

**South Asian Bar Association Board of Directors (SABA) -Statement of Interest**

Please accept the following as my Statement of Interest to serve on SABA's Board of Directors for a one year term.

I was first introduced to SABA in 2015, as an articling student at Loblaw Companies Limited. As a new member to SABA, one of the initial events I attended was the annual gala. The gala was impressive for many reasons, but what resonated with me, was the immense positive effect SABA has on our community by supporting and promoting initiatives that value diversity and advancement of South Asian lawyers and law students within the legal profession. As a foreign trained lawyer, and a fairly new member of the profession, I have found SABA to be a valuable forum for professional networking and development.

Over the last few years, I have regularly attended SABA events, and have embraced SABA's mandate of advocating for diversity in the profession. As in-house counsel for George Weston Limited I was co-chair of our national legal group's Diversity Committee which dedicated focus on addressing diversity and inclusion within the national legal group, organizing programs and events that aimed to ensure diversity issues were understood and appreciated.

If given the opportunity to serve as a Director, I envision contributing toward: 1) a strategy for SABA to be involved in the conversation on diversity within in-house legal groups, specifically senior leadership; 2) engaging law students and new lawyers through programs and events and 3) expand SABA's online presence to create greater connections within the legal community.



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