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## **The South Asian Bar Association of Greater Boston Congratulates Anita P. Sharma, Taruna Garg, Alope Chakravarty, and Annapoorni R. Sankaran on their Recent Awards**

The South Asian Bar Association of Greater Boston ("SABA GB"), a chapter of the North American South Asian Bar Association ("NASABA"), congratulates the following recipients of awards: Annapoorni R. Sankaran, recipient of an Ad Club 2009 Rosoff Mentor Award; Assistant United States Attorney Alope Chakravarty, recipient of the 2009 Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA) Access to Justice Prosecutor Award; and Anita P. Sharma and Taruna Garg, each a recipient of a Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW) 2009 Unsung Heroine Award. Ms. Sankaran was recognized at an Ad Club reception on March 23, 2009 and Mr. Chakravarty will be recognized at an MBA reception on May 7, 2009. Ms. Sharma and Ms. Garg will each be recognized at an MSCW reception on May 13, 2009.

The Rosoff Mentor Award is awarded to individuals who have made an impact by serving as a mentor to others to create meaningful change and advance diversity in the workplace. Ms. Sankaran, a shareholder of the law firm Greenberg Traurig LLP, has been a mentor to countless minority attorneys and has made a tangible impact by not only promoting diversity, but working to strengthen the foundation of the South Asian legal community.

The Access to Justice Prosecutor Award is presented to the state or federal prosecutor who "has distinguished himself or herself in public service and whose commitment to justice and serving the communities where he or she lives or works is particularly praiseworthy." Mr. Chakravarty, Assistant United States Attorney in the Anti-Terrorism and National Security Section in the District of Massachusetts, has dedicated his career to public service and has steadfastly believed that it is critical for minority communities to be involved in the legal process, and in particular, law enforcement.

The Unsung Heroine Award is granted to "women who quietly, without fanfare or recognition, make their communities and the Commonwealth better places." Ms. Sharma, an Asylum Attorney at the PAIR Project, helps provide pro bono legal services to low-income asylum-seekers and uses her position, experience, drive, and skills to serve the immigrant community both in and out of the workplace. Ms. Garg, a Senior Associate at Murtha Cullina LLP, has given back to the local community in countless ways by actively participating in numerous South Asian and legal organizations and by lending her time to volunteer activities that help individuals who most need assistance gain confidence and skills that will help them with their futures.

"We were very proud to learn that so many of our members had been selected for these awards," commented Samia Kirmani, President of the SABA GB. "These recognitions exemplify the strides and impact being made by South Asians in the legal community. SABA GB extends its heartfelt congratulations to all award recipients."

SABA GB is a national, non-profit organization and a chapter of the North American South Asian Bar Association. 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](http://www.sabagb.org) or contact Samia Kirmani, President, South Asian Bar Association of Greater Boston, at [kirmanis@jacksonlewis.com](mailto:kirmanis@jacksonlewis.com).