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## Saba Board Statement of Interest

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Dear SABA board,

Please take this email as my statement of interest to serve on the SABA board for the 2017-2018 year. By way of background, I am a civil litigator in the area of employment and labour law. I was called to the Bar in 2011, attended Osgoode Hall Law School, and have been attending SABA events since my articling year. During my articles at Teplitsky, Colson I was extremely excited when the only other South Asian lawyer at my firm invited me to attend the SABA gala that year. At that event I was able to network with some of our firm's prominent clients and, more importantly, create connections with the South Asian legal community that I have been able to cultivate over time. Ever since that event it has been incredibly important to me to attend SABA events on a regular basis. In the past year I particularly enjoyed Yasir Naqvi's speech at the 2016 gala. I recently attended the networking event at SPIN in June and it was a pleasure to meet many of the board members that night.

I am eager to join the SABA board because it is important to me at this stage in my career to dedicate more time and focus to our South Asian community. As the articling chair at my firm, Levitt LLP, I am mindful of the racialized barriers many applicants face in seeking articling positions. SABA members are in a unique position to break down those barriers for the articling and OCI processes in their respective firms and in SABA's work with the Law Society and the OBA.

I have current board experience including serving on the board at Theatre Passe Muraille since March, 2016. In this role I have learned much about governance, finances, and frequently assist with the Theatre's civil and employment legal disputes. These skills, I believe, would also be a helpful addition to the SABA board.

It would be a true pleasure to join the SABA board and thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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