



South Asian Bar Association of Greater Boston

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SABA-GB Announces its Legal Intern Fellows for Summer 2009

The South Asian Bar Association of Greater Boston (“SABA GB”) is proud to announce the selection of its inaugural SABA GB Legal Intern Fellows, Heeral Patel and Saroj Tharisayi. SABA GB’s Legal Intern Fellowship Program provides funding to qualified law students who work in otherwise unpaid legal positions at non-profit organizations. Each Legal Intern Fellow will receive a \$4,000 stipend. SABA GB selected the two 2009 Fellows based on a combination of academic performance, demonstrated community commitment, recommendations from professors and employers, and the quality of essays written in connection with their application.

Ms. Patel, a first year law student at Boston College School of Law and a 2006 graduate of the University of Michigan, will be working with the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts for the summer. Ms. Patel’s passion for dance and the arts led her to secure this position, where she will be exposed to a wide range of issues concerning the arts community, including those related to copyright, trademark and licensing.

Ms. Tharisayi, a first year law student at Cornell Law School and a 2004 graduate of Carnegie Mellon University, will be working in the Housing Unit of Greater Boston Legal Services this summer. There, she will be researching, writing motions and advocating for low-income clients who are in danger of becoming homeless. Ms. Tharisayi will bring to her internship the experience she gained working for a year as an AmeriCorps volunteer, where she brought her love of computers to the classroom as a computer teacher and technology analyst in an after-school program.

“We are pleased that this year we are able to fulfill SABA GB’s long-term goal of offering a Fellowship Program to support our law student members,” said SABA GB President, Samia Kirmani. Shahzia Rahman, SABA GB Board Member who spearheaded the establishment of the Fellowship Program added that “SABA GB is very proud of this year’s Fellows. Not only do these students exemplify academic excellence and a real commitment to community service, but they are also truly representative of the diverse interests and perspectives within both the South Asian community and the broader legal community. We look forward to hearing about their experiences and accomplishments this summer.”

About SABA GB

Founded in 2004, SABA GB is a national, non-profit organization and the local chapter of the North American South Asian Bar Association. SABA GB supports and promotes the advancement of attorneys and law students of South Asian heritage and looks to serve the legal needs of the South Asian community at large.