing”. |
| June, 2013 | Chaired the Law Society of Upper Canada’s Technology and Family Law Conference |
| September, 2012 | Presented at the OCLF’s Full Team Ahead: Building Effective Collaborative Teams Conference on “Using Technology To Improve Efficiencies With Your Collaborative Team |
| March, 2012 | Presented at the American Bar Association Techshow on “Managing the Transition to Paperless”. |
| March, 2012 | Presented on “Mobile Lawyer: Tools, Tips & Tricks of the Trade”. |