

# **Natasha Bakht**

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## **Biography**

Natasha Bakht is an associate professor of law at the University of Ottawa. She is called to the bar of Ontario and completed her LL.M at New York University School of Law as a Global Hauser scholar. She served as law clerk to Madam Justice Louise Arbour at the Supreme Court of Canada. Professor Bakht's research interests are in the intersecting area of religious freedom and women's equality. She was an active member of the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) from 2005-2009, advancing women's rights through litigation. She has worked with the National Judicial Institute to educate Canadian judges on matters of religion and culture. She is the current English language Editor of the Canadian Journal of Women and the Law (CJWL). Her articles have addressed religious arbitration in family law, Muslim women's attire and she has edited the collection *Belonging and Banishment: Being Muslim in Canada* (Toronto: TSAR, 2008).

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Legal Services, Women, Writing and Editing

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Law, Culture Rights, Minority Rights, Religious Freedom, Women's Equality

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## **Affiliations**

Canadian Journal of Women and the Law : English Language Editor

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## **Education**

**New York University School of Law**

LL.M. Law

**University of Ottawa**

LL.B. Law

**Queen's University**

M.A. Political Studies

**University of Toronto**  
**B.A. Drama/Political Science**

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## **Accomplishments**

**Dora Mavor Moore Award Nomination for Outstanding Choreography**  
Toronto, 2010, 2003

**Ottawa Life Magazine's List of Top 50 People in Ottawa**  
2009

**K.M. Hunter Artists Award**  
Ontario Arts Council, 2008

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