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WOMEN IN THE LAW TO CHANGE THE LAW: EMPOWERING AFGHANI WOMEN ADVOCATES

A FUNDRAISING EVENT TO ASSIST AFGHANI WOMEN TO STUDY LAW

Victorian Women Lawyers is pleased to present a panel discussion which will provide insight into issues faced by Afghani women, and Afghani female advocates

We will explore the importance of having women in the legal profession, and how Australian lawyers can assist Afghani students and lawyers to increase female representation in the Afghani legal profession.

All revenue will be donated to the Indigo Foundation's 'Afghanistan: Women's Education and Empowerment Project', which is committed to the improvement of women's education in Afghanistan.

DATE

Thursday 12 September 2013

TIME

5:30pm for light refreshments and networking

6pm panel discussion

LOCATION

Maurice Blackburn
Level 10, 456 Lonsdale Street,
Melbourne

COST

\$10 VWL members
\$25 non-members

REGISTRATION

www.vwl.asn.au/events

PANELLISTS:



DR NOURIA SALEHI OAM

Dr Nouria Salehi is a highly respected human rights advocate, who combines her volunteer activities in Australia and Afghanistan with a career as a nuclear physicist and biophysicist. In 2002 Dr Salehi established the Afghan Australian Development Organisation to support projects giving Afghans essential skills and opportunities. In 2012, she was Senior Australian of the Year



DALLAS MAZOORI

Dallas Mazoori is a human rights and transitional justice advocate with extensive experience in Afghanistan. She was a member of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission's Transitional Justice Unit. She has also consulted for the Afghanistan programme at the International Centre for Transitional Justice, and UN Women Afghanistan.



LISA DE FERRARI

Lisa De Ferrari is a Victorian barrister who has been involved in many high-profile cases, including *Tahiri v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship*, which was decided by the High Court. That case involved an Afghani asylum seeker and his family, and required interpretation of Afghani family law.



KATE EASTMAN SC

Kate Eastman SC specialises in human rights, discrimination and public law. In 2003 she travelled to Afghanistan for UN Women to participate in a program addressing women's rights in Afghanistan. This led to a scheme which provides scholarships for young Afghan women to study law at Australian universities. Ms Eastman also helped develop the Indigo Foundation's Afghanistan Women's Education and Empowerment Project.

CHAired BY KIM SHAW, PRINCIPAL, MAURICE BLACKBURN