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## *SABA EVENTS & INITIATIVES HIGHLIGHTS 2009*

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### *SABA SUPPORTS A RACISM-FREE ENVIRONMENT*

SABA proudly offered support to the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers (the "FACL") by participating as signatory to FACL's letter addressed to the Ontario Minister of Education, York Region District School Board, Ontario Human Rights Chief Commissioner and the Principal of a Keswick High School regarding an incident that occurred at this Keswick High School on April 21, 2009. A Korean student got into an altercation with another student following racist remarks aimed at the Korean student. The school suspended both students and threatened to expel the Korean student from the school and the York Region District School Board. Charges were also pressed against the Korean student by the York Region Police. Students of any race or ethnicity should be able to learn in a racism-free environment. Although SABA in no way condones violence, as signatory to the letter SABA expressed its concern about the way the school's administration initially addressed the issue.

### *SABA CELEBRATED SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH!*

On May 5, 2009, SABA and LSUC co-presented a panel discussion titled "Immigration Issues and Trends for Diverse Communities". Topics included immigration issues and questions concerning spousal sponsorship, the genuineness of marriage and validity of foreign divorces and failing to declare family members. The panel also discussed emerging issues dealing with Live-In Care giving Program in Canada, and immigration issues for same-sex couples.

### *SABA'S LAW SCHOOL INITIATIVE EVENT*

On Friday, February 27, 2009, SABA's Law School Initiative's committee hosted a pub night in Toronto in connection with Osgoode, Queen's and Western law schools. This event was well attended and was an excellent opportunity to meet future up and coming lawyers.

### *LAW SOCIETY'S GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE*

On May 20, 2009, SABA participated, along with other leaders from various legal organizations, in the Law Society's Governance Task Force to consider improvements to the corporate governance of the Law Society by Convocation. Following two reports to Convocation on specific governance reforms, the Task Force sought the views of lawyers and paralegals on governance issues. As a result of recent attention to the way in which governments, corporations and regulatory bodies discharge their governance functions, the Task Force believes that there is a heightened expectation that persons occupying fiduciary and regulatory positions will effectively and diligently discharge their responsibilities. Participation at this meeting allowed SABA to share its views with the Task Force about the Law Society.

### *SABA WEST-END EVENT*

On June 17, 2009 SABA held its first meet and greet event for lawyers in the Peel Region at the Brampton Golf Club. The event was organized by SABA's GTA Outreach Committee and sponsored by Scotia Bank. About 30 people attended the event and took the opportunity to network with fellow lawyers and some non-lawyers.

### *CANADIAN CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION EVENT HOSTED BY LERNERS AND SABA*

On September 23, 2009, members of SABA had the exclusive opportunity to meet Nathalie Des Rosiers, newly appointed General Counsel of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (<http://ccla.org>). The event was well attended and hosted at Lerner's LLP offices in Toronto. For a copy of Ms. Des Rosiers remarks, visit the SABA website at [www.sabatoronto.com](http://www.sabatoronto.com).

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### *SABA IN THE NEWS — CANADIAN LAYWER (OCTOBER 2009 ISSUE)*

Three of SABA's Board members were part of the historical Diversity issue of the Canadian Lawyer (October 2009). President Ron Choudhury was interviewed for the article and Sona Sood, Ron Choudhury and Sudevi Mukherjee-Gothi were all part of the cover demonstrating diversity in our legal profession (<http://www.canadianlawyermag.com/Diverse-perspectives.html>).

### *SABA PUB NIGHTS!*

On October 29, 2009, SABA held a pub night at the Jump Bar & Café. SABA pub nights are held periodically through the year and provide an excellent opportunity for SABA members to mix and mingle in a social setting. SABA's next pub night will be held on January 21, 2010, with the location to be announced in the new year!

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