



Panel Discussion – Thursday 28 February 2019

According to the McGregor-Smith Review - Race in the Workplace, the potential benefit for the UK economy from full representation of BAME individuals across the labour market is estimated to be £24 billion a year, representing 1.3% GDP. **Yet only 1 in 16 top management positions are held by a BAME person.**

Successful businesses recognise the benefits that a more inclusive workforce can bring through diverse skills, talent and experiences. However, a seismic shift is required in the legal sector to unlock BAME talent.

Given the huge impact and opportunities for the legal services sector, business and the UK as a whole, Addleshaw Goddard and an esteemed BAME panel, has pleasure in inviting you to attend It's ok to talk about race! panel discussion. This event will provide an excellent platform to:

- hear from some leading BAME players in the legal services sector
- hear and learn about the panelists' experiences and obstacles they have had to overcome
- debate and discuss strategies which the sector should adopt to ensure diversity and BAME inclusion
- share positive experiences and tips for success
- network with professionals and business people interested in this issue

The event will provide a great networking opportunity for individuals looking to embark on a career in law.

The Moderator

Harold Brako, Partner, Addleshaw Goddard

The Panel

Pervinder Kaur, Partner and Head of Private Capital Group, Addleshaw Goddard LLP

Araba Obodai, District Judge, Manchester Civil Justice Centre

Oliver Gayle, Director of Legal, Barclays

Manisha Patel, Legal Counsel, Zenith

Varinder Rehal, Group Legal & Company Secretary at IPL Ltd, part of WAL-MART Stores Inc

Networking events always prove incredibly popular and places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

Date

Thursday 28 February 2019

Time

4.45pm – Registration and refreshments

5.15pm – Panel discussion and Q&A

session 6.15pm - Networking

Venue

Addleshaw Goddard, 3 Sovereign Square, Sovereign Street, Leeds, LS1 4ER

Location map can be found [here](#)

RSVP to

For more information about the event and to reserve your place [email: julie.mitchell@addleshawgoddard.com](mailto:julie.mitchell@addleshawgoddard.com) or call 0161 934 6154