



COMING TOGETHER TO MARK A MILESTONE!

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the equality requirements, West Coast Legal Education and Action Fund (West Coast LEAF) and the National Association of Women and the Law (NAWL) are hosting a national conference in Vancouver from April 28 to May 1, 2005 at the Hilton Vancouver Metrotown Hotel.

The focus of the Conference is the 20th anniversary of the equality rights provision (section 15) of the Charter. Section 15, which is part of the supreme law of Canada, prohibits discrimination by any level of government on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, and other grounds. The Conference will have a strong community presence combining the strengths of lawyers and community representatives. Together they will develop strategies that ensure women's equality rights, including legal strategies that are grounded in the experience of women.

When: Thursday, April 28 – Sunday, May 1, 2005

Where: Hilton Vancouver Metrotown Hotel
6083 McKay Avenue
Burnaby, BC

Program

Highlights: **Thurs, April 28**
Opening Reception
"Honouring Women Judges in BC"

Fri, April 29
Plenary Session 1 – History of Equality Rights
Speakers: Sharon Donna McIvor
Mary Eberts
Andrée Côté
Plus 22 concurrent workshops

Sat, April 30
Plenary Session 2 – Still an Equality Deficit
Speakers: Natasha Bakht
Suzanne Laforest
Sacha Fink
Carolyn Ji Jong Goossen

Plenary Session 3 – Women's Court Release Decisions
Plus 22 concurrent workshops

Gala Dinner
Keynote Speaker: Justice Corinne Sparks

Sun, May 1
NAWL & West Coast LEAF Meetings

To register, please visit
www.equalityconference.com