



Black Legal Action Centre

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Statement by the Black Legal Action Centre on Black History Month

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This Black History Month, the Black Legal Action Centre (BLAC) honours our ancestors, elders and those who have come before us, who championed for equal rights and envisioned a future that is just.

We honour not only the Canadian Black pioneers, scientists, inventors, and scholars but also the countless and remarkable Canadians of African heritage who have suffered in silence and struggled to move forward in a country where support was limited, and failure was expected and/or anticipated. Despite discrimination and because of it, our people are capable and resilient. We have prevailed and thrived in the face of oppression and injustice.

BLAC will carry on the work of so many before us. We will continue in our mission to challenge and eradicate individual and systemic anti-Black racism through educational initiatives, advocacy, and litigation.

Racism and oppression will not be tolerated in a country as diverse as Canada. Together, we are overcoming the archaic discriminatory societal barriers that remain, and will continue to pave the way towards a country where meaningful advancement of equity, dignity and full participation is achieved, regardless of race.