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Dear Participant:

I am pleased to welcome you today to the ninth annual Braiding Diversity into Justice event at the Kitchener Court House.

Braiding Diversity into Justice is a unique opportunity for you to connect with and benefit from the rich and diverse experiences of women working in the legal sector. It is important to learn about their challenges and their courage in the face of adversity.

It is crucial to have more diverse representation in leadership positions in our country. I am very pleased that Ms. Shalene Curtis-Micallef is the first Black woman to hold the position of Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General of Canada. Increasing diversity throughout the justice system, including on the bench, is also very important because people must see themselves represented in the institutions and bodies that serve them.



We all benefit when our diversity of perspectives and lived experiences informs the decisions that governments make. The Braiding Diversity into Justice initiative demonstrates how we all have a responsibility to support better representation in our legal system.

I would like to congratulate you for participating in this special event. You represent a future that is bright and full of hope. This day would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of the organizers, and I commend the many individuals who have generously contributed their time and shared their experience to make this special event possible. I hope that you will learn more about our justice system and be inspired to play an active role in shaping it for the wellbeing of our communities.

I wish you a day filled with learning and inspiration.



The Honourable Arif Virani