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Statement of Interest

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Dear Mr. Agarwal,

I am writing to express my interest in joining the SABA Toronto Board of Directors for a 2 year term.

SABA Toronto is uniquely placed to advocate and collaborate for enhancing social justice, diversity, equity and tolerance. My hope is that we continue on this path and nurture these commitments in the coming years. I envision SABA Toronto as an important voice and platform for empowering racialized lawyers to be leaders and changemakers in their communities and workplaces.

As part of the SABA Toronto board in 2016-2017, I was involved in advocacy efforts, representing SABA at events and assisting my colleagues with organizing events. I look forward to contributing to SABA's advocacy efforts, especially on racial injustice, gender issues and on challenges faced by NCA qualified lawyers. I also look forward to organizing events for the SABA membership with a focus on related advocacy issues.

I currently work as an associate at Morrison Law, a boutique litigation firm. I also work on refugee and social justice issues. I was called to the Bar in Ontario in June 2016 after navigating the NCA system.

Before moving to Toronto, I pursued graduate studies in public policy, international and comparative law at the National University of Singapore (2012-2014) and I worked on international trade and investment law issues at the Centre for International Law, Singapore. Prior to that, I was an associate at a leading law firm in India (2010 to 2012), summer clerked with a Supreme Court of India Judge, and worked on a range human rights and conservation issues in India.

I am a member of the steering committee of the Law Union of Ontario where, among other things, I was involved in organizing a two-day annual conference in June 2017. In the past, I have been elected as Joint Secretary (West Bengal chapter) of the Pakistan India People's Forum for Peace and Democracy. I have also held elected positions in student governance at law school and in international debating organizations.

I would be humbled to have the opportunity to serve the South Asian bar and community as a part of the SABA Toronto board.

Sincerely,

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