



*The South Asian Bar Association of
Connecticut*

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**Namita Tripathi Shah Elected to Presidency of the South Asian Bar Association of
Connecticut**

On January 24, 2018, the Board of Directors of the South Asian Bar Association of Connecticut (SABAC) elected Attorney Namita Tripathi Shah as its seventh president. Shah has served on the SABAC Board of Directors since 2009, and has served as an officer of the organization for many years, most recently as Vice President.

“We are incredibly excited at the election of Namita T. Shah to the presidency of SABAC,” said Cecil J. Thomas, a director of SABAC. “Namita has always demonstrated the utmost dedication and commitment to this organization, and we look forward to our continued growth under her leadership.”

Attorney Shah is a partner at Day Pitney LLP. She serves as chair of Day Pitney’s Private Equity and Finance business unit, and practices in the area of public and private finance. She is a member of the firm's Institutional Finance and Commercial Lending and Municipal Finance practice groups. Namita serves as the primary attorney in Day Pitney's roles as Lead Bond Counsel and Lead Disclosure Counsel for the State of Connecticut, and has extensive institutional finance and commercial lending experience.

Shah takes the helm of an organization that was founded in 2004, to support and promote the needs and goals of South Asian-American law students, lawyers, and academics, and other legal professionals in Connecticut. SABAC has always strongly supported initiatives that promote diversity and inclusion within Connecticut’s legal profession, and has organized and led many efforts that support the needs of the South Asian community in Connecticut and abroad.

Shah succeeds outgoing president Sheila Charmoy, who has served as SABAC’s president for the past three years. Charmoy, a principal of Charmoy & Charmoy, is a matrimonial lawyer based in Fairfield, Connecticut. During Charmoy’s tenure as president, SABAC experienced greater member engagement, the establishment of a new scholarship program for Connecticut-area law students, and increased partnership with its fellow affinity bar associations and other organizations serving the Asian Pacific American community. “Sheila has led our organization with grace and dedication,” said Shah, “and we cannot thank her enough for her longstanding service to SABAC as its president. I look forward to working with her and our other dedicated board members in the year ahead.”

SABAC has also elected a number of new officers to help lead the organization. Rashmi Chandra and Radhika Tahiliani have been newly elected to the positions of Vice President and Treasurer respectively, and Andy I. Corea will continue to serve as the organization’s Secretary.

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