



North American South Asian Bar Association

## **NASABA ANNUAL CONVENTION AWARDS PROGRAM**

The North American South Asian Bar Association (“NASABA”) has a proud and long tradition of honoring its members for their remarkable achievements in the practice of law at the NASABA Annual Convention. At this time, NASABA is in the process of soliciting nominations for these prestigious awards and we need your help. Attached please find a nomination form which you can complete either to nominate an individual or organization. Please complete as many nomination forms as necessary and you may nominate yourself. All nominations must be received by [nasabaawards@na-saba.org](mailto:nasabaawards@na-saba.org) by April 22, 2008.

### **NASABA INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

#### **NASABA 2008 CORPORATE COUNSEL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

The NASABA Corporate Counsel Achievement Award is given to that individual who demonstrates extraordinary leadership and innovation in his or her in-house practice. Criteria for evaluation include: career accomplishments including demonstrated success over the years, growth of the legal department in numbers, expansion of responsibility and role within the corporate legal department, significant and/or noteworthy contributions made to the company, dedication to corporate responsibility, advocacy for the legal profession; and the commitment to diversity including demonstrated diversity leadership, involvement in organizations dedicated to improving diversity in the legal field, promoting diverse hiring both within the corporate legal department and of outside counsel, demonstrated success in the nominee’s legal organization on the issue of diversity, and participation in company diversity programs and initiatives.

#### **NASABA 2008 PUBLIC INTEREST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

The NASABA Public Interest Awards honors that attorney who shows undying commitment to public service of the South Asian community and community at large. Criteria include: interesting and innovative models of practice and representation; contributions to the public interest legal field; representation of individuals or organizations relating to issues affecting the South Asian community and/or the community at large; and advocacy for underprivileged, disenfranchised and under-represented minority groups.

### **NASABA 2008 Pioneer Award**

Pioneers are individuals who venture into unknown or unclaimed territory or who open new areas of thought. The NASABA Pioneer Award is given to the individual who has demonstrated professional excellence and true innovation in the practice of law. A candidate for this award must be an Pioneer in his or her legal field or industry and must have demonstrated dedication and service towards the profession or to NASABA's goals and objectives which include: promoting the professional development of the South Asian legal community through networking, education advocacy and mentoring; ensuring the civil liberties of the South Asian community; serving the legal interests of the South Asian community and the community at large; encouraging greater participation by the South Asian community in the legal profession and the government

### **NASABA 2008 VANGUARD AWARD**

The NASABA Vanguard awards honors that business executive who is the foremost or holds a leading position in a trend or movement. Nominees for this category must: be successful in his or her chosen profession; have held positions of authority and responsibility; be recognized as an exceptional leader both inside and outside his or her business; be active in the betterment of the community, with a special emphasis on underprivileged, disenfranchised and under-represented minority communities; and be dedicated to corporate responsibility.

## **NASABA ORGANIZATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

### **NASABA 2008 ENTERPRISE AWARD**

The NASABA Enterprise Award honors that organization which has proven itself to be a leader in industry. Candidates for this Award must be companies with staying power (the business must have been in existence for at least five years); companies that have established and promoted core values; companies that have developed and implemented innovative policies relating to underprivileged, disenfranchised and under-represented minority groups; and companies that have demonstrated commitment to the community interest, including attention to corporate social responsibility.

### **NASABA 2008 LAW FIRM ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

The NASABA Law Firm Achievement Awards honors that law firm that has demonstrated undying commitment supporting the community and improving diversity in the legal market. Criteria to be considered for this Award include: the percentage of minority partnership and associates in the firm; the types of

diversity programs and initiatives sponsored and/or implemented by the firm; the *pro bono* initiatives undertaken by the firm; legal work completed in South Asian countries and/or on a global basis; innovative initiatives related to client needs; a demonstrated commitment to the community interest, including attention to legal ethics and corporate responsibility; and support of NASABA and/or any of the SABA chapters around the country.

### **NASABA 2008 PUBLIC SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

The NASABA Public Service Achievement Award honors that organization which has made an impact on the community through its public service efforts. It will be awarded to an organization which through its outstanding efforts has greatly benefited the legal field by: promoting awareness of contemporary legal issues and current laws; advocating changes in the law or public policy, *i.e.*, writing *amicus curiae* briefs; lobbying politically and/or socially for the benefit of the legal profession or the legal community; encouraging attorneys to engage in *pro bono* programs by recruiting attorneys, providing training, matching attorneys with pro bono opportunities and/or organizing legal assistance clinics; providing seminars and/or lectures to educate the general public as to their legal rights; funding scholarships and or other financial assistance programs to increase diversity in the legal profession; raising funds to provide quality legal representation to underprivileged people; and campaigning for greater representation of all groups in the Judiciary or other elected or appointed legal positions .

### **CORNERSTONE AWARDS** (5 individuals will be honored)

Cornerstone award recipients are those individuals who best exemplify through their legal work the objectives of NASABA and local SABA chapters including: promoting the professional development of the South Asian legal community through networking, education advocacy and mentoring; ensuring the civil liberties of the South Asian community; serving the legal interests of the South Asian community and the community at large; encouraging greater participation by the South Asian community in the legal profession and the government.

## **THE NASABA "GUTS" AWARDS**

### **NASABA 2008 OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARD**

The NASABA Outstanding Chapter Award will be given to that local SABA Chapter which has shown the greatest improvement and development over the past year. Criteria to be considered will include: the growth in membership of the chapter; the rise in prominence of the Chapter in the local community; the fundraising efforts of the chapter; the diversity of programming offered by the chapter; the community service and public interest efforts of the chapter and the chapter's support of NASABA.

### **NASABA 2008 OUTSTANDING PROGRAM AWARD**

The NASABA Program of the Year will be awarded to that committee, section or chapter who has created either a stand alone or series of programs which best exemplify NASABA's mission, which includes promoting the professional development of the South Asian legal community through networking, education, advocacy and mentoring; ensuring the civil liberties of the South Asian community; serving the legal interests of the South Asian community and the community at large; encouraging greater participation by the South Asian community in the legal profession and government. Criteria to be considered include: SABA and non-SABA member participation, substance, theme, innovation, message and impact.

### **NASABA 2008 OUTSTANDING BOARD MEMBER AWARD**

The Board Member of the Year Award will be awarded to that NASABA Board Member who's work best served NASABA in its efforts and goals. Criteria to be considered include: attendance at NASABA Board Meetings, assistance to NASABA with special projects or endeavors, involvement with NASABA Committees, and legal and community work promoting NASABA's missions and goals.



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**NASABA Annual Convention Awards Program  
NOMINATION FORM**

**NASABA Award:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Address of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone Number of** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email Address of** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit a statement of no more than 300 words explaining how the nominee meets the criteria for the NASABA Award at issue. In addition, please feel free to attach any biographical or printed information about the nominee of no more than 10 printed pages that you think would be helpful to evaluate the nominee.

Please return this NASABA Awards Nomination to [nasabaawards@na-saba.org](mailto:nasabaawards@na-saba.org) by April 22, 2008.