

## **SUSAN JACK B.A. LL.B Acc.FM**

Partner Smith Family Law Group

Associate Riverdale Mediation

Susan has been practicing family law exclusively for over 13 years. She is reputed for being able to assist clients in resolving their family law issues through various alternative dispute resolution mechanisms that are cost effective both financially and emotionally. Susan has had extensive training and practice in family mediation. She has completed training through the Harvard Mediation Project and an internship with Riverdale Mediation. Susan brings her extensive family law expertise, mediation training and experience to Riverdale Mediation. Susan is able to mediate all aspects of family law including issues relating to property, support and parenting.

### **Mediation Training**

*Mediation Internship Riverdale Mediation* – Fall 2008 completed 100 hour mediation internship supervised by Hilary Linton.

*Harvard Mediation Program* – completed June 2007

*Family Mediation Training Comprehensive Course* - completed November 2006

*Stitt Feld Handy Alternative Dispute Resolution Workshop* – completed July 2006

### **Legal Background**

*Smith Family Law Group, Partner (2005 to present)*- practice devoted exclusively to Family Law. Practice currently focuses on providing clients with sustainable solutions through mediation, negotiation and collaborative family law.

*MacDonald & Partners LLP, Partner (2000-2005)* – practiced exclusively Family Law. Negotiated and litigated matters at all levels of the Court involving complex property, support and custody issues.

*Nathens, Siegel, Associate (1997-1999)* – practiced exclusively Family Law. Advised clients with respect to all aspects of Family Law.

### **Education**

Bar Admission Course - 1996

Osgoode Hall Law School – LLB – (1991-1994)

York University – B.A. major in sociology, minor in psychology (1988-1991)

**Executive Positions, Appointments and Memberships**

Executive Member, Family Law Executive of the Ontario Bar Association (2003-008)

Executive Member, Women’s Law Association (2006-2008)

Member, Ontario Bar Association Family Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Member, Law Society of Upper Canada

Member, Toronto Collaborative Practice Group

Member, Ontario Association of Family Mediators