



South Asian Bar Association of Greater Boston

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Annapoorni R. Sankaran to Lead the North American South Asian Bar Association

The South Asian Bar Association of Greater Boston ("SABA GB"), a chapter of the North American South Asian Bar Association ("NASABA"), proudly congratulates SABA GB Past President, Annapoorni R. Sankaran, on her election as President-Elect of NASABA. Ms. Sankaran will assume the role of NASABA President in July 2010, at the annual NASABA Convention that will be held in Boston, Massachusetts.

Over the past two years, Ms. Sankaran has held prominent roles on NASABA's Executive Committee as the Vice President of Organizational Memberships and Vice President of Public Relations. In these roles, she interacted with local chapters and learned about the unique needs and interests of each chapter, both young and established.

Under her leadership, Ms. Sankaran hopes to strengthen the connection between NASABA, its member chapters and the individual membership. In addition, she promises to work towards achieving better penetration and recognition of NASABA in both the legal and South Asian communities. "If NASABA wants to inspire the chapters and individuals to get and stay actively involved, it must work to increase the value of NASABA in concrete and truly responsive ways," says Ms. Sankaran.

Ms. Sankaran's victory exemplifies the strides and impact being made by Massachusetts attorneys on a national level. Ms. Sankaran served as SABA GB President from 2004 through 2007. Ms. Sankaran has been instrumental in the organization's growth and development. In recognition of her unparalleled contributions to SABA GB during her tenure on the Board, Ms. Sankaran was presented with "The Annapoorni Sankaran Award for Excellence in Leadership and Dedication to Service," an enduring award created in her name to be given each year to the board member who most embodies Ms. Sankaran's legacy. Recently, Ms. Sankaran was also presented with the Ad Club 2009 Rosoff Mentor Award for her leadership and impact in serving as a mentor to others to create meaningful change and advance diversity in the workplace, as well as a citation from Governor Deval L. Patrick for her commitment to diversity in the Commonwealth.

"This is well deserved and we are so fortunate that Anna will be at NASABA's helm," commented Samia Kirmani, President of the SABA GB. "Her leadership of NASABA will be marked by the excellence and hard work that has characterized her service to NASABA and SABA GB to date."

"I am especially fortunate that I will be taking the post of President right after the NASABA Convention in 2010 which will take place in my home city of Boston," commented Ms. Sankaran. "I am excited to see SABA GB get the recognition it deserves on a national stage!"

SABA GB is a national, non-profit organization and a chapter of NASABA. SABA GB strives to work with other bar associations, governmental agencies and community groups to achieve greater involvement and understanding of the American legal system by the South Asian community. For additional information please visit www.sabagb.org or contact Samia Kirmani, President, South Asian Bar Association of Greater Boston, at kirmanis@jacksonlewis.com.