

## The Law Society Celebrates Asian and South Asian Heritage Month

*May is Asian and South Asian Heritage Month. To mark the occasion, the Law Society of Upper Canada with the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers, the Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic, the South Asian Bar Association, and the South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario will be hosting a panel discussion and reception.*

### PANEL DISCUSSION

#### ***Beyond Tolerance: Realizing Human Rights in a Pluralistic Society***

Statistics Canada predicts by 2031, one in three Canadians will belong to a “visible minority” or racialized community, and one in four will be foreign-born. Juxtaposed against this emerging demographic reality, recent issues such as the proposed ban on the niqab in Québec, the controversy involving the ceremonial kirpan, and racially-motivated violence against Asian Canadians have reignited debates about multiculturalism, discrimination, and the accommodation of difference in Canadian society.

Experts will explore and debate the need for a new framework for discussing human rights in a pluralistic society and how the Canadian legal and political systems can continue to recognize and protect the rights of racialized communities.

**DATE:** Monday, May 10, 2010

**TIME:** 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Panel Discussion  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Reception

**PLACE:** The Law Society of Upper Canada,  
130 Queen St. West, Toronto  
(Enter at eastside doors facing Toronto City Hall)

Members of the legal profession and public are invited.  
This program is offered **FREE OF CHARGE**, however, **registration is required by May 7, 2010** to attend. To register, visit the Law Society website at:

**<http://ecom.lsuc.on.ca/equity>**

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