

The South Asian Bar Association

of San Diego

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SDCBA Awards Rupa G. Singh its Annual Diversity Award



SABA-SD is proud to announce that Rupa Singh, co-founder and immediate past president of SABA-SD, will be receiving the San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA) Service Award for her contributions to Diversity

at the SDCBA Annual Law Week Luncheon May 4, 2007.

The Diversity award is intended to recognize attorneys that have promoted and encouraged diversity within the legal profession. Ms. Singh is the first South Asian attorney in San Diego to be recognized by the SDCBA with an annual service award.

Ms. Singh currently works as an associate at the law offices of McKenna, Long, and Aldridge, LLP where she specializes in complex civil and commercial litigation matters. In addition to her efforts with SABA-SD, Ms. Singh serves as President of the San Diego Federal Bar Association and as a Board Member to the North American South Asian Bar Association (NASABA). In her capacity as a NASABA Board Member, Ms. Singh established the NASABA Foundation intended to support and promote public interest activities and projects for the benefit of the South Asian community.

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SABA-SD Career Panel Event

On April 19th, SABA-SD presented a Career Panel Seminar to its members made possible by the generous support of the law offices of Cooley Godward. The seminar was intended to provide career building advice and mentorship to the members of SABA-SD from the perspective of a minority attorney.

The distinguished attorney speakers at the seminar included Jayshree Gerken, a patent prosecutor from Fish and Richardson; Rama Padmanabhan, SABA-SD's Vice President and corporate attorney from Cooley Godward; Roopal Shah from the San Diego City Attorney's Office and Indicorps, Inc.; and Amit Singh from the Benchmark Law Group. The moderated discussion led by current president Nita Mehta, included questions dealing with general career advice, client interaction and rainmaking, diversity, and finding mentorship in the workplace.

Following the seminar, Cooley Godward hosted a

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reception for the guests allowing everyone present to have the opportunity to meet and network. The SABA-SD Board would like to thank all of the participants, volunteers Benita Ghura and Lavanya Ramachandran, and the attending SABA members for helping make the event a success. The Board would also like to thank Cooley Godward and Rama Padmanabhan for its assistance and ongoing dedication to promoting diversity.

The SABA Career Panel Event is Made Possible by the Generous Support of:



Pictures from the Career Event

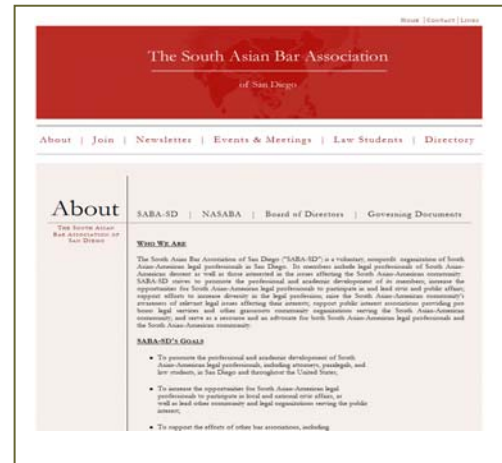


New SABA-SD Web Directory Launched!

The SABA-SD Board is pleased to announce the launch of the new SABA-SD attorney directory! It can be viewed at www.sabasandiego.org/directory.

While the directory is still in the early stages, visitors can see its potential and its usefulness to the San Diego South Asian Community.

To facilitate a complete listing of all the South Asian attorneys in the San Diego area, members are encouraged to submit the attached membership/directory form, which is also available on our website.



Announcements

Elimination of Bias CLE

SABA-SD will be sponsoring a continuing legal education seminar with the San Diego County Bar Association Young/New Lawyers Division (YNLD) called “Cross-Cultural Communications; Clients and Opposing Counsel from Different Backgrounds.” The seminar will feature Ruthe Ashley, Judge Lillian Y. Lim, and Judge Margie G. Woods will discuss the avoidance of unnecessary and improper biases between cultures.

The event will take place on **May 30, 2007 at noon**, at the San Diego County Bar Center.

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

San Diego County Bar Center

1333 Seventh Ave, downtown San Diego

Contact: sabasandiego@yahoo.com for more information.

SALDEF Internship

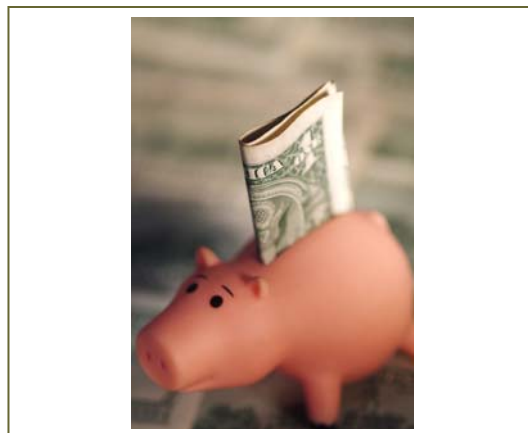
Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF) is the oldest Sikh American civil rights and educational organization in the United States.

The SALDEF Internship Program offers Sikh American youth rare opportunities for political advocacy and leadership development. The program educates students on issues of civil rights, public policy, and the legislative process. Students will gain practical experience in community organizing, research and writing, legal issues, political action, and educational outreach. SALDEF is currently seeking interns to assist in the following 4 areas: *Legal Fellows*, *Legislative Fellow*, *Communications Fellow*, *Development Associate*.

CONTACT: Rajbir Singh Datta, info@saldef.org, 202-393-2700 ext. 27 for more information.

SABA-SD Awards Law Student Scholarship

Each year, the SABA-SD Law Student scholarship is awarded to one local law student who demonstrates superior academic achievement and a commitment to the South Asian community. This year, the scholarship was awarded to Shyam Parekh. Shyam graduated from UCSD in 2004 with a degree in Chemical Engineering and recently graduated from California Western School of Law. This past year, Shyam worked as a Legal Intern at Qualcomm, where he drafted a variety of patent applications and researched various trademark related issues. Shyam hopes to pursue a career in Intellectual Property in San Diego.



Congratulations, Shyam!

2007 NASABA Annual Convention in San Francisco

The Northern California South Asian Bar Association is proud to host the Annual Convention for the North American South Asian Bar Association in San Francisco from June 28th to the 30th at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. For information concerning the event schedule, speakers and hotels arrangements please visit <http://www.nasabaconvention.org>.



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Law Firm/Agency / Company					
Your Title					
Business Address					
City		State		Zip	
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<i>Professional History</i>					
Law School		Graduation Year			
Bar Admissions (state bars; specialized bars (e.g., patent bar))		Year			
Undergraduate		Graduation Year			
Masters / LLM/Other		Graduation Year			
Areas of Practice (list all)					
Areas of Practice for Which You Could Supply References					
Other Professional Associations, Including Your Title (if any)					
<i>Personal Information (Optional)</i>					
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Family					
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