

Jessie K. Sunner

My name is Jessie K. Sunner and I am legal counsel for the Hospital Employees' Union, where I practice labour, employment, and human rights law. Since my call to the bar in 2018, I have practiced in various areas of litigation, including family law and commercial litigation, in addition to my current practice areas. Outside of my law practice, I also currently serve on the Boards of the Surrey Women's Centre, the United Nations Association in Canada – Vancouver Branch, and the Surrey Police Board.

I am seeking directorship with SABABC because I am interested in creating greater mentorship opportunities for law students and junior lawyers, while also increasing the Board's ability to advocate for greater representation of BIPOC communities in provincial and federal appointments to Boards, Tribunals, and the Bench. With regard to mentorship, I want to connect with law students and junior lawyers in our community to help increase mentorship opportunities available to them and expand their networks so they have lawyers they feel comfortable turning to as they develop their practice. With regard to advocacy, I intend to work on policy drafting and development, as well as actively engage with prominent community groups in order to continue to expand SABABC's ongoing advocacy efforts. My legal experience, as well as my previous board experience, will assist with carrying out the work outlined above, while also assisting in the areas of board governance, leadership, and strategic planning.

Thank you for considering me for this directorship!