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## Forced Marriages

7 Bedford Row London WC2R 4BS

6.15 for 6.30

Tuesday 12 May 2009

Guest Speakers

Jasvinder Sanghera BA, HonDUniv, Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE

Chair:- Rachel Langdale QC

The Associations of Women Solicitors and of Asian Women Lawyers are pleased to be holding this event, which is kindly hosted by 7 Bedford Row Chambers.

The Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 came into force on 25 November 2008.

In one of the very first cases under the Act, Dr. Humyra Abedin had been held captive, drugged by her family in Bangladesh and forced to marry against her will. This high profile case, which attracted extensive TV and newspaper coverage worldwide, brought the plight of the victims of forced marriage to the attention of the wider public. Following orders obtained in the English courts, Dr. Abedin was recovered and safely returned to England.

**Jasvinder Sanghera** is the Director of Karma Nirvana and an outstanding national campaigner advocating on the issues of forced marriages and honour based crimes. She is the author of best-selling "Shame", a personal testimony, and recognised as an Ambassador For Peace by the Women's Federation of World Peace

**Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE** has for many years been a tireless defender of the victims of forced marriage, creatively developing legal remedies to protect them using the High Court's inherent jurisdiction, prior to the introduction of the Act. Anne-Marie, of leading family law firm Dawson Cornwell, acted for Dr. Abedin

**Rachel Langdale QC** is a barrister at 7 Bedford Row, who practises in the Family Division with an interest in international child abduction and relocation cases.

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