

## EVENT

# Black History Month 2026: Celebrating the achievements of lawyers who inspire change



February 26, 2026  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. ET



Webinar  
Connection details will be provided after registration.

As Black History Month (BHM) celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we invite you to join us in recognizing the achievements of Jacqueline Beckles, Denise Dwyer and Michelle Henry - leaders whose careers continue to motivate emerging talent within Canada's legal sector and beyond. Reflecting on this year's national BHM theme, we will explore how their leadership shapes the present and motivates future generations.

Moderated by Keri Bedeau, BLG, the session will spotlight the career successes of our distinguished guest speakers, offering valuable lessons and practical strategies for building impactful legal careers, while also considering ways to foster diversity and promote inclusion within the profession. Our panelists will share insights into their professional paths and discuss how their contributions have facilitated opportunities and inspired aspiring lawyers.

### About our panelists:

- [Jacqueline Beckles](#), General Counsel, Department of Justice Canada
- [Denise Dwyer](#), former Assistant Deputy Minister, Indigenous Education and Wellbeing Division at Ministry of Education
- [Michelle Henry](#), Partner, BLG

### About our moderator:

- [Keri Bedeau](#), Counsel, BLG

We look forward to celebrating Black History Month with you together with these remarkable leaders shaping our legal community.

The presentation will be offered bilingually in both English and French. If you have any questions about this event, please email [RSVPEvents-National@blg.com](mailto:RSVPEvents-National@blg.com).

Please respond by February 24.

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