

# DURHAM REGION LAW ASSOCIATION

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Statement for our Muslim Community

Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

On Behalf of the Durham Region Law Association

The Durham Region Law Association is deeply saddened and shocked by the senseless act of violence upon an innocent Muslim family that took place on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, in London, Ontario as they went for an evening walk.

We grieve for Salman Afzaal, 46, his wife Madiha Salman, 44, their daughter, Yumna Salman, 15 and Afzaal's mother Talat Afzaal, 74 whose lives have been lost. We send our love to their nine-year-old son, Fayez, who suffered serious injuries but is expected to survive.

We stand with the Muslim community in sorrow condemning this act of hate against members of the Islamic faith. There is no room for racial attacks in our society. There is no reasoning for discrimination of any kind. We grieve with the families for their loss and pray for healing for the surviving son. Their pain is immeasurable and we mourn with them.