

# Child Protection Working Group | FLO Guidelines

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### CPWG description & purpose

The [CPWG](#) is a working group within the [Family Law Organizer](#) (FLO) community. It features a [forum](#) (the "[CPWG Forum](#)") for parents' counsel, children's counsel, Director's counsel and any lawyer or mediator that practices in the area of child protection in British Columbia. This feature is set up for practitioners to:

- Share information and ask questions regarding child protection law
- Share best practices and precedents related to child protection law
- Provide mentorship and camaraderie to those who practice within the area of child protection law
- Assist with any other issues relating to the area of child protection law

The overall aim is to connect mediators in an online forum so that they can assist and mentor one another and create dialogue in working in the area of child protection law.

The [CPWG](#) is hosted as a FLO Working Group Page. This is an area on the Lawbster platform reserved exclusively to serve lawyers and mediators who practice or wish to practice in the area of child protection law.

See the terms "FLO Working Group Page" and "FLO Working Group" as defined in the [FLO Community Terms of Use](#) for more information.

### Who can join the CPWG

Any Law Society of British Columbia member who is a lawyer, and any mediator who practices in the area of child protection may join the [CPWG](#). Requests to join must accompany an affirmation of having read and agreed to these Guidelines, and be sent via email to the Access Pro Bono representative for the project with a subject line explicitly confirming same. Currently the representative is [Uphar K. Dhaliwal](#).

Those who qualify can apply to join and must complete an acknowledgement of these guidelines and their confidentiality duties ([complete form online](#)).

All members requesting to join the CPWG must have read and be prepared to abide by:

- These Guidelines
- [Universal Terms of Use](#)
- [FLO Community Terms of Use](#)

# Confidentiality and Appropriate Content

## Duty to keep CPWG content confidential

To protect ethical and legal duties of confidentiality and privilege while encouraging members to participate freely by ensuring members-only discussions, all Users who are granted access to the CPWG shall:

- Post questions to the [Child Protection Forum](#) in a general manner, and only post Content (including but not limited to questions or replies) related to a file they are involved in, in a manner that ensures no other individual familiar with the file could draw a connection between the posted Content and the specific file.
- Not share CPWG Content with anyone who is not a member of the CPWG, unless expressly permitted by the Content owner, or unless the Content is otherwise publicly available (i.e. case law or published legal research).
- Follow all ethical and legal duties surrounding confidentiality and non-disclosure, including the Code of Professional Conduct and any implied undertakings respecting disclosure.

## Appropriate content

All Content posted to the VFMP must be relevant to the practice of child protection law. If content does not meet any criteria in this Guideline it will be removed at the discretion of the [FLO Steering Committee](#).

Users are specifically reminded that the [Universal Terms of Use](#):

- Defines and prohibits Inappropriate Behaviour
- Prohibits posting of Commercial Messages except where expressly allowed
- Contains rules respecting privileged and confidential information
- Contains rules on identity of User accounts and responsibilities of Users to control access to their accounts
- Contains disclaimers with respect to Content monitoring by CLBC or Administrators and instructions for reporting Inappropriate Behaviour

Do not use the [Child Protection Forum](#) to speak derogatorily or complain about other professionals, and be mindful of the risks of defamation.

Commercial Messages (as defined in the [Universal Terms of Use](#)) that are related to requesting or providing child protection law-related referrals are allowed on the [Child Protection Forum](#), but do not use the CPWG to solicit work for your personal gain.

A [FLO Steering Committee](#) Member, other than an employee of CLBC, is a decision maker responsible for enforcing these Guidelines and may remove Content and/or revoke a User's membership in the CPWG if, in the decision maker's sole discretion, these Guidelines are breached.

# Child Protection Working Group (“CPWG”) Membership Application Certification

I certify that:

- I am a lawyer or mediator and that I have recently read and understood the following documents:
  - Universal Terms of Use <https://www.lawbster.net/content/379/universal-terms-of-use>
  - FLO Community Terms of Use <https://www.lawbster.net/content/409/flo-community-terms-of-use>
  - Child Protection Working Group Guidelines <https://www.lawbster.net/content/10093/child-protection-working-group>
- I agree to abide by the terms and restrictions contained in the above documents as a condition to membership in the CPWG.
- I agree not to share any of the information I obtain through the CPWG's FLO Working Group Page, except for the purposes of working with my clients and discussing the information with other members of the CPWG.
- Before posting information to the CPWG's FLO Working Group Page that may disclose information relating to a particular file, I understand that it is my duty to determine whether other members of the CPWG are lawyers or parties in that file, and whether disclosing such information would breach my professional duty to maintain confidentiality.

## Confirm Certification and Agreement\*

Please grant me access to the CPWG's FLO Working Group Page.

- ✓ I have read the above and do certify and agree to same