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As a founding member of SABABC, I have served as a Director virtually on a continuous basis since its inception in 2004, as the head of the SABABC Convention Committee when we successfully hosted the NASABA Annual Convention during extremely trying economic times in 2009, as the NASABA Vice President Convention during 2008-2009, and as the SABABC President for 2015-2016. As a commercial solicitor, I have assisted with governance oversight and have served as SABABC's Treasurer for many years. Also, as one of the first South Asian partners in a major downtown Vancouver law firm, I have tried to serve as a role model to help propel young South Asian lawyers to aspire to and attain the highest levels in our profession. It has been important that we retain historical context and continuity as the composition of the Board has changed over the years. I hope to continue to offer my insight and leadership for another term on the board. While it is important to remember our beginnings as a young organization that carved out a well-respected place in the British Columbia legal landscape, it is equally important to progress our organization to ensure its continued relevance to our membership and the issues it faces. We are operating under conditions not seen before and ensuring that SABABC thrives and grows to offer critical resources and support for our junior lawyers is of paramount importance now, and perhaps more than ever. For this reason, I seek to continue as a member of the SABABC Board.