

International Women's Day Law Forum *Have Women Judges Really Made a Difference?*

Members of the legal profession and the public are invited to attend a forum and reception to celebrate International Women's Day.

DATE: Monday, March 2, 2009
TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Panel Discussion, Donald Lamont Learning Centre, Main Floor
6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Reception, Convocation Hall, Second Floor
PLACE: The Law Society of Upper Canada, 130 Queen St. West, Toronto
(Enter at eastside doors facing Nathan Phillips Square)

Nineteen years ago, the late Justice Bertha Wilson posed the question, "Will women judges really make a difference?" Inspired by the unprecedented increases in the representation of women in all areas of the legal profession, including the judiciary, much debate, commentary, and academic writing have been made on the question of the influence of gender in judicial decision-making. A panel of legal experts will discuss whether women judges have made a difference in legal decision-making, legal culture, and in administering justice.

SPEAKERS:

Jamie B. Cameron, Professor Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
Mary Anne Eberts, Barrister and Solicitor
Sonia Lawrence, Associate Professor Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
The Honourable Madam Justice Micheline A. Rawlins, Ontario Court of Justice

A reception in honour of women benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada who have been appointed to the judiciary will be held to celebrate International Women's Day, featuring a keynote address by **The Honourable Madam Justice Helen MacLeod-Beliveau** of the Superior Court of Justice.

FREE ADMISSION

RSVP by February 27, 2009 by calling 416-947-3413, or by e-mail: rticzon@lsuc.on.ca. For more information, contact Rudy Ticzon at: 416-947-3314, or visit the Law Society website at www.lsuc.on.ca.

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