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Family Violence in Australia: migrant women slip through the cracks

PANEL DISCUSSION

Please join us for a panel discussion on the challenges facing migrant women during the visa process, who are battling relationships of family violence.

Our panellists are dedicated advocates of victims of family violence. They are part of the daily fight to protect the most vulnerable people in our communities.

In 2016, the VWL's Justice Committee continues to advocate the issues of family violence. This event is the fourth in a series discussing the issues facing women in situations of family violence.

DATE
Thursday 19 May 2016

TIME
5:30pm: registration and light refreshments
6.00pm: panel discussion

LOCATION
King & Wood Mallesons
Level 50, 600 Bourke Street
Melbourne

COST
Members \$5
Non-members \$10

REGISTRATION
www.vwl.asn.au/events

**Do you have a question for the panel?
Submit your question when you register!**

PANELLISTS:



ROZ GERMOV

Roz is an expert in Immigration and Refugee Law with over 20 years of experience in these areas. Roz has been recognised as one of Australia's leading Immigration Lawyers and is currently listed in *Best Lawyers* (Australian Edition). Roz is one of the few members of the Victorian Bar who is also a registered migration agent. Roz represents visa applicants who are pursuing permanent residence applications following the breakdown of their relationships with their Australian partners due to having suffered family violence during those relationships and will be discussing the challenges they face.



EMILY SINGH

Emily Singh is a lawyer in the Human Rights Law Program of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC). Recognising how significantly disadvantaged women seeking asylum are within Australia's refugee determination process, Emily secured funding for a dedicated 'gender lawyer' position within the ASRC's legal team and is now the founding supervising lawyer of the Women's Clinic. She also manages a further ongoing caseload of 40 clients, those of which are predominantly women with gender based asylum claims.



SEEMA SHARMA

Seema Sharma joined Shakti almost a year ago as an advocate and coordinator. Shakti is a culturally-specialist provider of services for immigrant communities of colour and also a catalyst for social change against all forms of gender-based violence. Seema was a print journalist for almost 20 years covering human interest and women's issues. She took a career change a few years ago and joined the human services sector as a social worker. Her belief in human rights for all has seen her take a strong approach towards ensuring all victims of domestic violence who seek Shakti's help are able to understand and access the Australian legal system to get justice.

Kindly hosted by King & Wood Mallesons who support the Footscray Community Legal Centre and the Justice Connect Homeless Person's Legal Clinic in assisting migrant women in our community.

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