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Media Advisory

Law Society to celebrate South Asian Heritage Month with discussion about building diversity in the workplace

In celebration of South Asian Heritage Month, a group of legal professionals will gather at the Law Society on May 12 to share their insights about why it makes good business sense to increase diversity within the workplace. The Law Society of Upper Canada, the South Asian Bar Association and the South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario are hosting the forum.

Panel speakers representing law firms and legal workplaces will examine the benefits of diversity, how it strengthens organizations, as well as types of successful diversity initiatives and what law firms and legal organizations can do to support these initiatives.

Speakers are as follows:

- **Ritu Bhasin**, Director of Student and Associate Programs, Stikeman Elliott LLP
- **Josée Bouchard**, Equity Advisor of the Law Society of Upper Canada
- **Ian Holloway**, Dean of Law, University of Western Ontario Law School
- **Mona Kumar**, Legal Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Pricewaterhouse Coopers
- **Roy Lee**, Counsel and Special Advisor, Office of the Senior Regional Director, Department of Justice Canada, Government of Canada
- **Malliha Wilson**, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General.

A reception will follow, featuring guest speaker **Haroon Siddiqui**, Editorial Page Editor Emeritus, the *Toronto Star*. Live musical entertainment will also be featured. Admission to panel discussion and reception is free.

The forum and reception are part of the Law Society's Equity Public Education Series, which is designed to encourage the exchange of information, ideas and action on issues affecting Aboriginal, Francophone, and equality-seeking communities.

An RSVP is required by **May 9, 2008**. Call 1-800-668-7380, ext. 3413, or 416-947-3413, or send an e-mail to: rticzon@lsuc.on.ca.

Details

Date: May 12, 2008
Location: Law Society of Upper Canada, Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen Street West, Toronto
(Enter via east doors)
Time: Panel Discussion – 4 to 6 p.m., Donald Lamont Learning Centre
Reception – 6 to 8 p.m., Convocation Hall

Media interested in attending are encouraged to confirm their attendance in advance if possible, to help ensure adequate space and audio requirements. Contact Susan Tonkin, Communications Advisor, Law Society of Upper Canada at (416) 947-7605, stonkin@lsuc.on.ca.