

NZLS Women in Law Committee and Wellington
Women Lawyers' Association present

Leave No Woman Behind

A fundraising event to support the Resettlement
of Afghan Women Judges in New Zealand



In August 2021, the world watched in horror as the Taliban took control of Kabul. The International Association of Woman Judges (“IAWJ”) did more than watch. The IAWJ, led by Justice Glazebrook, swiftly responded to the situation that endangered approximately 250 women judges in Afghanistan and their families.

With the Taliban's return to power, the judges faced an unimaginable humanitarian crisis, compounded by the release of violent criminals they had sentenced, many of whom were intent on revenge.

Collaborating with organisations like the International Bar Association and Jewish Humanitarian Response, the IAWJ embarked on a relentless mission to rescue these judges. Despite the challenges, many judges and their families successfully escaped and are now resettling worldwide thanks to the grit of those organisations and other individuals.



Taliban enter Kabul
Source: CNBC, AFP and Getty Images



Billboards requiring women to wear full face and body coverings
Source: Alarabiya News & AFB

THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN

The journey is far from over. Six judges and their families have found refuge in New Zealand, while others remain in transit or trapped in Afghanistan, facing severe restrictions on women's rights. In August 2023, the NZLS Women in Law Committee and Wellington Women Lawyers Association resolved to support the cause. The answer to the question ‘how can we help’ was, of course, money.

Funding is crucial to sustain the ongoing support provided by the New Zealand Association of Women Judges (NZAWJ) to resettled judges and their families including:

- English lessons
- qualification transfers
- trauma counseling
- children's education support
- professional training, enabling judges to contribute to their communities despite language and trauma barriers.
- scholarships for attending conferences, particularly the IAWJ conferences that allow them to reconnect and maintain their identity as judges.

Additionally, approximately 70 judges and their families are still in Afghanistan or transit destinations, with the hope of settling in the US.

Maintenance and resettlement costs, along with visas and travel costs, are beyond the funding abilities of the IAWJ alone. Your generosity can make a significant difference in the lives of these courageous women judges and their families.

In order to make this a success and ensure that the IAWJ and the NZAWJ can continue their inspiring work we need sponsors for both the event itself and for the charity auction. Details of the sponsorship packages are set out below. Opportunities are limited so please reach out to the Committee ASAP to secure your package!

Any funds raised that are not spent on resettlement support for the Judges, will be applied to humanitarian relief or other charitable purposes.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

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Leave No Woman Behind
06 August 2024

Delicious afghan inspired food served with fine NZ wine
enjoyed at the generously donated venue, The Wellington
Club

With keynote speakers:

Honourable Justice Susan Glazebrook
International Association of Women Judges President
2021 - 2023
Judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand

Venus Azizi
Former Judge in Afghanistan

Abbas Nazari
Author of "After the Tampa"



SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Auction Sponsor

Do you have a high quality product or service that could be offered for auction? All contributors of auction items or a minimum \$500 cash contribution towards an auction item will receive auction item sponsorship branding.

Silver Package \$5,000

- Ten silver sponsorship packages are available including:
- Five (5) tickets
 - Logo on event promotional material
 - Branded merchandise opportunities available

Gold Package \$10,000

- Five gold sponsorship packages are available including:
- 1 x table (10 seats) with full table branding
 - Logo on invitations and all promotional material
 - Branded merchandise opportunities available

Platinum Package \$15,000

- Join us as one of only two platinum sponsors and receive:
- 1 x table (10 seats) with full table branding
 - Top billing logo on invitations and all promotional material
 - Signage placement opportunity at the event
 - Speaking opportunity

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