



SOUTH ASIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

SABA SAN DIEGO

Annual Dinner

5TH NOVEMBER, 2021

FROM 5:30 - 8:30 PM

AT

QUARTYARD

1301 MARKET ST

SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: PAST PRESIDENT OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES
HONORABLE BERNADETTE D'SOUZA





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PROGRAM

5:30 - 6:30 PM CHECK-IN

6:30 - 7:00 pm

INTRODUCTION BY NAMITA THAKKER
PRESIDENT'S SPEECH - TARINA MAND
FRIEND OF SABA-SD AWARD
TO
PETER QUON

*Dinner
&
Entertainment*

7:40 - 8:30 pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - HON. BERNADETTE D'SOUZA
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SPONSORED
BY JONES DAY
CLOSING REMARKS BY KOMAL JAIN



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PRESIDENT

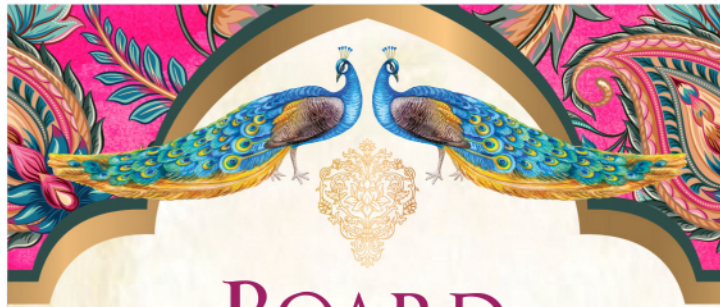
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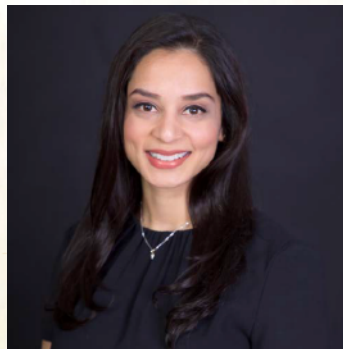
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FRIEND OF SABA SAN DIEGO AWARD

PETER QUON, JR.



PETER WAS BORN ON OCTOBER 29, 1951, IN BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA TO PETER QUON, SR., AND LORA (LOW) QUON. HIS FATHER, A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN IN OAKLAND CHINA TOWN, AND MOTHER, AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER, RAISED PETER ALONG WITH HIS THREE YOUNGER SIBLINGS.

AFTER GRADUATING BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOL IN 1969, PETER WENT ON TO U.C. DAVIS AND GRADUATED WITH A DEGREE IN ASIAN HISTORY. WHILE THERE, HE HELPED ESTABLISH THE ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION. HE LATER EARNED A LAW DEGREE AT WESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW IN 1977 (LATER ADMITTED TO THE ALUMNAE HALL OF FAME).

HE JOINED THE CALIFORNIA STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN THE CRIMINAL LAW SECTION WHERE HE SERVED FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS AND BECAME A SUPERVISING ATTORNEY, FOLLOWED BY SERVICE AS AN ATTORNEY WITH THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY. HE ARGUED BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT 7 TIMES AND HIS ADVOCACY RESULTED IN 36 PUBLISHED OPINIONS: 34 IN THE CALIFORNIA COURTS OF APPEAL, AND 2 IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT.



FRIEND OF SABA SAN DIEGO AWARD

HIS WORK AND COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE DID NOT GO UNNOTICED AND HE WAS SELECTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AS "STATE PROSECUTOR OF THE YEAR" IN 1994 AND LATER BY THE CALIFORNIA DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION AS "DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE YEAR". IN 2017, HE WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER PROSECUTORS ASSOCIATION (NAPIPA) WITH ITS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, AND LATER BY THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION (SDCBA) AS THE OUTSTANDING ATTORNEY OF 2019.

PETER WAS ONE OF THE STAUNCHEST SUPPORTERS OF THE SPECIALTY BAR ASSOCIATIONS IN SAN DIEGO. HE WAS A CO-FOUNDER OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA, AND A FOUNDING MEMBER AND TWO-TIME PRESIDENT OF THE PAN ASIAN LAWYERS OF SAN DIEGO (PALSD).

PETER ALSO SERVED FOR MANY YEARS ON THE BOARD OF THE UNION OF PAN ASIAN COMMUNITIES (UPAC) AND IS A LONGTIME VOLUNTEER WITH THE SAN DIEGO CHINESE CENTER AND THE HOUSE OF CHINA. IN 2009, THE NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (NAPABA) RECOGNIZED PETER WITH ITS TRAILBLAZER AWARD FOR HIS WORK PAVING THE WAY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF OTHER ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN ATTORNEYS.

ON JULY 17, 2020, PETER PASSED AWAY AT HOME WITH DIGNITY AND GRACE SURROUNDED BY HIS WIFE, DENISE, HIS SONS, PETER AND JEFFREY, AND OTHER FAMILY.



FRIEND OF SABA SAN DIEGO AWARD

PETER QUON JR.

Hon. Dana Sabraw

PETER WAS PARTICULARLY INVESTED IN THE
ADVANCEMENT OF LAW STUDENTS AND NEWLY
ADMITTED LAWYERS WITH THEIR CAREERS. HE WAS
ALWAYS IN THE MOMENT, PRESENT, AND GENUINELY
INTERESTED IN OTHERS.

*Vaani Chawla
Past President*

PETER QUON WAS A GENEROUS AND HUMBLE
MAN. HIS GENEROSITY SAW NO LIMITS. HE GAVE
HIS TIME, HIS EFFORT, AND HIS HEART TO
ASPIRING YOUNG LAWYERS. HE BROUGHT
LEADERS FROM VARIOUS BAR ORGANIZATIONS
TOGETHER TO SHARE A MEAL, CONVERSATION,
AND LAUGHTER. THOUGH HIS LIFE TOUCHED
MANY SO DEEPLY, EVEN THOSE
WHO MET HIM ONLY BRIEFLY, HE NEVER
SOUGHT ATTENTION OR ACCOLADES FOR
ANYTHING.



FRIEND OF SABA SAN DIEGO AWARD

Summer Stephan
San Diego County District Attorney

NO PERSON HAS DONE MORE FOR ADVANCING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION THAN PETER QUON AND HE DID IT BY MENTORING AND ENCOURAGING ONE PERSON AT A TIME.

Rupa Singh
Founder of SCABA San Diego

HUMBLE YET IRREVERENT, PETER NEVER LET ON HOW EXPERIENCED AND WELL-REGARDED HE WAS WHILE ENCOURAGING US AS JUNIOR ATTORNEYS TO STEP OUT OF OUR COMFORT ZONE, ASK FOR OPPORTUNITIES, AND DREAM BIG. QUIET YET SUPPORTIVE, HE WOULD APPROACH THE SHYEST PERSON IN THE ROOM AND BECOME THEIR LOUDEST CHEERLEADER, CELEBRATING THEIR FIRST DEPOSITION, SUCCESSFUL HEARING, OR ANOTHER PROFESSIONAL MILESTONE. BUSY YET GENEROUS, HE MANAGED A FULL CASELOAD WHILE MENTORING AN ARMY OF STUDENTS, LAWYERS, AND NEW LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS. PETER GAVE ME AND MANY OTHERS IN THIS COMMUNITY THE INVALUABLE GIFT OF HIS TIME, WHICH I CAN NEVER HOPE TO REPAY, BUT WHICH I WILL HOPEFULLY TRY TO PAY FORWARD AS A SMALL TRIBUTE TO HIM.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

HON. BERNADETTE D'SOUZA

JUDGE D'SOUZA IS THE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES (NAWJ), AND CHIEF JUDGE OF THE ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL DISTRICT COURT. SHE IS THE FIRST SOUTH ASIAN AND THE FIRST FAMILY COURT JUDGE OF CIVIL COURT.

JUDGE D'SOUZA RECEIVED HER JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE FROM TULANE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW IN 1992. UPON GRADUATION, SHE DEDICATED HER LEGAL CAREER TO PUBLIC INTEREST LAW. SHE WAS MANAGING ATTORNEY AT SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES.

SHE IS THE RECIPIENT OF SEVERAL PROMINENT AWARDS FOR HER PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY. JUDGE D'SOUZA RECEIVED THE NAWJ JUSTICE VAINO SPENCER LEADERSHIP AWARD; THE ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN ATTORNEYS PROFESSIONALISM AWARD; AND YWCA ROLE MODEL AWARD.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JUDGE D'SOUZA SPENT OVER A DECADE PROMOTING AWARENESS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ISSUES, AND HAS WON NUMEROUS AWARDS FOR HER ADVOCACY AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

SHE WON THE CITIZEN HERO AWARD FOR VICTIMS AND CITIZENS AGAINST CRIME; AND THE LOUISIANA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTO ACTION AWARD.

THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT INVITED JUDGE D'SOUZA TO SPEAK ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AT A CONFERENCE IN YEREVAN, ARMENIA. SHE PRESENTED ON INTEGRATED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON STATUS OF WOMEN IN NEW YORK. AT THE INVITATION FROM POPE FRANCIS, JUDGE D'SOUZA PARTICIPATED IN THE FIRST PAN-AMERICAN JUDGES SUMMIT AT THE VATICAN WHERE SHE DISCUSSED THE IMPORTANCE OF EQUAL ACCESS TO CIVIL LEGAL AID IN THE ELIMINATION OF POVERTY.





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DIVYA SRIHARAN

GROWING UP AS AN IMMIGRANT AND A SRI LANKAN TAMIL WOMAN, DIVYA'S PATH TO HELP PEOPLE FOUND HER.

SHE GREW UP IN FIVE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, INCLUDING INDIA. WATCHING HER PARENTS' ISSUES WITH IMMIGRATION MADE HER REALIZE HOW DESPERATELY ADVOCATES FOR SOUTH ASIANS AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE NEEDED.

DIVYA HAS A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE FROM SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, AND SHE IS A THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO SCHOOL OF LAW.

THROUGHOUT HER EDUCATION SHE HAS WORKED TOWARDS ADVOCATING FOR KIDS, AND FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. HER FIRST LEGAL EXPERIENCE WAS WORKING AT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND IT WAS THERE SHE SAW THE NEED FOR HER COMMUNITY TO BE REFLECTED IN THE COURTROOM.



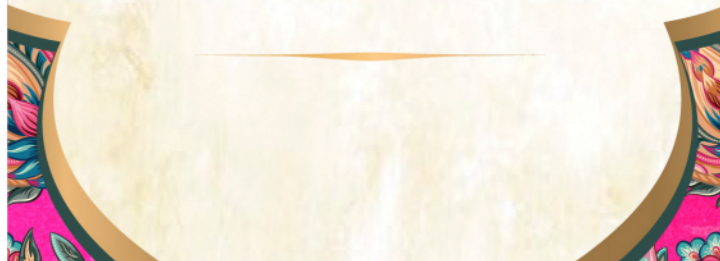
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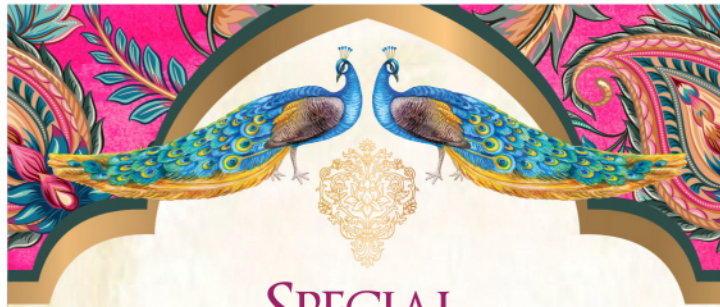
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DURING HER FIRST YEAR OF LAW SCHOOL, SHE VOLUNTEERED AT THE NAACP LEGAL REDRESS COMMITTEE TO INTERVIEW VICTIMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. SHE'S VOLUNTEERED AT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB AS A MENTOR FOR COMMUTER STUDENTS; AND IS CURRENTLY THE CHAIR FOR THE CRAWFORD ACADEMY, HELPING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH THEIR PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS AND ORIENTING THEM TO HIGHER EDUCATION. SHE IS ALSO THE CURRENT VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD, AN ORGANIZATION THAT SEEKS TO HELP MARGINALIZED PEOPLE THROUGH THE LAW.

AFTER LAW SCHOOL, SHE IS COMMITTED TO WORKING IN PUBLIC INTEREST LAW. SPECIFICALLY, WORKING WITH JUVENILES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.



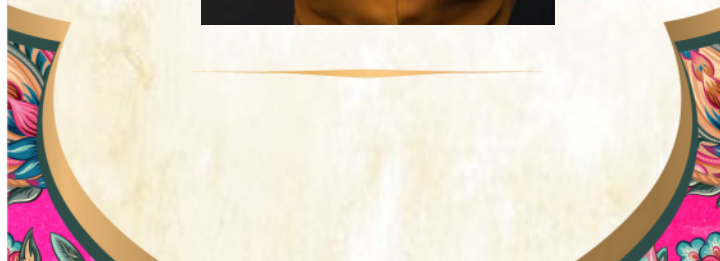


SPECIAL THANK YOU

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

*Amrita (uhm-ri-tha)
Dhaliwal*

AMRITA DHALIWAL, SHE/HER/HERS, IS A PUNJABI AMERICAN COMEDIAN AND DEVISING ARTIST BASED IN LOS ANGELES, WHOSE WORK SPANS MULTIPLE MEDIUMS, FROM STAGE TO TV & FILM. HER WORK EXPLORES THE CORE THEMES OF HUMANITY, LIKE DEATH AND LOVE, THROUGH A LENS OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE.





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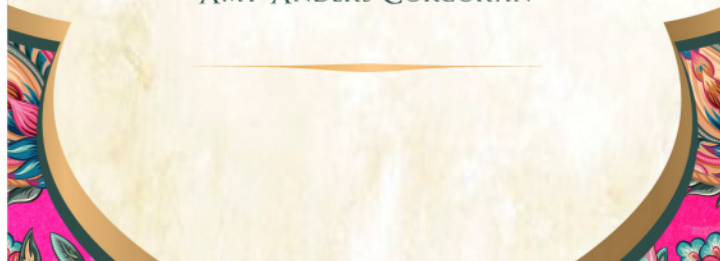
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