



**2011 SABA-DC
PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP
BENEFIT GALA**

**Saturday, November 5, 2011
8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.**

**EQUALITY
CENTER**
HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FOUNDATION



SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

On Saturday, November 5, 2011, the South Asian Bar Association of Washington, D.C. ("SABA-DC") will hold its third annual Public Interest Fellowship Benefit Gala. The gala, held this year at the Human Rights Campaign's Equality Center, brings together attorneys, lobbyists, and other professionals from law firms, lobbying firms, corporations, government, academia, and non-profit organizations from the D.C. area to help raise funds for the SABA-DC Public Interest Fellowship, which is awarded each year to law students working in the field of public interest law on issues affecting the South Asian community. We expect this year's turnout to be our largest yet.

ABOUT SABA-DC

Founded in 2001, the South Asian Bar Association of Washington, D.C. is a voluntary bar association dedicated to the needs, concerns, and interests of the South Asian American legal community in the Washington, DC area. SABA-DC's key objectives are to:

- Advance the professional development of South Asian American lawyers and law students;
- Provide a forum for professional and social networking;
- Increase awareness and dialogue regarding legal issues concerning South Asian Americans;
- Improve access to legal services for the South Asian American community, particularly among the least fortunate; and,
- Promote a greater understanding of the legal, political, economic, and cultural environment of South Asia.

In pursuit of these objectives, SABA-DC regularly organizes panels, conferences, receptions, community outreach efforts, public service projects, mentoring programs, political awareness campaigns, networking events and a variety of other activities. SABA-DC benefits its members through professional development, area networking, referral services, and pro bono opportunities. SABA-DC is one of the 25 South Asian Bar Association chapters of the North American South Asian Bar Association ("NASABA").

SABA-DC PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP

SABA-DC provides financial assistance in the form of summer fellowships to law students working at public interest organizations in the metropolitan D.C. area. The primary purpose of the fellowship is to help fund a student's internship with a public interest organization for the benefit of the South Asian community and the metropolitan D.C. area. The number of Fellowships awarded, as well as the amount of each grant, will be determined by the SABA-DC Fellowship Committee and is based on SABA-DC's fundraising efforts and the number of quality applicants it receives. Fellowship funding is made possible, in part, by generous funding from NASABA.

Each applicant must be a current law student in good standing, and must plan to be employed or intern with a public interest organization during the summer of 2012. Public interest law can be practiced in five types of settings: nonprofit organizations; legal services organizations; district attorneys/public defenders; federal, state, and local government; and public service law firms. SABA-DC considers all of the materials submitted by the applicant, with particular weight given to the applicant's essay. Other factors that SABA-DC may consider include commitment to public service, financial need, academic achievement, and other personal circumstances.

SABA-DC invites you to contribute to its Public Interest Scholarship Fund by sponsoring this year's Benefit Gala. If you have any questions about the Fellowship or would like additional information, please contact us at president@sabadc.org.

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SABA-DC is offering three separate sponsorship packages:

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EVENT INFORMATION

**Saturday, November 5, 2010
8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.**



**1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036**

**Open bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres
Attire: Semi-Formal / Ethnic**



Conveniently located at the corner of 17th Street and Rhode Island Avenue NW in the heart of Washington, D.C.'s central business district, the Equality Center at the Human Rights Campaign is steps away from several major city avenues and three Metro lines, as well as various restaurants, shopping, and hotels. The Equality Center is comprised of the Equality Forum and the Conference Center. The modern, airy design of the Equality Forum makes it a unique venue for lectures, trainings, receptions, dinners, commitment ceremonies, weddings, and other events which require a large, creative space.



SPONSORSHIP FORM

If your firm or company would like to take advantage of sponsorship opportunities at the 2011 SABA-DC Public Interest Fellowship Benefit Gala, please complete the form below and return along with payment to:

president@sabadc.org (if paying by credit card)

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