



**SABAC 16th ANNUAL GALA AWARDS
SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE**

Aria Wedding & Banquet Facility

45 Murphy Road, Prospect, CT 06712

September 13, 2023

6 pm

HIGHLIGHTS OF SABAC

- SABAC is a member of the South Asian Bar Association of North America
- It is amongst one of the 5 preeminent Affinity Bar Associations in CT
- SABAC Members include Law Firm Leaders, Senior In-house Counsel, Judges, and Government Officials
- Connecticut is home to eight Judges of South Asian descent, both State and Federal
- SABAC is also a member of the:
 - Lawyer's Collaborative for Diversity
 - Governor's Hate Crimes Advisory Council
 - CT Bar Council of Presidents
 - CBA House of Delegates



THE SOUTH ASIAN Bar Association of Connecticut

was formed in 2004 to serve as a resource to South Asian lawyers and law student throughout Connecticut for growth, scholarship opportunities, professional development, network and community outreach. SABAC is a member organization of the South Asian Bar Association of North America. SABAC is deeply committed to advancing diversity, equity and inclusion within the Connecticut legal community and beyond.

ANNUAL GALA & AWARDS DINNER

- Featured Keynote Speakers to name a few from recent years:
 - Preet Bharara** (*Former US Attorney S.D.N.Y.*)
 - Sri Srinivasan** (*Chief U.S. Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit*)
 - Khizr Khan** (*Gold Star Father & Author*),
 - Paul Grewal** (*Chief Legal Officer, Coinbase*),
 - Neal Katyal** (*Former Acting Solicitor General*)
 - Gurbir Grewal** (*SEC Enforcement Director*)
 - Malini Moorthy** (*General Counsel, argenx*)
 - The Honorable Judge Cecil Thomas** (*CT Superior Court Judge*)
- **Trailblazer, Community Service, and Asker A. Saeed Founder's Awards** are presented to stellar South Asian lawyers and organizations with a record of supporting inclusion. The Asker A. Saeed Founder's Award was established in 2021 through the generous donation of Asker A. Saeed of Saeed Consulting Group, a SABAC founder.
- SABAC officially launched the **SABAC Endowed Fund** in 2014. The Fund was established in order to award scholarships to Connecticut area law students who have demonstrated a commitment to SABAC's mission, and to the South Asian community and culture, through their personal and professional accomplishments. One such scholar is honored at the Awards Dinner. **A portion of Gala dinner proceeds** are donated to the SABAC Endowed Fund.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Amandeep S. Sidhu

Attorney Sidhu is a co-founder of the Sikh Coalition, the largest civil and human rights non-profit organization in the United States dedicated to protecting the interests of the Sikh community. He has led lobbying efforts in the U.S. Congress regarding hate crimes, profiling, workplace, and public accommodation discrimination, and also serves as lead counsel in an ongoing effort to end the U.S. military's presumptive ban on the service of observant Sikhs and other religious minorities. In partnership with the Sikh Coalition and other organizational partners, Attorney Sidhu's work led to historic policy changes in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force that has opened the door to over 60 observant Sikhs serving in the U.S. military.

Attorney Sidhu previously clerked for the Chief Judge Walter S. Felton, Jr., of the Court of Appeals of Virginia and, while clerking, was a member of the National Association of Appellate Court Attorneys. At that time, he was appointed by Chief Justice Leroy R. Hassell Sr. in the Supreme Court of Virginia to serve as a task force member of the Commission on Virginia Courts in the 21st Century: To Benefit All, To Exclude None.

Attorney Sidhu is currently a litigation partner in the firm's D.C. office, focusing his practice on regulatory and compliance counseling, state and federal government investigations, and complex civil litigation involving regulated industries.



THE CONNECTICUT AFFINITY BAR WELLNESS DANCE EVENT

Come Join UCONN's Husky Bhangra Team as they show us how to move to the music!

Follow the link to RSVP!

<https://tinyurl.com/CTAffBarDance>

Where: 80 Proof

196 Crown St, New haven, CT 06510

When: February 23, 2023

6:00- 9:00pm

SABAC SUMMER GATHERING

SABAC members, families & friends

Sunday, July 30, 2023

1pm - 4pm

Address to be shared upon registration

RSVP: <https://sabacsummergathering.eventbrite.com>

Space is limited, so please register early!

Come hungry! We will have a spread of delectable Indian food and cold drinks. You can dance the calories away to the amazing music!



SABAC RECEPTION HONORING SOUTH ASIAN JUDGES

When: Thursday, June 22

Where: Wiggin and Dana LLP
265 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Info Center (17th Floor) from 6-8pm

Hot and Cold hors d'Oeuvres featuring a selection of items from Sanctuary Kitchen

Hosted and Sponsored by Wiggin and Dana LLP

Join SABAC and fellow members of the bar in celebrating the elevation of South Asian Judges in Connecticut!

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sabac-2023-judges-reception-tickets-646107443757>

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WIGGIN AND DANA

SABAC IS PROUD TO CO-SPONSOR "DIVERSITY ON THE PIPELINE"

SABAC is proud to co-sponsor "Diversity on the Pipeline" on April 27th at 6pm at Café Fiore in Cromwell, CT. We look forward to hearing from longstanding SABAC member and former board member Suphi Philip and the rest of the distinguished panel, and meeting with friends and allies in the legal community for this wonderful event. Please join us!

Distinguished Panel:

- Hon. Erik Lohr – Judge, State of Conn. Superior Court
- Tanya Boveé – Partner, Jackson Lewis
- Suphi Philip – Founder, Philip Law, LLC
- Fernando Barragan – 3L, Quinnipiac Univ. School of Law

SABAC PROGRAMMING IN 2023

2023 Highlights

- SABAC's Mentorship Committee outreached with law school students.
- SABAC held a reception honoring South Asian Judges
- SABAC hosted an Connecticut Affinity Bar Wellness Dance Event and celebrated Holi
- SABAC Hosted its annual summer picnic
- SABAC co-sponsored "Diversity on the Pipeline"



The 10th Anniversary of
The Attorneys of Color Symposium

A CELEBRATION OF PROGRESS AND
PERSEVERANCE

June 29, 2022

Quinnipiac University School of Law

Sponsored by

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Presented by the James W. Cooper Fellows
of the Connecticut Bar Foundation

Summer Picnic

SABAC members & families

SOUTH ASIAN BAR
ASSOCIATION OF
CONNECTICUT

Sunday, July 31, 2022
1:00-4:00pm

Home of Attorney Rachna Khanna
(Address to be shared upon
registration)

Indian and South Asian food: appetizers, lunch, and dessert
Children's menu: mac & cheese, chicken fingers
Summer beverages

Please bring anything you may need: lawn chairs, beverages, etc.

RSVP by Sunday, July 24 to

Attorney Riju Das at RijuDas8@gmail.com

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Mentorship Series



Learn About
SABAC Scholarship

The professional
journey of 2 SABAC IP
attorneys

How joining SABAC
can help you



RIJU DAS
Individual Property Partner,
Mortgage Lending & Finance,
Trusts & Estate Matters



NANDITA CHANDRA
Individual Property & Technology
Transactional Attorney, Former
Head of Client onboarding, Inc.,
Board Member

Register Here

FEBRUARY 11, 2022
12 - 1 PM

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/SABAC](https://bit.ly/SABAC)

Law Students & Early
career attorneys

Trivia!

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45 Grove St, New Haven, CT 06511

March 24, 6 - 9 pm

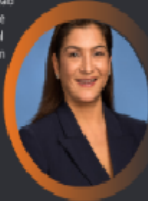
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Colors!

Fireside Chat with Tejal Wadhvani

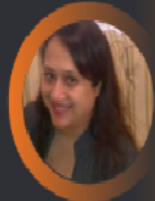
Tejal Wadhvani

Managing Director, Head
of Structured Finance
and Mortgages Legal
Americas at Goldman
Sachs



Nandita Ruchandani

SABAC President



MAY 19, 5-6 PM ET

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REGISTER AT: <https://tinyurl.com/SABACFiresideChat>

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2022 Highlights

- SABAC came back strong and hosted its first in-person event following the 2-year COVID hiatus with its annual Holi Happy Hour.
- SABAC's Mentorship Committee outreached with law school students.
- Continued its Fireside Chat series with special guest Tejal Wadhvani, Managing Director, Head of Structured Finance and Mortgages Legal Americas at Goldman Sachs.
- Sponsored the 10th Anniversary of the Attorneys of Color Symposium.
- Hosted its annual Summer Picnic.

**SPONSORSHIPS WILL SUPPORT THE
FOLLOWING SABAC GOALS**

**SABAC Endowed Fund
Scholarship for Law
students: A portion of the
Banquet proceeds are
donated to the fund**

**Community Service
Award**

**Probono and Community
service activities to bring
awareness to legal issues
affecting South Asians**

**Mentorship activities and
panels**

**Public Service grant for
law students**

**SABAC Trailblazer
Award**

**SABAC Community
Service Award**

ASKER A. SAEED FOUNDER'S AWARD

The Asker A. Saeed Founder's Award is presented each year to an organization that has made significant contributions to the protection of legal rights, advancement of oppressed communities or individuals, or otherwise engaged in significant public service efforts on behalf of those in need. The award is accompanied by a \$2,500.00 grant, made payable directly to the non-profit 501(c)(3) organization recipient.

TABLE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

- Sponsorship level in all digital materials/website/social media platforms

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Cocktail Reception Sponsor (\$5,500.00) -	<i>Exclusive signage and acknowledgment + all Platinum sponsor benefits.</i>
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SABAC Gift Sponsor/Co-sponsor (2500/\$500) -	<i>Program, social media and live recognition at the event</i>
SABAC Supporter (\$500.00) – <i>(available to small law firms and businesses non-profits, academic institutions, and individual supporters only)</i>	<i>Two Tickets, Program booklet recognition</i>
Individual Tickets -	<i>\$125.00 (SABAC Member Rate) \$100.00 (Government and Non-Profit) \$150.00 (Non-Member Rate)</i>

Sponsorship Inquiries:

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