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“No English... Punjabi speak...help” was a common phrase used by injured, Punjabi speaking workers contacting WorkSafeBC. As a translator and claims investigator at WorkSafeBC, I came to realize the language barrier that people in Canada experience while trying to navigate Canadian bureaucratic systems, the most important being the Canadian judicial system. Prior experiences within and outside the vocational realm have served to enrich and broaden my motivation to assist linguistically and ethnically disadvantaged groups.

With over 8 years of corporate, securities and commercial law experience gained from two international law firms (Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP and Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP), I would like to apply for a board position with the South Asian Bar Association of British Columbia. Having sat on the board of two non-profits organizations in past years (i.e., the Learning Disabilities Association of Vancouver and Rumble Productions), I've gained foundational skills necessary for being an excellent candidate for this position.

For additional background on my past experiences, please visit my LinkedIn profile at: <https://ca.linkedin.com/in/manveerbisla>