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The South Asian Bar Association of Florida  
& the International Law Society and South Asian Law Students  
Association of the University of Miami School of Law Present

2012 SABA FLORIDA

# SOUTH ASIAN LEADERSHIP FORUM

& Annual Meeting

NOVEMBER 9 + 10, 2012

On **November 9 & 10, 2012**, the South Asian Bar Association of Florida, along with the International Law Society and South Asian Law Students Association of the University of Miami School of Law will host a **South Asian Leadership Forum** designed to highlight the unique legal issues facing the practice of law in South Asia, as well as the issues faced by **South Asian American attorneys and law students** within the legal field.

### Rise of Arbitration in South Asia Panel

*This panel of expert attorneys will focus on the challenges and opportunities presented by the rise of alternative dispute resolution in South Asia and emerging markets.*

### Diversity Leadership Panel CLE

*This panel will lead a discussion on diversity issues facing South Asian Americans both in the legal community and in the community at large. Sponsored by the Florida Bar.*

### Registration Fees

Non-Members - **\$30**  
Law Students - **FREE**  
Paid SABA Florida Members - **FREE**

SABA Membership: Non-Members may sign up for 2013  
SABA Florida Membership on site (*cash or check accepted*).

For Attorneys Practicing 5+ years - \$50  
For Attorneys Practicing <5 years - \$35  
For Gov't/Public Interest Attorneys - \$25

## schedule of events

### Friday, November 9, 2012 - UM School of Law

12 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Registration and Networking  
Lunch, featuring Indian Cuisine,  
UM Law Student Lounge  
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Rise of Arbitration in South Asia  
2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. - Diversity Leadership Panel CLE  
4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - SABA Florida Annual Meeting  
& Elections (*all invited*)  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Happy Hour and Awards  
Presentation, *Yard House*,  
320 San Lorenzo Ave,  
Coral Gables, FL

### Saturday, November 10, 2012

12 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Kozyak Minority Mentoring  
Foundation Picnic  
*Amelia Earhart Park*,  
401 E 65 St., Hialeah, FL

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## Rise of Arbitration in South Asia



Daniel González is Co-Leader of the firm's international arbitration practice. He dedicates his full time practice to international commercial litigation and arbitration, and has a broad background in finance, accounting, and securities that clients depend on to handle complex commercial, construction, telecommunications, and other infrastructure development disputes in the United States, Latin America, and Europe.

**Daniel E. Gonzalez**

Partner, Hogan Lovells

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Shobha Nagaprasanna is an arbitrator appointed by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), the largest independent securities regulator in the U.S. In this position, she serves on three member arbitration panels to resolve monetary and business disputes between and among investors, securities firms and individual registered representatives. Ms. Nagaprasanna is also General Counsel to VectorGlobal Wealth Management Group, an international investment firm. In addition, Ms. Nagaprasanna provides general counsel services to corporations through her law firm, Shobha Nagaprasanna, P.A. Ms. Nagaprasanna received her law degree from the University of Miami School of Law and is a member of the Florida Bar, and is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

**Shobha  
Nagaprasanna**

Arbitrator

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Kapil Sharma manages the Tata Sons North America office. Based in Washington, DC, the office serves as the chief representative for the Tata Group of companies in North America and supports activities such as, but not limited to, assisting Group companies with: representation before the federal, state and local governments; media relations; business development; corporate social responsibility activities; and brand development.

**Kapil Sharma**  
Senior General Manager—  
North America, Tata Sons  
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Prior to rejoining the North America office, Kapil served as the General Manager for Tata Services. Prior to joining Tata Sons, Kapil was the Vice President for Madison Government Affairs; served as senior counsel and legislative director to U.S. Senator Robert Torricelli (NJ); legislative consultant to the law firm of Verner Liipfert Bernhard McPherson and Hand; and legislative assistant to Congressman Frank Pallone (NJ). Kapil received his J.D. from the Rutgers School of Law and his B.A. from Rutgers College, Rutgers University. He is also a member of the Maryland Bar Association.

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Hon. Juan Ramirez, Jr. is a former Chief Judge of the Third District Court of Appeal, who joined JAMS following 24 years of distinguished service on both the trial and appellate courts of the state of Florida.

A prolific writer, Judge Ramirez authored a three-volume treatise entitled "Florida Civil Procedure," originally published by Michie/Lexis Publishing in 1997 and a three-volume set entitled "Florida Evidence Manual" published in 2000, also by Lexis. He continues to write yearly updates for both treatises and has also written for a number of Florida Bar publications and a casebook on Florida Civil Procedure, published by Carolina Academic Press. In addition to writing, Judge Ramirez has taught numerous law school courses and has lectured before many legal organizations.

**Hon. Juan  
Ramirez, Jr. (Ret.)**  
JAMS Arbitrator

Born in Havana, Cuba, Judge Ramirez is fluent in Spanish.



## speaker bios

### Diversity Leadership CLE



**Nisha Bhatia**  
General Counsel  
Pensam Capital, LLC

Nisha Bhatia serves as General Counsel for Pensam Capital, LLC. Nisha's responsibilities include ensuring internal corporate regulatory compliance, drafting and reviewing loan documents, corporate structuring, and assisting outside counsel in transactional work, including conventional mortgage loans, mezzanine financing, loan assumptions, loan structuring, and real estate acquisitions. Nisha is a graduate of Rutgers University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History in 2007. She earned a Juris Doctorate from the University Of Miami School Of Law in 2010. Nisha is a member of the Florida and New Jersey Bars. She also passed the February 2011 New York Examination, and is currently applying for membership to the New York Bar.

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**Priyanka Ghosh-Murthy**  
Law Clerk - U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit

Priyanka Ghosh-Murthy, Esq. specializes in federal civil and criminal litigation, complex commercial litigation, and international human rights. Priyanka received her Bachelor's degree in English and Communications from Northwestern University, and her Masters studies in Political Science from the University of Copenhagen (Denmark) as a Fulbright Scholar. Priyanka earned her law degree *cum laude* from Northwestern University School of Law, where she served as Senior Articles Editor of *The Northwestern Law Review*. Since law school, Priyanka has worked as a commercial litigation associate at McGuire Woods LLP and as a law clerk to Judge Ursula Ungaro of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. She is currently a law clerk to Judge Gerald Bard Tjoflat of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Priyanka lives in Jacksonville with her husband Raghu Murthy, who is a cardiologist in the area.

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**Saif Ishaof**  
Executive Director,  
City Year Miami

Saif Ishaof is Executive Director of City Year Miami, a non-profit entrepreneurship agency. He is formerly the CEO of FTC Technologies, Inc. and the CEO/Founder of AgriVerde, Inc. Mr. Ishaof is a trustee on the board of Florida's largest public hospital.

Mr. Ishaof has a J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law and a B.Sc. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.

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**Amrita Singh**  
Legal and Legislative  
Affairs Director  
SALDEF

Amrita Singh focuses on assisting community members whose civil rights have been infringed, as well as advocating for legislation related to issues of religious discrimination, racial profiling, school bullying and other issues salient to the to the Sikh-American community. Prior to joining SALDEF, Amrita was a Post-Graduate Public Interest Fellow at the Anti-Defamation League where she worked on matters related to religious discrimination and school bullying. She also previously worked with the American Civil Liberties Union of Eastern Missouri and served with AmeriCorps. Amrita graduated with honors from Washington University in St. Louis and attended law school at the University of Florida, Levin College of Law. Amrita is a member of the Florida Bar.

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**Hon. Raag Singhal**  
Circuit Court Judge  
17th Judicial Circuit

The Hon. Judge Raag Singhal is a Circuit Court Judge in the 17th Circuit of Florida.

Prior to his investiture, Judge Singhal practiced Criminal law for more than 20 years, mostly serving in private practice. He served in the State Attorney's Office from 1990-1993 and briefly in the civil field from 1989-1990. He obtained his law degree from Wake Forest University and his undergraduate degree from Rice University.