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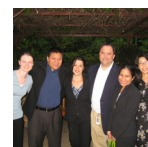
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## First West Coast Pickering Fellow Thriving at Local Organization

In January, the firm announced that Palo Alto-based Senior Associate **Niki Moore** had been selected as the 2011 Pickering fellow. She is the first attorney from the West Coast to participate in the program. Now halfway through her six-month fellowship with the Asian Law Caucus (ALC) in San Francisco, Moore says the experience has been fulfilling, educational and eye-opening, both on a personal and professional level.

“I had been interested in applying for the fellowship for a while,” says Moore, a member of the IP Litigation and Appellate & Supreme Court Litigation Groups, who joined the firm in 2007. “At WilmerHale, I mostly work with companies; I wanted to have a chance to work with individual clients at some point, to learn how to be a good advocate, and to help the Iranian American community. I also wanted the opportunity to do this on a full-time basis.”



*Niki Moore at the Asian Law Caucus*

Moore, who has been involved in public interest work both at the firm and outside the office, says that in August 2010, West Coast Talent Development & Training Manager Martinelle Cole encouraged her to apply for the fellowship. “Since no one had previously participated in the program in Palo Alto, I didn’t have an organization in mind, but I decided to apply, and it worked out,” she adds.

Moore worked with Pro Bono Counsel **Chris Herrling** to research organizations in the Bay Area, and was intrigued that despite ALC’s focus on the legal and civil rights of Asian Americans, it had also engaged in pioneering work on the civil rights issues of Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim and South Asian communities. “I realized that ALC’s national security program promotes equality for all,” explains Moore. “Targets for racial profiling change all the time; I thought ALC’s all-encompassing approach was visionary.”

On February 1, Moore began working as a fellow at ALC, the nation’s first legal and civil rights organization serving low-income Asian Pacific American communities. ALC focuses on immigration and immigrant rights, labor and employment issues, housing, student advocacy, civil rights and hate violence, consumer rights, senior rights, and juvenile justice. As a founding affiliate of the Asian American Center for Advancing Justice, ALC also helps to set national policies on affirmative action, national security, voting rights, and census and language rights.

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“Our priorities change based on the needs of the community,” says Moore, who focuses primarily on national security and civil rights matters. “We provide direct legal services as well as education through know-your-rights presentations around the Bay Area. We also mobilize the community around key civil rights issues.”

For Moore, a typical day at ALC can include holding legal clinics around the Bay Area; helping clients file redress inquiries or civil rights complaints with the Department of Homeland Security; researching government policy and drafting community alerts and know-your-rights publications; strategizing and managing Freedom of Information Act requests and lawsuits; and appearing before the San Francisco Human Rights Commission and Board of Supervisors. “I feel like I have wings here,” she says. “If someone needs advice, I can give it to them or find them help. The work dynamic enables me to be productive and proactive. My day is extremely focused and efficient, and I’m learning new management skills.”

Among her daily responsibilities at ALC, Moore, who is of Iranian descent, has become an advocate for the local Iranian American community. “Since 2007, ALC has been documenting and combating intrusive border interrogations and suspicionless customs searches, including electronic searches,” she explains. “Most of this work has focused as a whole on Arab American, Middle Eastern, Muslim and South Asian communities. Iranian Americans are lumped into this group as well, but often don’t self-identify as such. Many are also afraid or feel helpless to voice their concerns or file a complaint. My goal is to give Iranian Americans a voice when it comes to government policies and procedures.”

As a result of her work in the Iranian American community, ALC asked Moore to research the Office of Foreign Assets Control’s (OFAC) regulations concerning US-Iran sanctions programs and draft a report on those regulations that members of the local community could digest and understand—essentially know-your-rights materials on money, property, and import and export prohibitions due to the sanctions.

“We often think of these sanctions programs as having a commercial effect,” explains Moore. “In reality, these regulations impose restrictions on what individuals can take from or bring to the US when traveling; if and how they can send money to their families; and, how they can manage their property back home.”

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This particular project has another WilmerHale connection as well. “ALC retained WilmerHale Partner [Ron Meltzer](#) as outside counsel to review the report, which will be published and sent to local Iranian cultural and religious centers, stores and restaurants, and posted on Facebook and various websites,” says Moore. “As I was researching, I saw the amount of inaccurate information online, and realized the immediate and urgent need for a comprehensive yet simple publication. People need to know and understand what’s going on, since they could face monetary and even criminal penalties.”

Moore, who does not focus on government-related work in her practice at the firm, admits she was on the fence about the project when it first landed on her desk. Since then she has learned a lot and is surprised by how much she enjoys this area of law. In fact, just three months into her fellowship, Moore is thrilled with the overall experience.

“The fellowship has also been a great and eye-opening experience on a personal level,” she says. “The attorneys do everything here, which has made me realize how amazing our resources are at the firm, and how lucky we really are. My colleagues here work long hours, are passionate about their work and communities, and are very positive. Participating in the fellowship is one of the best decisions I’ve made.”

The Pickering Fellowship, established in honor of John Pickering, allows associates and senior associates in the firm’s US offices to spend six months at a public interest organization. Fellowships have been conducted at the Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs and the Legal Counsel for the Elderly, both in DC; the Medical-Legal Partnership for Children and the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project, both in Boston; and the National Center for Law and Economic Justice and the Urban Justice Center, both in New York. [Learn more](#) about the Pickering Fellowship.

## Diversity Speaker Series Encourages Discussion and Connections



*Maura Healey, Martha Coakley,  
Professor Charles Fried and Mark Fleming*

This summer, WilmerHale's Diversity Committee hosted Diversity Speaker Series programs in the firm's domestic offices. These events are designed to bring members of the firm together for lively discussions on interesting and timely topics with expert panelists.

"Our speaker Series programs offer great opportunities for our lawyers to interact with their colleagues (and clients in some cases) while listening to engaging speakers," says Director of Talent Diversity Kenneth Imo. "The Diversity Committee is constantly thinking of ways to better communicate the firm's commitment to diversity and engage clients, law students and others in the legal community. The Diversity Speaker Series is one tool the Committee uses to do both."

On June 6, Partner **Mark Fleming** moderated a panel discussion in the Boston office on the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and the executive branch's duty to defend Congressional enactments. Panelists included Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Martha Coakley; Harvard Law School Professor Charles Fried; and former WilmerHale Counsel and Chief of the Civil Rights Division in the Office of the Attorney General Maura Healey.

The discussion focused on the Commonwealth's federal case challenging the constitutionality of DOMA—in which WilmerHale partnered with the attorney general's office—as well as President Obama's decision to stop defending DOMA in court. "I was particularly proud of the performance by our former colleague, Maura Healey," noted Partner **Jack Fabiano**, who attended the event. "She learned her lawyering skills here, and I thought she was spectacular."

"It was great to hear from the parties representing the issues," reflected Summer Associate Steve Wheeler. Fellow Summer Associate Caroline Dotolo added: "It wasn't something that I had ever heard in school studying DOMA, and obviously not something I saw publicly in the news."

Associate **Brian Boyle** previously worked with Healey in the attorney general's office, and is now a member of the WilmerHale team involved in the DOMA case. As one of the driving forces behind organizing the event, he was pleased with the turnout and the discussion that ensued. "We had the best minds on the issue all together in one room. Afterward, I received an email from someone that said, 'Events like this make me proud to work here.'"

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*Elizabeth Derbes, Yoon-Young Lee, and C. Annette Kelton of Goldman Sachs*

On June 15, the Washington DC office hosted a panel discussion on “Developing the Rule of Law in the Middle East and North Africa: The Transition from Autocracy to Democracy.” Panelists included Nathan Brown, Director of the Institute for Middle East Studies at George Washington University; Jessica Lieberman, Acting Office Director of the State Department’s Near East Office, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights & Labor; Sahar Aziz, President of the Egyptian-American Rule of Law Association (and former WilmerHale associate); and Ganesh Sitaraman, former Public Law Fellow and lecturer at Harvard Law School (and former WilmerHale summer associate).

“It’s not that common that we get people from the State Department, academia and NGO speaking around the same table,” commented Senior Associate **Kiraz Bulut**, who is a member of the firm’s Middle East affinity group and organized

the event with Senior Associates **Leila Abolfazli** and **Joe Khawam** and Talent Development, Diversity and Training Coordinator Tanya Massey. “You get different sides of the issue, as opposed to approaching it from a purely legal perspective.”

The event drew a crowd of WilmerHale attorneys as well as members of the local think tank, government and academic communities. “One of the purposes of diversity groups such as ours is to share our particular interest with the wider firm, and give them an opportunity to learn more,” noted Abolfazli. “Events like this one are a quick and easy way to learn a lot about a topic that you may not have known much about or been able to follow closely.”

Khawam, who moderated the discussion says: “It’s important for attorneys to avoid tunnel vision when working on busy cases at the firm, and to remain engaged in the world they live in. That’s how you find fulfillment in your career—immersing yourself in your case work, while also dedicating yourself to causes and larger issues in the world around you.”

The third summer Speaker Series program occurred in the New York office on July 21. **Elizabeth Derbes**, Partner and Diversity Committee Co-Chair, moderated a roundtable discussion featuring in-house counsel from large financial services firms and a financial regulator who addressed the state of diversity and inclusion in their industry. The panelists were Allison Bishop, of Bank of America/Merrill Lynch; Patrick Chi, ITG, Inc.; Vaishali Javeri, of Credit Suisse; C. Annette Kelton, of Goldman Sachs; Ron Long, of Wells Fargo; and Robert A. Marchman, of FINRA.

Finally, on July 27, former WilmerHale Partner and US Attorney for the District of Columbia Ron Machen spoke in the DC office about the role his office plays in addressing issues that range from community outreach to prosecuting terrorists and pirates, as well as how his tenure at WilmerHale prepared him for his current position.

## Attorney Profile: Adriel Cepeda Derieux



*Adriel speaking at Commonwealth High School's graduation*

**Adriel Cepeda Derieux**, Litigation associate in New York, began at the firm as a summer associate in 2009 and re-joined as an associate in the fall of 2010. As Adriel prepares to leave the firm for a clerkship with The Honorable Juan R. Torruella of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (for whom he previously completed a student clerkship), he shares with us insights into the man behind the lawyer, from his favorite food to the actor he'd cast to play him in a movie. He also shares with us what it meant to be invited back to his high school, Commonwealth High School (Hato Rey, Puerto Rico), as a guest graduation speaker ten years after he gave his class's commencement speech.

**Legal Talent: What did it mean to you to be invited back to your high school as a guest speaker at their graduation ceremony?**

**Cepeda Derieux:** It was a thrill. I was shocked to get the call.

**Legal Talent: What words of wisdom did you share with this year's graduates?**

**Cepeda Derieux:** I basically told them to relax. I remembered how confused I was at their age about not knowing what to do in the "real world" when I "grew up." I confessed I was still confused and told them they should always be willing to reassess their choices and adapt.

**Legal Talent: Who is your favorite music artist?**

**Cepeda Derieux:** It's a bit of a cop-out, but it would have to be the Beatles. That said, my music tastes are varied, to say the least: Mecano, a Spanish '80s synthpop band, comes in at a close second. Add some Jay-Z and a little Salsa here and there and you start to get the picture.

**Legal Talent: Tell us, what is your favorite sports team?**

**Cepeda Derieux:** Real Madrid. I'm a huge soccer fan and fell in love with Real while studying abroad in Spain. It's been a few up and down years for Real—and Barcelona has certainly had their number for a while—but things should turn around soon. ¡Hala Madrid!

**Legal Talent: Have you seen any good movies lately?**

**Cepeda Derieux:** *Midnight in Paris*, hands down. The conversations Owen Wilson's character has with Ernest Hemingway and Salvador Dali alone are worth the price of admission.

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**Legal Talent:** What is the most interesting book you've read lately?

**Cepeda Derieux:** *To End All Wars*, by Adam Hochschild.

**Legal Talent:** Do you have a favorite food?

**Cepeda Derieux:** Mofongo, an amazing Puerto Rican plantain dish.

**Legal Talent:** What was it about WilmerHale that drew you to practice here?

**Cepeda Derieux:** I initially looked to WilmerHale because of its appellate practice. To give credit where credit is due, [Washington Senior Associate] **Zaid Zaid** played a large part in my decision. Zaid was a clerk with the judge for whom I interned the summer after my first year in law school and sang WilmerHale's praises all summer long. Thanks, Zaid!

**Legal Talent:** Why do you come to work everyday?

**Cepeda Derieux:** I like that I'm expected to improve constantly as a writer, speaker, adviser, etc. There's a lot to do.

**Legal Talent:** As you prepare to leave for your clerkship, what do you feel you've learned in the past year?

**Cepeda Derieux:** That the practice of law can be very instinctive and interpersonal. For all you learn in law school, nothing seems to beat common sense or the ability to communicate an idea in a relatable manner.

**Legal Talent:** What do you think you would be doing if you weren't a lawyer?

**Cepeda Derieux:** I would definitely be a history professor.

**Legal Talent:** What is your favorite thing about New York City?

**Cepeda Derieux:** It's very much your fault if you're ever bored in this city.

**Legal Talent:** Is there anything people would be surprised to learn about you?

**Cepeda Derieux:** Probably that I had never seen snow when I decided to spend four years attending college in Massachusetts.

**Legal Talent:** Where would you go if you could live anywhere in the world?

**Cepeda Derieux:** Madrid, most likely.

**Legal Talent:** Tell us about the best vacation you've ever been on.

**Cepeda Derieux:** I traveled to Argentina in 2009 with my girlfriend and two of our closest friends. We rented an apartment in downtown Buenos Aires. I felt we got to know the city as well as you possibly could in two weeks.

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**Legal Talent: Who is the historical figure that intrigues you the most?**

**Cepeda Derieux:** José Martí, the Cuban patriot. He helped get the ball rolling on Cuban independence in the late 1800s, but died before the Spanish-American War and was not around to see how the chips fell in the end.



*Adriel and his girlfriend, Julia,  
at White Sands (NM).*

**Legal Talent: To date, what has been your greatest accomplishment (personal or professional)?**

**Cepeda Derieux:** Getting Julia, my lovely partner-in-crime, to dance with me at a party nine years ago.

**Legal Talent: If you were writing an autobiography, what would the title be?**

**Cepeda Derieux:** The Wonder of it All, Baby. I'm always humbled when I think of the things I've had a chance to do, the places I've seen, and the wonderful people I've met along the way. I think this throwaway line from a Paul McCartney song kind of says it all (I told you I was a Beatles fan).

**Legal Talent: If your autobiography were turned into a movie, who would you cast to play you?**

**Cepeda Derieux:** Jaden Smith in fifteen years. I'm hoping by then the movie will be more interesting.

**Legal Talent: You can have dinner with any five people. Who would they be?**

**Cepeda Derieux:** Mario Vargas Llosa, Eric Hobsbawm, John, Paul, and George (sorry, Ringo).

## SEO/Law Preview



*Associate Liv Herriot, Associate Andrew Liao, SEO intern Rommy Flores, Partner and Hiring Chair Mark Flanagan, Senior Associate Manique Bloom and Partner Evelyn Mak*

WilmerHale currently partners with **Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO)** and Law Preview to help prepare rising 1Ls for the challenges they will face when they begin law school. Participation with the SEO program began last summer in the Washington DC and New York offices and expanded this year to include the Palo Alto office. The 2011 firm-wide total is four SEO student interns.

In addition, WilmerHale offered **Law Preview** Scholarships to 10 Columbia and 10 Berkeley rising 1Ls. The firm will sponsor their tuition at a week-long preparatory program that introduces the students to the entire first-year curriculum and provides test-taking techniques. SEO and Law Preview seek to position students to succeed in law school by providing access and exposure to professors and practicing lawyers.





## Get your calendars ready! Learn how to get involved in upcoming events.

### Boston

On October 21, 2011, WilmerHale is sponsoring Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders' (GLAD) annual **Spirit of Justice Award Dinner**. This event will take place at the Boston Marriott Copley Place.

On October 22, 2011, WilmerHale is sponsoring the **Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence's** (ATASK) annual Silk Road Gala. This event will take place at the Sheraton Boston Hotel.

### DC

On October 6, 2011, WilmerHale is sponsoring the Asian American Justice Center Courage Awards. This event will take place at the Park Hyatt Washington.

### New York

On August 19, WilmerHale will participate in the **Northeast BLSA Job Fair**. This event will take place at the Sheraton Lincoln Harbor Hotel.

### Palo Alto

On August 6, WilmerHale will participate in the **Bay Area Diversity Job Fair**. This event will take place at the Hilton San Francisco Financial District.

### All Offices

On September 8, 2011, WilmerHale will participate in the **Lavender Law Job Fair**. This event will take place at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel.

WilmerHale will participate in the **Harvard BLSA Job Fairs**. More information forthcoming.

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## Notable & Quotable: More reasons we're proud to work for WilmerHale.

### Firm Honored for Diversity Efforts Across Offices

Once again the Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) recognized WilmerHale as a leader in law firm diversity efforts by naming the firm among its three finalists for this year's Thomas L. Sager Award for the Mid-Atlantic Region. The firm won the **Sager Award** in 2009 and is honored to be acknowledged again by the MCCA for an ongoing commitment to advancing diversity in the legal profession.

For the fourth consecutive year, **Yale Law Women** selected WilmerHale for inclusion on its prestigious list of the **Top Ten Family Friendly Firms for 2011**. Yale Law Women surveys top law firms each year on their family friendly and work-life policies and showcases those firms that are committed to the retention and advancement of women in the legal industry. Yale Law Women is a student run organization at Yale Law School whose mission is to promote the interests and development of women in law school and the legal industry.

**Bill Lee**, co-managing partner of WilmerHale received the **Founders Award** at the Asian American Lawyers Association of Massachusetts (AALAM) banquet on April 19th at the China Pearl Restaurant. The award is presented annually to an Asian-American attorney who has made significant contributions in business, academics or the community as it relates to the law.

For the fifth year in a row, *MultiCultural Law* magazine included the firm on its list of the "Top 100 Law Firms for Diversity." Additionally, the firm ranked in the specialized areas of "Top 50 Law Firms for Partners," "Top 50 Law Firms for Associates" (first time firm ranking for this category), "Top 100 Law Firms for Women," "Top 25 Law Firms for African-Americans" and "Top 25 Law Firms for Asian-Americans."

The **Iranian American Bar Association** (Northern California Chapter) honored WilmerHale for extraordinary commitment to the IABA-NC and the Iranian American community at its Annual Dinner on May 27. **Jonathan Shapiro**, Partner and West Coast Diversity Chair, and **Niki Moore**, Senior Associate and current Pickering fellow, accepted the award on behalf of the firm.



*Summer associate Crystal Roberts, Senior Associate Niki Moore, Partner Jonathan Shapiro, Senior Associate Manique Bloom and Associate Jane Ho at the Iranian Bar Association of Northern California's Annual Dinner*

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### A National Platform for WilmerHale Women

**Carol Clayton**, partner-in-charge of the Washington DC office, spoke at Ark Group/Managing Partner's 4th Annual "At the Forefront of Diversity: Women Legal 2011" forum in New York City in early June. The event featured perspectives from both law firms and clients, and addressed the importance of the retention and advancement of women to senior positions. Clayton, who also serves as a member of WilmerHale's Management Committee, participated on a panel discussion about the future outlook on women's leadership and the impact of intergenerational issues on gender diversity.

"The conference featured candid exchanges between law firm and client representatives about how we can and must work together to make greater progress in retaining, developing and promoting women in our profession," said Clayton. "Participants were very interested in WilmerHale's Career Advancement Program as an innovative model for flexible career paths. They also commended our competency-based evaluations, which many experts in diversity consider a best practice for professional development and to counteract any unconscious bias." Women Legal is an interactive forum focused on the business imperative of gender diversity at law firms and within corporate legal departments.

National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL) honored WilmerHale Partner **Jamie Gorelick** with the Mansfield Award on July 21, 2011. The Arabella Babb Mansfield Award is NAWL's oldest award and is given in recognition

of professional achievement, positive influence and valuable contribution to women in the law and society. The award is named after the first American woman admitted to a state bar in the United States. Previous winners include Justice Elena Kagan, Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. NAWL is a national voluntary legal professional organization devoted to promoting the interests and progress of women lawyers and women's legal rights. Gorelick received the award in front of approximately 1,000 attendees from across the country at NAWL's annual dinner in New York City and said, "I am honored to receive this award, which has afforded me a chance to look back on how much the profession and the role of women in it have changed over the last few decades."



*Carol Clayton*



*Jamie Gorelick*

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### WLI and Diversity Committees Busy Welcoming Summer Associates

The **WilmerHale Women's Leadership Initiative (WLI)** is aimed at supporting the advancement and retention of women attorneys at the firm through promoting internal and external networks of women attorneys and providing business and career development training for women lawyers. This summer, networking events were held in all offices to introduce the women summer associates to the WLI: Washington DC held a wine tasting event; New York women attended a garden party at the home of **Erin Sloane**, Counsel in the Litigation department; Palo Alto enjoyed small group lunches and lunch with Boston partner **Mary Jo Johnson**; Boston held a "high tea" networking reception; and, Los Angeles attended the 2011 WLALApalooza Annual Fundraising Event followed by a dinner with Los Angeles Partner **Andrea Jeffries**. All of these events allowed women summer associates to learn more about the activities of the WLI and provided opportunities for women to network with their new colleagues at the firm.

Diversity Committees were also busy introducing summer associates to the firm. Boston hosted an outdoor Caribbean-themed dinner party (complete with Reggae music!) at the house of **Jack Fabiano**, Partner and Co-Chair of the Boston Diversity Committee and a trip with the affinity groups to Boston's Museum of Fine Arts to see the Dale Chihuly exhibit. Washington DC hosted a reception at a nearby restaurant and the New York summer event at the Mid-Summer Night's Swing Festival at Lincoln Center had attorneys and summer associates joining in a salsa lesson and watching a performance by Gilberto Santa Rosa, a famous Puerto Rican salsero.



*NY WLI event - Summer Associate Lauren Hume, Partner Susan Schroeder, Counsel Erin Sloane, Summer Associate Allison Reid, Summer Associate Aurelia Hepburn-Briscoe*



*Boston WLI Event - Merry Boak, Summer Associate; Amanda Mongell, Summer Associate; Hilary Libka, Associate; Felicia Ellsworth, Senior Associate*

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### WilmerHale Supports Legal Internships Through SABA

The South Asian Bar Association of Greater Boston's (SABA GB) Legal Intern Fellowship program enables law students to work in what would otherwise be unpaid summer internships with public interest and community organizations. WilmerHale helps fund this fellowship program each year. "We are proud to be associated with SABA GB and to support its annual Legal Intern Fellowships. This program is an important one, as it provides young lawyers with the opportunity to focus on issues important to our society, while expanding diversity in the legal profession," says [Wendell Taylor](#), Partner and Co-Chair of WilmerHale's Diversity Committee.

The recipients of the WilmerHale 2011 Legal Intern Fellowships are Meera Kamath, a law student at Boston University School of Law, and Saraa Basaria, a law student at Northeastern University School of Law. Kamath spent her summer interning at the WilmerHale Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School, while Basaria interned at the Committee for Public Counsel Services.

SABA GB's mission is to provide a forum for education, professional development and networking, legal scholarship, advocacy and community involvement for South Asian legal professionals and students. The Association also serves to support the provision of legal services to the South Asian community, and to promote a better understanding of the legal system and the advancement of attorneys and law students of South Asian heritage.