

BRAIDING DIVERSITY INTO JUSTICE – March 6, 2026
Waterloo Region Courthouse, 85 Frederick Street, Kitchener, ON

<p>8:40-8:55am Registration</p>	<p>Jury Assembly Room (second floor) Morning snacks and refreshments – sponsored by Sorbara Law</p>
<p>9:00-10:05am Welcome, Introductions and Keynote</p>	<p>Courtroom 201</p> <p>MC – Mara Clarke</p> <p>Welcome – Justice Braid (9-9:05am)</p> <p>Opening – Knowledge Keeper Hadihawis Parent (9:05-9:15am)</p> <p>Introductions & Brief Job Descriptions of Registrar; Court Reporter; CSO; Supervisor of Court Operations; Court Security Officer; Crown Attorney; Armin Sethi to describe her Barrister’s robes and mention robing photo opportunities at the end of the day in Jury Assembly Room (9:15-9:25am)</p> <p>Keynote Speech – Justice Nazira Safi, former judge in Afghanistan (9:25-9:55am)</p> <p>Q&A for Justice Safi (Justice Braid moderates) (9:55-10:05am)</p>
<p>10:05-10:45am Chat with Justice Braid & Friends</p>	<p>Courtroom 201</p> <p>Panel: Justice Braid, Superior Court of Justice, Kitchener Kerri Rice, Paralegal and Supervisor of Court Operations, Kitchener Armin Sethi, Crown Attorney, Kitchener Shermeen Khan, Manager of Accessible Learning at Conestoga College Mara Clarke, Family Lawyer</p> <p>Chair: Cynthia Davis Participants, bring your questions about how we came to work in law!</p>
<p>10:45-11:30am Tour of the courthouse and health break</p>	<p>Tour Guides: Special Constable Elaine Nish; Airianna Mapp (Family Lawyer), Kimmy Adams (Paralegal and Supervisor of Court Operations, Guelph), Simran Kaur Benipal</p> <p>Judicial Jeopardy Questions</p>
<p>11:30-11:45am Group Photo</p>	<p>On Stairs between first and second floor</p>

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<p>11:45-12:30pm Survive & Thrive in Law School</p>	<p>Jury Assembly Room (second floor)</p> <p>Panel: Lydia Horton (Judicial Law Clerk, Superior Court of Justice & Queens grad) Lucas Marqus (Judicial Law Clerk, Superior Court of Justice & TMU grad) Eyal Wilk (Judicial Law Clerk, Superior Court of Justice & UofT grad) Jasmine Bhangu (Articling Student, SV Law) Islam Al Deeb (Family Lawyer at Giffen LLP, LLB in Jordan, LLM at Osgoode)</p> <p>Chair: Airianna Mapp</p>
<p>12:30-12:45</p>	<p>Health Break/Walk to Law Firms</p>
<p>12:45-1:45pm Tour and Lunch at Law Firm</p>	<p>Law Firms Giffen LLP and Crown's Office McLeod Green Dewar LLP Bennett Grant LLP Cohen Highley</p> <p>Survive to Thrive: Faith, Culture & the Practice of Law (hosted in Waterloo Region Law Library for those observing Ramadan, sponsored by SV Law): Join us for a powerful and candid lunchtime conversation featuring Muslim women lawyers Samaa Kabbar and Islam Al Deeb as they reflect on how faith and culture intersect with the realities of legal practice</p>
<p>1:45-2:00pm</p>	<p>Health Break/Walk Back to Courthouse</p>
<p>2:00-3:15pm Speed Mentoring</p>	<p>Jury Assembly Room (second floor) (Participants will be divided into 8 groups and will sit at table with their group) Justice Braid to introduce mentors at outset Mentors to rotate clockwise to a new table every 10 minutes</p> <p>Mentors: Armin Sethi, Rossana Scholten (Lam) and Tayzia Collesso, Crown Attorneys Cst. Afreen Mohamed and Cst. Nicole Boynton, WRPS Kimberley Adams and Natalia Tan, Paralegals Natasha Lett and Jennifer Bolduc, Family Lawyers Rebecca Currie and Kiesha James, Probation Officers Cynthia Davis and Jennifer Mohamed-Indarsingh, Civil Litigation Lawyer Pia Williams and Najla Nureddin, Law Librarians Jennifer Roggemann, Immigration Lawyer</p>
<p>3:15-3:30pm Judicial Jeopardy Prizes, Evaluations & Closing</p>	<p>Jury Assembly Room (second floor) Mara Clarke and Justice Braid</p> <p>*After Closing, try on Barristers robes & take photos with your new mentors!</p>