



2025

SABAC 18th ANNUAL GALA
AWARDS
SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE

HIGHLIGHTS OF SABAC

- SABAC is a member of the South Asian Bar Association of North America (SABA NA)
- It is amongst one of the five established affinity bar associations in Connecticut
- 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:
 - Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity
 - Governor's Hate Crimes Advisory Council
 - CT Bar Council of Presidents
 - CBA House of Delegates

ANNUAL GALA & AWARDS DINNER

- Previous Gala keynote speakers include:
 - 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*)
 - Amandeep S. Sidhu** (*Co-founder of the Sikh Coalition*)
 - Kalpana Kotagal** (*EEOC Commissioner*)
- **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, a SABAC founder.
- SABAC officially launched the **SABAC Endowed Fund** in 2014 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.

2024 Awards Gala



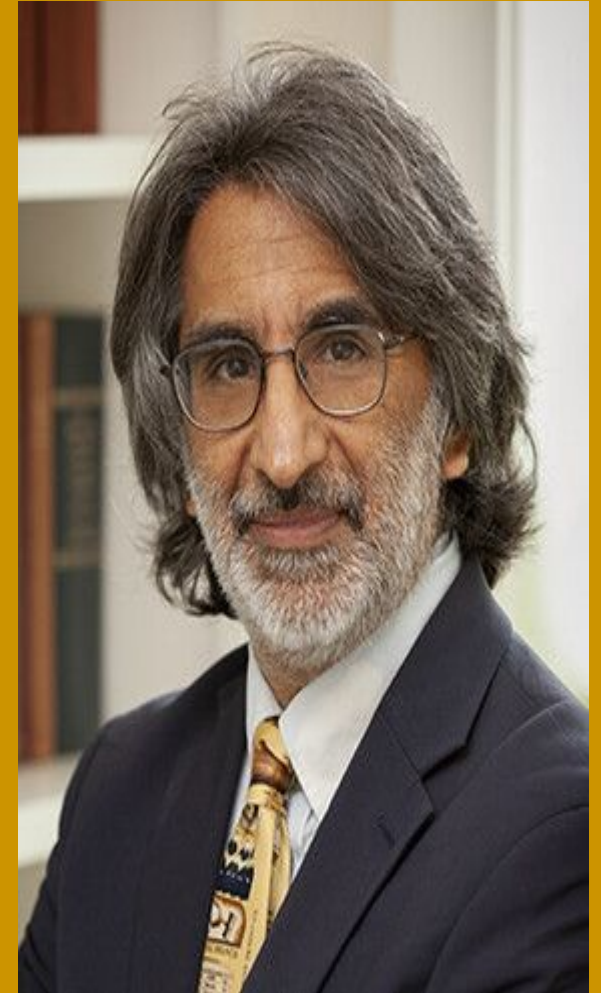
2025 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Akhil Reed Amar

Akhil Reed Amar is Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University, where he teaches constitutional law in both Yale College and Yale Law School. After graduating from Yale College, summa cum laude, in 1980 and from Yale Law School in 1984, and clerking for Judge (later Justice) Stephen Breyer, Amar joined the Yale faculty in 1985 at the age of 26. He is Yale's only living professor to have won the University's unofficial triple crown — the Sterling Chair for scholarship, the DeVane Medal for teaching, and the Lamar Award for alumni service.

Amar's work has won awards from both the American Bar Association and the Federalist Society, and he has been cited by Supreme Court justices across the spectrum in more than four dozen cases — tops among non-emeritus scholars. He regularly testifies before Congress at the invitation of both parties; and in surveys of judicial citations and/or scholarly citations, he typically ranks among America's five most-cited mid-career legal scholars. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and has written widely for popular publications, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, Time, and The Atlantic. He was an informal consultant to the popular TV show The West Wing and his scholarship has been showcased on many broadcasts, including The Colbert Report, Morning Joe, AC360, 11th Hour with Brian Williams, Fox News @ Night with Shannon Bream, Fareed Zakaria GPS, Erin Burnett Outfront, and Constitution USA with Peter Sagal.

He is the author of more than a hundred law review articles and several books, most notably The Bill of Rights (1998 — winner of the Yale University Press Governors' Award), America's Constitution (2005 — winner of the ABA's Silver Gavel Award), America's Unwritten Constitution (2012 — named one of the year's 100 best nonfiction books by The Washington Post), and The Constitution Today (2016 — named one of the year's top ten nonfiction books by Time magazine). His latest and most ambitious book, The Words That Made Us: America's Constitutional Conversation, 1760-1840, came out in May 2021. He has recently launched a weekly podcast, Amarica's Constitution. A wide assortment of his articles and op-eds and video links to many of his public lectures and free online courses may be found at akhilamar.com.



2025 TRAILBLAZER AWARD

To Be Announced

Past Winners

2011: The Hon. Judge Nawaz M. Wahla

2012: The Hon. Rep. Dr. Prasad Srinivasan

2013: Dr. Saud Anwar

2014: The Hon. Judge Rupal Shah

2015: Sudha N. Setty

2018: Raja Maharajh

2019: Asha Rangappa

2021: Proloy K. Das

2022: Julie Alleyne

2023: Andy L. Corea

2024: Namitha Tripathi Shah

2025 ENDOWED FUND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

To Be Announced

Past Winners

2016: Ahmed Galal, University of Connecticut School of Law

2017: Amina Seyal, Quinnipiac University School of Law

2018: Shehrezad Haroon, University of Connecticut School of Law

2019: Kajal Patel, Quinnipiac University School of Law

2020: Tanushree Bansal, Yale Law School

2021: Shariful Khan, Yale Law School

2023: Maryam Ahmed, University of Connecticut School of Law

2024: Prasad Gosavi

2025 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

To Be Announced

Past Winners

2007: Sneha, Inc.

2008: The Hon. Judge Rupal Shah

2009: Asha for Education, Inc.

2010: Americares, Inc.

2011: The Pro Bono Partnership

2012: Valerie Kaur

2013: LawyerCorps Connecticut

2014: Yale Law School Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic

2015: Shalini Madaras

2016: Monika Doshi

2017: Becca Heller

2018: Maika, Inc.

2019: South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)

2021: Suresh Sharma

2022: Arunan Arulampalam

2023: Malavika Vidwans & Uma Naryanan of Sneha Inc.

2024: Purnima Shah

2025 ASKER A. SAEED FOUNDER'S AWARD To Be Announced

Past Winners

2021: Sanctuary Kitchen

2022: IRIS Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services

2023: AIM for SEVA USA (CT)

2024: Refugee Women's Center



SABAC Holi Celebration

Thursday, March 14th
6 - 8pm

80 Proof American Kitchen & Bar, New Haven
RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/mrxrztwf>

Bring your dancing shoes and join
us for a night featuring DJ AJ,
friends and amazing food!



SABAC ENDOWED FUND SCHOLARSHIP

Now Accepting
Applicants

Documents Needed:

- A Personal Statement/Essays
- Letter of Recommendation
- Law School Transcript
- Student Aid Financial Report

Deadline EXTENDED: April 15, 2024

Apply Here → <https://tinyurl.com/38525w3h>



Please join us for a reception honoring
Hartford Mayor
Arunan Arulampalam



Wed. May 1st. 6:30-8:30pm
The Lyceum
227 Lawrence St Hartford

RSVP by April 30
<https://tinyurl.com/2a9b76ca>

SABAC PROGRAMMING IN 2024

2024 Highlights

- SABAC kicked off 2024 with its Holi Celebration Event
- SABAC hosted a mayoral reception for City of Hartford Mayor Arunan Arulampalam
- SABAC joined UConn Law students for a networking reception
- SABAC and McCarter & English, LLP hosted a Diwali Event in Stamford, CT

SPONSORSHIPS WILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING

**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**

TABLE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

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

Sponsorship Level	Included Benefits
Cocktail Reception Sponsor (\$5,500.00) -	<i>Exclusive signage and acknowledgment + all Platinum sponsor benefits.</i>
Platinum Sponsor (\$4,500.00) -	<i>Table of 10, Full Page (8.5 x 11in.) in Program, Website acknowledgement with link to organization's page, posting of the 30 Second pre-recorded video on social media, posting acknowledgement of sponsorship on social media</i>
Gold Sponsor (\$3,500.00) -	<i>Table of 10, Full Page (8.5 x 11in.) in Program, Website acknowledgement with link to organization's page, social media</i>
Silver Sponsor (\$3,000.00) -	<i>Table of 8, Half Page (8.5 x 5.5in) in Program, with link to organization's page, social media</i>
Bronze Sponsor (\$2,500.00) -	<i>Table of 5, Quarter Page (4.25 x 5.5in) in Program, with link to organization's page, social media</i>
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>

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