



2026
SABAC 19th ANNUAL GALA
AWARDS
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2026 GALA INFORMATION



Date	Wednesday, September 9, 2026
Time	6 PM – 9 PM
Location	Aria Banquet & Wedding Facility 45 Murphy Rd. Prospect, CT 06712

2025 Awards Gala



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 AND AWARDS DINNER PAST

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Preet Bharara

Sri Srinivasan

Khizr Khan

Paul Grewal

Neal Katyal

Gurbir Grewal

Malini Moorthy

The Honorable Judge Cecil Thomas

Amandeep S. Sindhu

Kalpana Kotagal

Akhil Reed Amar

2026 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

SUJATA GADKAR-WILCOX



Sujata Gadkar-Wilcox is a Professor of Legal Studies at Quinnipiac University, where she teaches classes in constitutional law, comparative law, and human rights law, among other subjects. She is the Executive Director of the Oxford Consortium for Human Rights and a Fulbright-Nehru Scholar. She is also the first woman of Indian origin to serve as a Senator in the State of Connecticut.

Professor Gadkar-Wilcox was earlier appointed by Governor Ned Lamont to serve as a Commissioner on the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities in Connecticut. Her appointment was unanimously confirmed by the Connecticut General Assembly in both the House and the Senate. Professor Gadkar-Wilcox has worked with students to implement principles of community action planning in the local community and has organized human rights workshops at the United Nations and Oxford University. She received her BA in Government from Cornell University, her MPhil in Politics from the New School, and her JD from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Prior to coming to Quinnipiac, she served as the program director of juvenile Law, a non-profit legal education program helping students understand their rights and responsibilities under the law, and before that worked as a litigation associate.

Professor Gadkar-Wilcox has presented papers, given podcasts, and published articles on domestic violence law in India, First Amendment jurisprudence in the United States, and legal pluralism in constitutional discourse. Additionally, her work in political engagement is discussed in her Tedx Talk on politics of the public good. Professor Gadkar-Wilcox is interested in understanding how different voices and perspectives came to shape constitutional principles and conceptions of justice in both the United States and Indian Constitutions, and is currently writing a book on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and the drafting of the Indian Constitution.

AWARDS

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.

2026 TRAILBLAZER AWARD

Raj Mahale

Past Winners

2011	The Hon. Judge Nawaz M. Wahla	2019	Asha Rangappa
2012	The Hon. Rep. Dr. Prasad Srinivasan	2021	Proloy K. Das
2013	Dr. Saud Anwar	2022	Julie Alleyne
2014	Hon. Rupal Shah	2023	Andy L. Corea
2015	Sudha N. Setty	2024	Namitha Tripathi Shah
2018	Raja Maharajh	2025	Hon. Yamini Menon

2026 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, University of Connecticut School of Law

2025: Laiba Qureshi, University of Connecticut School of Law

2026 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

To Be Announced

Past Winners

2007	Sneha, Inc.	2016	Monika Doshi
2008	The Hon. Judge Rupal Shah	2017	Becca Heller
2009	Asha for Education, Inc.	2018	Maika, Inc.
2010	Americares, Inc.	2019	South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)
2011	The Pro Bono Partnership	2021	Suresh Sharma
2012	Valerie Kaur	2022	Arunan Arulampalam
2013	LawyerCorps Connecticut	2023	Malavika Vidwans & Uma Naryanan of Sneha Inc.
2014	Yale Law School Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic	2024	Purnima Shah
2015	Shalini Madaras	2025	Hasu Patel

2026 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

2025: Sam's Children, Inc.

SABAC PROGRAMMING IN 2026

2026 Past and Upcoming
Programming

Meet the Judges Event

Holi Event

Mentorship Program Kick Off

Diwali Event



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**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**

Trailblazer Award

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Individual Tickets -	<i>\$125.00 (SABAC Member Rate) \$100.00 (Government and Non-Profit) \$150.00 (Non-Member Rate)</i>

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