

Book VIII - A Report

Recognizing Historical Barriers To Access

Summary And Introduction

My Advice To You Is

Lawyers are uniquely positioned to take a “leadership role” when it comes to combating discrimination. Unfortunately most don’t. The concepts of making a living and making the world a better place are not mutually exclusive.

Minority groups have been discriminated against for many years and in many ways.

They say that lawyers are a conservative profession. The truth is that lawyers and the legal profession have not taken an enlightened approach when it has come to eradicating discrimination. Minorities have fought hard for the privilege of becoming lawyers. Even after becoming lawyers, they have experienced discrimination at the hands of the profession. The legal profession has been no better or worse, than the rest of society in its treatment of minority groups. Book VIII will not be of interest to all readers. But, those who are interested in human rights, will see that lawyers are uniquely positioned to play a special role in combating discrimination.

The great Toronto lawyer, the late J.J. Robinette, once remarked that a lawyer is nothing more than a practical historian. In Book VIII, I will play the role of a historian. Those who understand the past have a better chance of influencing the present!

Book VIII - Chapter Summaries

38. Minorities And Discrimination - Law School, Bar Admission And The Practice Of Law

Focus: Discrimination based on race, sex, religion, political orientation, citizenship, disability ...

39. Women - As Law Students, Lawyers And Judges

Focus: From the common law prohibition from practicing law to their majority status in law schools