

Hafeez Amarshi
Statement of Interest

I am seeking re-election to the SABA Board for a 2 year term.

I am currently a Federal Prosecutor with the Public Prosecution Service of Canada and practice in the Ontario and Superior Courts of Justice as well as at the Ontario Court of Appeal. Prior to my work as Crown Counsel I was in private legal practice in Toronto. I started my legal career with the United Nations primarily in the area of peacekeeping operations.

In 2012, I was a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for contributions to Canadian citizenship and public service.

I have served for the past two years on the board of directors as Chair of the Advocacy Committee where I have co-ordinated SABA's advocacy on a number of pressing issues including immigration policy, legal aid access, diversity and inclusion in the profession and licensing and accreditation.

For the last two years I have been the lead on SABA initiatives related to professionalism and trial advocacy education and the development of joint programming in partnership with the Canadian Association of Black Lawyers (CABL) and the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers (FACL).

There are a number of pressing issues in the upcoming term that directly affect our membership including LSUC's review of the recommendations by the Racialized Licensees Working Group and the on-going evaluation of the Law Practice Program.

SABA is committed to supporting an inclusive and dynamic legal community and taking a leadership role on issues of concern to our membership and to the wider legal profession.

I am hopeful to have an opportunity to serve on SABA for an additional term with a continued focus on advocacy, legal education and the development of networking and social opportunities for our membership.

SABA has developed a strong foundation over the last 12 years and enjoys an excellent reputation in the profession and community. Over the next year the emphasis should be on continuity, innovative programming and providing meaningful value for our membership and service to the broader South Asian community.