

SOUTH ASIAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO



MEMBER UPDATE — JUNE 2010

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FAREWELL TO RON CHOUDHURY AND JIM SHADRA, WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

At the Annual General Membership meeting held on April 26th, 2010, President Ron Choudhury decided to step down as president of the South Asian Bar Association ("SABA"). As our members know, Ron has been instrumental in building up SABA and has made amazing inroads in building up the profile and membership of our organization. His strong work ethic, attention to detail, and persistence will be missed by the Board and our members. We thank Ron for his invaluable efforts these past 4 years and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavours. He promises to remain an active member of SABA and the Board is extremely grateful for this. Jim Sahdra, has also stepped down from his position on the Board of SABA. We thank Jim for his many contributions to the organization, most notably his work on the GTA Committee. The board of directors were also elected at this meeting for a two-year term. The members of the Board of Directors are: Rishi Bandhu (Director, GTA Affairs), Dal Bathal (Legal Liaison), Shahana Kar (VP, Events & Sponsorship), Sudevi Mukherjee-Gothi (President), Sheizana Murji (Director), Thomas Santram (Co-Treasurer), Sona Sood (VP, Law School Liaison and Memberships), Sundeep Sandhu (VP, External Relations) and Puja Varma (Co-Treasurer).

PUB NIGHT & LAUNCH OF MENTORSHIP PROGRAM—JUNE 17, 2010

SABA Toronto is pleased to be formally launching the mentoring program for our members on **June 17, 2010 at 6:00pm at Duggan's Brewery (75 Victoria Street)**. The intention of the mentoring program is to create opportunities for networking amongst members, enhance the skills and careers of our younger members and provide a venue for interested members to contribute within the South Asian legal community. We thank all members who have expressed interest in being mentees and/or mentors and will be introducing matched pairs at the launch. Wherever possible, mentees and mentors have been matched based on common professional interests and geographic proximity. It is not too late to join the program and we would encourage interested members to contact **Sheizana Murji at smurji@mccarthy.ca** with 'mentoring program' in the subject line and include in their email, their area(s) of practice or interest, and geographic area(s) of preference for mentoring meetings. **For those interested in attending the launch event, please contact Sheizana Murji.**

SABA COMMITTEES — CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

SABA Toronto needs you. Would you be interested in being on a committee for the following:

1. SABA Gala Committee for the 2010 annual Gala?
2. A SABA project chronicling the history of South Asian Lawyers in Ontario?

Please contact Sudevi Mukherjee-Gothi at sudevi@sabatoronto.com to indicate your interest.

RECENT PAST EVENTS

PUB NIGHT ON MAY 28TH, 2010 — TOAST TO THE START OF THE SUMMER

SABA toasted off the commencement of the summer with a Pub Night on May 28th, 2010. It was the perfect night to be out on a patio and it was a great opportunity to catch up and network. The event was held at JUMP and part of the proceeds from drinks and food went towards the Princess Margaret Hospital to mark their Breast Cancer Awareness Day. Thank you to those who attended.

Questions or comments? E-mail us at saba@sabatoronto.com or get involved by joining a [committee](#). If you would like to contribute content to future newsletters, please contact Puja Varma (puja.varma@mcmillan.ca)