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A strong bar association representing a diverse segment of the profession is critical to fostering an environment of inclusion by providing a safe and open forum for discussion and mentorship. Having been invited to speak at the 13th Annual SABABC conference and having participated recently in the Chai with SABA mentorship event, I would like to get more involved by putting my name forward for the board of this important organization.

In all three years of law school, I served as President of the UBC South Asian Law Students Society. Following my call, I became the first visible minority President of the VBA in its 126-year history; I also served on the executive committees of the TLABC, the CBA Criminal Subsection, the Peter S. Hyndman Mentorship Award Committee, and the CBA Advisory Committee to Judicial Council. I have also had the unique privilege of serving as a member of the Judicial Council of the Tsawwassen First Nation, where I adjudicate claims arising on TFN lands. In addition to these roles, for almost a decade, I have been an adjunct professor at UBC Allard Law where I teach two upper-level seminars on complex criminal litigation and have been a coach and long-standing sponsor of the trial moot program.

In all of these roles, which are outside of my busy practice as a barrister, I have developed an understanding of the dynamics of the wider legal community and the importance of diversity, truth, reconciliation and mentorship, which I hope to bring to the board