

## CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND THE LAW

Join us for this exciting panel discussion with women in law from diverse cultural backgrounds. Our speakers are women who have unique perspectives on how the law and more specifically, the legal profession interacts with the intersectionality of culturally diverse women in the profession. They will share their experiences, barriers they have faced and conversely, the hopes they have for the future of the legal profession. This event is proudly sponsored by Allens.

This event is suited to **all lawyers, legal staff and students** looking for inspiration and insight into the intersectionality of cultural diversity in the legal profession, and will be moderated by **Stephanie Vejar**, Senior Migration Lawyer at Women's Legal Service Victoria and, co-chair of VWL's Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

### DATE

Tuesday, 27 September 2022

### TIME

5.30pm - Registrations

6:00pm - 7:15pm - Panel discussion

7:15pm - 8:00pm - Networking

### COST

Free for VWL members

\$15 for non-members

### LOCATION

Level 37, 101 Collins Street, Melbourne

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**Molina Asthana** is on the board of, and was the first South Asian woman to be elected President Elect of the Law Institute of Victoria. She is also the National President of the Asian Australian Lawyers Association. She is an experienced commercial lawyer having practiced at top-tier Australia law firms and the Victorian Government Solicitor's Office and in the Supreme Court of India. Molina also serves on various boards and is the co-founder of the Asian Australian Alliance and the founder of the organisation Multicultural Women in Sport.



**Rabea Khan** is a barrister who works primarily in criminal and regulatory law. Prior to joining the Bar, Rabea worked as a solicitor for the Director of Public Prosecutions in Sydney, the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service, IBAC and the Office of Public Prosecutions in Melbourne. Rabea is a past Vice-President of the Muslim Legal Network (NSW) and was on the Review Advisory Committee for the Review of Sexual Harassment in Victorian Courts. She is currently a member of the Independent Pandemic Management Advisory Committee appointed by the Minister of Health.



**Monisha Saqueria** is a Partner at Allens' Disputes and Investigations teams, with expertise in tax and general commercial disputes, including class actions. In Australia, she has primarily assisted various mining and oil and gas companies with respect to regulatory matters and contract disputes - acting for them in arbitrations, mediations and in various courts in Australia. Prior to that, she worked for a large New York firm where she advised technology companies and financial institutions in shareholder class actions and other securities litigation in federal and state courts in the United States.



**Akuch Kuol Anyieth** is a graduate researcher in crime, justice, and legal studies. Her research engages with masculinity and domestic violence, examining customary law, pre-and post-migration experiences of South Sudanese families and how they adapt to the western rule of law in the diaspora. Akuch is the author of "South Sudanese Manhood and Family Crisis in the Diaspora" and her memoir "Unknown".