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## **The Samara Centre for Democracy announces new Executive Director**

### **Sabreena Delhon brings long experience as justice advocate and champion of civic engagement**

Toronto, May 25, 2021 — As Canadians prepare for historic debates related to how to build an inclusive, sustainable, and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Samara Centre for Democracy has asked Sabreena Delhon to lead the organization into an exciting new era for research and civic engagement as its next Executive Director.

For more than a decade, Ms. Delhon has proven herself to be one of Canada's most persuasive and impressive justice advocates. Her studies, research, and advocacy have led to substantive and lasting improvements in access to justice at Ontario's Ministry of the Attorney General and, increasingly, in jurisdictions across the country. Matching those policy and research skills with a unique ability to engage, organize, and activate people from disparate communities, Ms. Delhon has a proven track record of civic engagement and mobilization.

"In Sabreena Delhon, we have found that rare person who understands both what policies are needed to effect systemic change and how to engage people meaningfully to motivate and organize that change," said Michael MacMillan, Founder and Board Chair of the Samara Centre. "Her experience, her energy, and her expertise are precisely what Samara requires in a leader at this moment, as the country faces enormous public policy debates that, in turn, demand the widest possible measure of public engagement and participation."

Ms. Delhon will assume her responsibilities as Executive Director on June 1, 2021. In speaking about her new role, Ms. Delhon said, "It is a privilege to take on this role at such a critical moment for our democracy. I look forward to building on Samara's strong foundation of enabling citizens to hold their institutions to account."

[Click here](#) to learn more about Ms. Delhon's professional interests and accomplishments.

The Board of Directors would also like to thank Janet Yale for assuming the post of interim Executive Director for these past few months while the candidate search was completed. Ms. Yale will return to her responsibilities as Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors.

## **About the Samara Centre for Democracy**

The Samara Centre for Democracy is a non-partisan charity dedicated to strengthening Canada's democracy, making it more accessible, responsive, and inclusive. The Samara Centre produces action-based research—as well as tools and resources for active citizens and public leaders—designed to engage Canadians in their democracy. To learn more about how our research and educational programming is building better politics and a better Canada, visit [samaracanada.com](http://samaracanada.com).

