



Equity Advisory Group

Promoting access to justice and helping to create a more representative and inclusive legal profession is a driving force behind the Law Society of Upper Canada's equity and diversity initiatives.

Collaboration with advocacy groups, community agencies and legal associations has been a hallmark of our equity initiatives. We believe that by working together we can do more to promote equity and diversity in the profession than if we worked alone.

This is why the Law Society created an Equity Advisory Group – a group of volunteers who lend their perspective and advice to help the Law Society develop programs and resources to promote and facilitate equity and diversity in the profession.

The Equity Advisory Group provides advice on equality issues, and helps to identify, review and report on issues affecting Aboriginal, Francophone and equality-seeking communities in the legal profession.

Membership of the Equity Advisory Group includes lawyers, law students and representatives from legal organizations and community associations.

Equity Advisory Group members are committed to equality and diversity principles, and have experience in working with issues affecting Aboriginal, Francophone, and racialized communities, persons with disabilities, women, and gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons. The perspectives provided are a valuable resource to the Law Society and its Equity and Aboriginal Issues Committee, which reports to the Society's governing body.

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