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Dear Community Partners, Parents, and Friends,

The Ontario Justice Education Network (OJEN) is pleased to celebrate another year of partnership with the Black Female Lawyers Network (BFLN), to offer the:

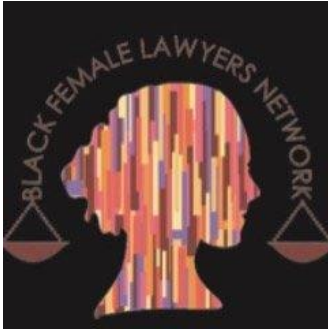


The event is a day-long educational opportunity for high school young women, on **Monday, November 11, 2019** from approximately 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM held at St. James Cathedral Centre | 65 Church Street | Toronto, ON M5C 2E9 | Canada.

Students will be matched with a *Big Sistah*, a black woman currently working in law, who will act as their guide for the day, introducing them to other Sistahs in Law while answering questions and providing support throughout the program. In addition to attending sessions with their *Big Sistah*, participants will attend an inspirational session specifically designed for the high school aged audience entitled "*My Journey to a Career in Law,*" where lawyers from a variety of legal practices will share their experiences with the students and answer their questions about being a black woman in law. The program has been made possible thanks to sponsorship by individual justice sector professionals.

### **ABOUT THE EVENT ORGANIZERS**

OJEN is a non-profit, charitable organization that brings together leading institutions and individuals from the legal and education sectors to collaborate on initiatives designed to foster public understanding of the justice system. With the commitment of hundreds of volunteers, including judges from all levels of the courts, members of the bar, the Crown Attorney's office, court staff, legal aid clinics, law schools, teachers, and community representatives, OJEN reaches thousands of youth across the province each year.



BLFN is an organization dedicated to providing an opportunity for students and practitioners in the field to convene, share and learn from one another. In 2006, the annual retreat, ***Sistahs-in-Law***, began as an intimate gathering of colleagues and friends has blossomed into a full-day event that has attracted close to two hundred attendees from all over Canada. Proceeds from ***Sistahs-in-Law*** go to supporting two very important law school scholarships which recognize the contributions of aboriginal and black law students.

This is a program for high school aged girls; sponsorship is not available for teachers or youth workers although they are welcome to attend by purchasing a ticket through BFLN at a cost of \$150. OJEN will provide supervision at a ratio of 1:20. The supervisor will accompany students to each event throughout the day. **Please note that students are responsible for their own transportation to and from this event and that OJEN is unable to provide transportation subsidies for those wishing to attend. Supervision of participants will begin once students register at the venue and will continue until approximately 5:00 PM, at which point students will be responsible for their own transportation home.**

To coordinate the participation of your child, student, or program participant, please return a completed registration package (enclosed) to OJEN by attaching them to the online registration form on [OJEN's Sistahs-in-Law web page](#). Only complete registration forms will be accepted. For parents/guardians, your child's school may require an additional permission form. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Simone Samuels at [ssamuels@ojen.ca](mailto:ssamuels@ojen.ca).



## MEDIA RELEASE

I consent to allow OJEN and BFLN (collectively: Event Organizers) and/or media present at the ***Sistahs-in-Law: Paving the Way*** program to reproduce, and/or publish, and/or broadcast the film and/or digital images, and/or video footage of me, or my child/ward taken during these events on **Monday, November 11, 2019**.

I release and discharge, these media outlets, Event Organizers and their officers and employees from any claims, obligations or liability of every kind, including those arising from use of these images and video footage.

This release shall be binding on my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns. I have read the above information and fully understand the contents. I hereby give the Event Organizers permission to use the aforementioned items and I authorize their use or reproduction by the Event Organizers or anyone authorized by them. I hereby also waive any rights of compensation or ownership thereto.

Circle Option: **Student** | **Parent** | **Guardian** | Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number and Email (if applicable) (**Parent** | **Guardian**):  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT OR GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM

I/we give permission for my/our child/ward named, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in ***Sistahs-in-Law: Paving the Way***, a day-long educational event presented by the Ontario Justice Education Network and the Black Female Lawyers Network on **Monday, November 11, 2019**.

Emergency Contact Person Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we understand my child is responsible for her own transportation to and from this event and that supervision of my child will begin once she registers at approximately 8:30 am and end at/about 5:00pm, at which point students will be responsible for their own transportation home.

Parent | Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any medical information that OJEN should be aware of that may lead your child to require special medical attention during this event?

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Should it become necessary for my/our child/ward to have medical care, I/we hereby give the supervisor permission to use her best judgment in obtaining the best of such service my/our child/ward. I/we understand that any cost will be my/our responsibility. I/we also understand that in the event of illness or accident, I/we will be notified as soon as possible.

Name of Parent | Guardian (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/ Guardian (or student, if 18 years or older): \_\_\_\_\_

For students 18 years or older, it is strongly recommended that the parent/guardian also sign this form.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO REGISTER, please return the COMPLETE registration package:**

- [Online Registration form](#) with participant's information
- **Media Release**
- **Parent | Guardian Permission Form (if required)**

by attaching the Media Release and Permission Form as a PDF, scanned document, or clear photo to the [Online Registration form](#) before **October 28th, 2019 at 11:59 pm.**

**INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Schools may require additional permission forms.**