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Judge C. Adele Kent received her LLB in 1977 from the University of Alberta. She practised law in Edmonton and then Calgary, specializing in the areas of medical malpractice and construction litigation. She was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta in 1994.

Judge Kent has been a member and then co-chair of the Ethics Advisory Committee, a committee that provides confidential ethical advice federally appointed judges. She was a member of the Canadian Judicial Council's communications committee. She currently sits on the Strategic Planning Committee of the Court of Queen's Bench.

Judge Kent works extensively with the National Judicial Institute. She designs courses and teaches in the areas of judicial ethics, civil law, insolvency, the judicial career and social context, both in Canada and internationally. She has been involved in the planning of courses addressing issues of gender, aging, culture and race. She is the author of *Medical Ethics: The State of the Law* and articles on teaching judicial ethics and conflicts of laws. She speaks English and French and is learning Spanish.



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Ratna Osman is the Executive Director of Sisters in Islam, a Muslim women's NGO committed to promoting an understanding of Islam that recognises the principles of Justice, Equality, Freedom and Dignity within a democratic nation state. Her work at Sisters in Islam includes creating public awareness and advocating for reform in laws and policies by promoting and developing a framework of women's rights in Islam, taking into consideration women's experiences and realities. She joined Sisters in Islam in 2009 as the Programme Manager for the Advocacy, Legal Services and Reform Unit, and was involved in the advocacy campaign together with Joint Action Group for Gender Equality (JAG) in pushing for the amendments of the Islamic Family Law Bill.

Ratna has delivered talks on the works of Sisters in Islam at various international events like the Universities in Australia and New Zealand, at the Carter Centre in Atlanta, USA. She was also in Barcelona, Spain to receive the 2011 award from Casa Asia on behalf of Sisters in Islam in recognition of their work advocating for the rights of Muslim women. She graduated from the International Islamic University, Islamabad with a LL.B (Law & Shariah) degree.