



*The South Asian Bar Association of  
Connecticut*

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## **South Asian Bar Association of Connecticut Elects Second Consecutive Slate of All Female Officers**

On January 19, 2021, the Board of Directors of the South Asian Bar Association of Connecticut (SABAC) re-elected a strong group of continuing officers to core leadership positions, cementing its second consecutive slate of all female officers.

SABAC re-elected Rashmi Chandra as President, Nandita Ruchandani as Vice President, and Choity Khan as Secretary. SABAC's election also brought a new face to the officer ranks of the executive board—Neha Parikh as Treasurer. Neha and Choity were both recognized as the Outstanding SABAC Board Achievers and in Rashmi's words, "have added some new energy and enthusiasm to SABAC."

Rashmi's re-election as SABAC's President marks her fourth year of service as a member of the executive board, having served as Vice President in 2018 and 2019 and President in 2020, and fifth year as a Board director. Attorney Chandra has over 24 years of experience as a technology and intellectual property transactions lawyer through her work at Aetna, W.W. Grainger, Inc. and Kirkland & Ellis. She is currently serving as General Counsel for The Piton Group.

"Being the pandemic year President last year, brought some real challenges in staying physically connected with the legal and South Asian community and accomplishing our goals," said Rashmi. "But that did not faze us," she continued, "SABAC immediately got into gear post-March and launched a series of COVID-related virtual Webinars on a number of relevant legal topics that were appreciated by both the legal and south Asian community. It really seemed like a full year where we accomplished quite a bit."

Rashmi takes the helm of an organization that was founded in 2004, to support and promote the needs and goals of South Asian-American law students, lawyers, and academics, and other legal professionals in Connecticut.

In addition, SABAC introduced a new executive board position, Director of Communications, and elected Benjamin Diessel to serve in this inaugural role and Chair of the Communications Committee. **His election, along with the election of John Mutchler as director, exemplifies SABAC's commitment to encouraging broad participation across the organization among not just those with South Asian origins, but also their valued allies in the Connecticut legal community.**

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### **2021 SABAC Officers**

President



Rashmi Chandra

Vice President



Nandita Ruchandani

Secretary



Choity R. Khan

Treasurer



Neha Parikh

Director of  
Communications



Benjamin H. Diessel