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**LEAF Celebrates Generations of Women's Equality:  
"Famous Five" Granddaughter to celebrate the Persons Case with Young Women Leaders**

**October 18, 2007** - On Friday at the LEAF Annual Persons Day Breakfast, Marcia McClung, granddaughter to Nellie McClung of the "Famous Five", will speak with young women about gender equality and social change today.

"My grandmother, Nellie McClung, a suffragist and a writer, had great resolve to improve the conditions for women in Canada, said Marcia McClung, "but she also foresaw that women would have to continue to challenge discriminatory practices for generations to come."

This year's dialogue will reflect on the historical advancements for equality by a new generation of women activists who take part in an ever-evolving movement for equality rights.

Panelists include:

Salimah Y. Ebrahim - Journalist and founder of the Spirit Bear Youth Coalition

Laurel Mitchell - Founder of the Miss G Project

Tonika Morgan - Project Manager of Women Moving Forward

"We come together on Persons Day, not just to celebrate our historical role models, but also to recognize the inspirational leaders of today" said McClung.

LEAF is the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund, a national non-profit organization founded in 1985. LEAF works to advance the equality of all women and girls in Canada through litigation, law reform and public education using the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. Persons Day recognizes the 1929 decision that women are legal "persons".

Across the country, LEAF holds annual Persons Day Breakfasts to raise funds for its work, made even more necessary by the federal government's elimination of the Courts Challenges Program and changes to Status of Women Canada.

**Toronto Persons Day Breakfast, Sponsored by C.A. Delaney Capital Management Ltd.**

**October 19, 2007 @ 7am**

**Fairmont Royal York Hotel**

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