

The South Asian Bar Association

of San Diego

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Fourth Annual NASABA Convention a Success



The Fourth Annual NASABA Convention held from June 28 through June 30 in San Francisco was a tremendous success.

The San Francisco organizing committee worked tirelessly to put together an amazing set of events including legal seminars, luncheons, receptions and banquets. For a detailed schedule of events held at this year's convention, please see:

www.nasabaconvention.org.

Over 700 people attended the convention from various SABA chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada. Attorneys also traveled from as far as the UK and India to attend. An impressive \$600,000 in sponsorships was raised. The keynote speakers for the weekend included: Amul R. Thapar, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Preet Bharara, Chief Counsel to Senator Charles Schumer on the U.S. Senate's Committee on the Judiciary and Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts; and Kamala Harris, District Attorney for San Francisco. It is worth noting that Mr. Thapar recently was nominated by President Bush for a position as a U.S. District Court Judge. If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Mr. Thapar would be the first South Asian to serve on the federal judiciary.

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In addition, the NASABA Foundation – also known as the charitable arm of NASABA and founded by SABA-SD's past president, Rupa G. Singh – held its first Poker Charity Tournament at the Convention. Proceeds from the Tournament will go toward supporting and promoting public interest activities and projects for the benefit of the South Asian community.

SABA-San Diego also had the privilege of nominating local law students for the NASABA Student Scholarship. The scholarship was designed to give law students the opportunity to attend the convention by covering some of the convention's costs. Congratulations to Vineesha Tolani – a 3L from Thomas Jefferson School of Law, and Neha Nagrath – a 3L at USD School of Law on being selected by San Diego and NASABA to attend the convention.

Next year's convention will be held in June 2008 in Chicago. Mark your calendars and plan to attend what will surely be another amazing convention!



Upcoming SABA-SD Events

SABA-SD Private Wine Tasting Summer Event

August 23, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.
 Bacchus Wine Market & Tasting Room
 647 G Street (between 6th and 7th)
 San Diego, CA 92101

Don't miss this exciting event that will feature a selection of eclectic, highly-rated, small production wines from around the world known to pair well with South Asian cuisine. Ticket and RSVP information coming soon!



The 8th Annual San Diego Asian Film Festival

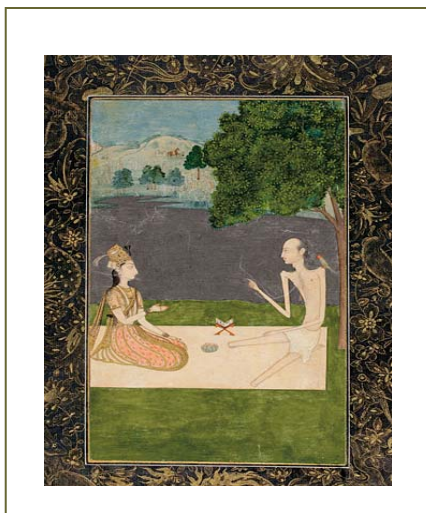


8th Annual San Diego Asian Film Festival
 October 11-18, 2007

San Diego Asian Film Foundation



Please join fellow SABA-San Diego members for a private tour of the museum's permanent art South Asian collection ranging in date from the fifteenth to twentieth centuries. The paintings on view are drawn from SDMA's Edwin Binney 3rd Collection and recent acquisitions of Persian paintings from the Ralph and Catherine Benkaim Collection. The tour is being scheduled for September 2007. More details will follow.



SABA-SD is proud to announce that it plans to co sponsor another film at this year's Film Festival. Last year's feature film presentation was "Waterborne" by South Asian film director Ben Rekhi. The film is currently available on DVD for those members that missed last year's showing. Stay tuned for this year's feature film!

SABA Fourth Annual Dinner Event

Save the Date for SABA-SD's Fourth Annual Dinner and Scholarship Fundraiser set for the evening of November 17, 2007 at The Mills House located at 1640 Seventh Avenue, Downtown San Diego. RSVP information and ticket pricing TBA.



Announcements

The 24th Annual Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture

Sunday, the Aug 5th, 2007 at 3:00 PM
Qualcomm Auditorium
6455 Lusk Blvd, San Diego, CA 92121

Memorial Lecture

By Ambassador Jeff Davidow, President, Institute of the Americas.

Ambassador Jeffrey Davidow assumed the presidency of the Institute of the Americas on June 1, 2003. Upon completion of 34 years in the State Department, he retired as America's highest ranking diplomat, one of only three people to hold the personal rank of Career Ambassador.

During his Foreign Service career, Amb. Davidow focused much of his efforts on improving relations with Latin America. From 1996 to 1998, he was the State Department's chief policy maker for the hemisphere, serving in the position of Assistant Secretary of State. He then served as ambassador to Mexico from 1998 to 2002.

Awards

Eighteen outstanding 2007 high school graduates of San Diego County will receive Mahatma Gandhi Scholarships and AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Scholarships.

Reception

Following the program, there will be a reception in honor of Ambassador Jeff Davidow and in recognition of Mahatma Gandhi scholars.

NASABA Foundation
Community. Leadership. Philanthropy.

Launched in January 2007, the North American South Asian Bar Association Foundation (the "NASABA Foundation") is the charitable arm of NASABA, the umbrella organization for South Asian Bar Associations across North America. In five months of operations, the NASABA Foundation has contributed significantly to the South Asian-American legal community through numerous grants.

First, the NASABA Foundation and the North American South Asian Law Students Association ("NASALSA") are pleased to announce their *first Fellowship of \$5,000* to a North American law student interested in and committed to working on behalf of the South Asian community by virtue of his or her professional involvement in the greater legal community. Specifically, the Fellowship awarded in May 2007 targeted those with a demonstrated interest in promoting awareness of particular issues affecting the South Asian community, including (among others), access to the legal system and ensuring social or economic justice. The *recipient of this joint Fellowship is Rahul Saksena*, a May 2008 Juris Doctorate Candidate at American University Washington College of Law. Mr. Saksena will use the *NASABA Foundation /NASALSA Fellowship* grant to work at the Center for Constitutional Rights, where he will advocate to challenge policies that violate the constitutional rights or civil liberties of post-9/11 victims. Mr. Saksena will receive \$2,500 from the Foundation at the start of the summer, and the remaining half after submitting a written report of his summer activities.

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Second, the NASABA Foundation proudly partners with the *South Asian Bar Association of New York* (“*SABANY*”) to contribute \$1,500 in support of SABANY’s 2007 Public Interest Fellowship. These funds are helping to fund SABANY’s scholarships totaling \$11,500 to three law students performing public interest work to benefit the South Asian community in the greater metropolitan New York area, including **Fahd Ahmed’s** work at the Center for Constitutional Rights as a May 2008 Juris Doctorate Candidate at the City University of New York School of Law; **Ali Najmi’s** internship the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund as a 2009 Juris Doctorate Candidate at the City University of New York School of Law; and **Radhika Sainath’s** work at both the ACLU and the Center for Constitutional Rights as a 2008 Juris Doctorate Candidate at the University of California, Berkeley.

Third, the NASABA Foundation recently supported the South Asian Bar Association of Washington’s (“*SABAW*”) *First* Public Interest Fellowship of \$1,000. SABAW is presently evaluating candidates and their proposed public interest projects to award this Fellowship.

Finally, the NASABA Foundation is pleased to support the South Asian Bar Association of D.C.’s (“*SABA–DC*”) Annual \$1,500 Fellowship to assist law students pursuing public interest internships in those respective geographic areas. The recipient of NASABA Foundation–SABA–DC Joint Fellowship, **Ms. Krishna Patel** at Georgetown University Law School, will work at the Institute for Governance and Sustainable Self–Development to promote the compliance and enforcement of environmental laws.

Please contact Jolsna John (jjohn1@oe3.org), NASABA Foundation Secretary, or Rupa Singh (rsingh@mckennalong.com), NASABA Foundation President, with questions about the Foundation or to support the Foundation.

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Bar Admissions (state bars; specialized bars (e.g., patent bar))		Year			
Undergraduate		Graduation Year			
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