Louis Riel event to look at what has been learned over last 125 years

To commemorate Louis Riel Day and discuss the accomplishments of the Métis community over the past 125 years, the Law Society of Upper Canada and the Métis Nation of Ontario are holding a panel discussion and reception on November 16 at Osgoode Hall in Toronto.

Earlier this year, the Ontario legislature proclaimed 2010 as the ‘Year of the Métis.’ Panellists will talk about what this declaration means to the Métis community, particularly within the context of Métis history, identity and Crown-Métis relations today.

Panellists include:

- Jean Teillet, Pape Salter Teillet Barristers and Solicitors
- Professor Brenda Macdougall, PhD, Chair, Métis Studies, University of Ottawa
- David Zimmer, MPP, Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General of Ontario

The Honourable Mr. Justice Todd Ducharme, Ontario Superior Court of Justice, will act as panel moderator.

The discussion will be followed by a reception where a presentation will take place to commemorate the second anniversary of the Ontario government-Métis Nation of Ontario Framework Agreement and a keynote address by Gary Lipinski, President, Métis Nation of Ontario. The Métis Fiddler Quartet will perform classic Métis and European music, and light refreshments will be served.

The program is offered FREE OF CHARGE. Space is limited. Registration is required by November 15, 2010 to attend. To register, visit the Law Society website at http://ecom.lsuc.on.ca/equity. The Law Society reserves the right to change program content, speakers and locations without notice. For more information, please call Marisha Roman, Aboriginal Initiatives Counsel at 416-947-3989.

Members of the media interested in attending are required to confirm their attendance in advance, to help ensure adequate space and audio requirements. Contact Susan Tonkin at 416-947-7605 or stonkin@lsuc.on.ca.

Event Details

Date: November 16, 2010
Panel Discussion: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Reception: 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Refreshments will be served)
Location: Convocation Hall
Osgoode Hall, Law Society of Upper Canada
130 Queen St. West (enter through east doors facing Toronto City Hall)