**BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS**

**Background**

The SABA North America Foundation (“Foundation”) is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to increasing the ability of community-based organizations to respond to the legal needs and uphold the civil rights and liberties of South Asians in North America. The Mission Statement of the Foundation includes the following goals:

Encourage **philanthropy;**

Promote, fund, and encourage the **professional growth and development** of the South Asian Legal Community in North America;

Support **research** on issues relevant to the South Asian Legal Community in North America;

Provide **input on public policies, laws, and issues** that affect the South Asian community; and

**Educate** the South Asian community in North America on the legal system and access to justice, while fostering confidence in the rule of law.

Each year, the Foundation develops and funds public interest projects that benefit the South Asian community in the areas of domestic violence; immigration rights; hate crimes, discrimination, and racial profiling; and community access to justice.

**Application Information**

We are currently accepting applications for the Foundation’s Board of Trustees. If appointed, Trustees will serve a two-year term. Applicants will be informed of their appointment in September.

**The application deadline is Friday, September 9, 2022. Applications must be sent to the following email address: ExCo@sabalegalfdn.org.**

The minimum commitment of a Trustee includes:

* Participating in monthly Board meetings (via Zoom)
* Planning for and attending Foundation Event(s) at the SABA North America Annual Conference and Leadership Retreat (optional)
* Fundraising including a give/get fundraising expectation of $500/year
* Reviewing grant applications and
* Addressing governance/compliance issues

Any questions about this application should be directed to ExCo@sabalegalfdn.org.

**Instructions**

Please be as specific as possible in responding to all questions below.

Please limit your written responses to two pages total (exclusive of your resume). Brevity is particularly important given the number of applicants expected.

Please review the Foundation’s mission statement, bylaws, and other information on our webpage at <https://www.sabalegalfdn.org/>.

**Application**

1. Please submit your current resume.
2. Please explain your interest in serving on the Board of the SABA North America Foundation. In your response it would be helpful if you would provide the following types of information:

# Any prior or current experience in working on the governance of a charitable, community service, or another nonprofit organization

* Any prior or current experience in working on public interest matters affecting the South Asian-American community
* Any prior or current leadership position in a SABA Chapter, Foundation and/or SABA North America

1. It is important to understand your availability to make a time commitment to the Foundation. Please list other ongoing professional or personal commitments.