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Terrorism, Methamphetamines, Euthanasia, Hollywood, and Doing Business in India will all be Topics of Discussion as Leading South Asian Attorneys Gather in Atlanta for Third Annual NASABA Convention, June 16–18

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Washington, D.C., —More than 400 South Asian judges, attorneys and law students will gather in Atlanta for the third annual national convention of the North American South Asian Bar Association (NASABA), June 16-18, marking a year of progress for the South Asian legal community.

Achievements in the U.S. and Canada to be acknowledged at the conference include high-profile South Asian legal appointments, diversity strides and greater representation of South Asian concerns in business, entertainment and education. Expert speakers will cover more than a dozen topics at this year's conference, "Networking to Influence, Influencing the Network: South Asian Lawyers Changing the Flow of the Mainstream."

Seminars, workshops and networking events will provide thought-provoking and productive sessions for attendees to review the year's significant strides and establish new objectives. Representing more than 5,000 South Asian American attorneys, this year's NASABA convention is expected to be larger than previous gatherings. The Convention, for one memorable weekend, will bring together attorneys from firms, large and small, from small private companies to large public companies, like CompuCredit Corporation, a convention-level sponsor, from the public and private interest sectors, from all branches of government, and from the world of academia.

Opening this year's conference is the Honorable Judge Stanley F. Birch, the federal appeals court judge who became the focus of national attention in March 2005 when the parents of Terri Schiavo asked for a new hearing. He will welcome attendees, including attorneys from law firms, public and private companies, public and private interest sectors, government and academia.

One keynote speaker is Neal Katyal, a Georgetown University law professor and the lead attorney in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, a leading challenge to the military tribunals in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. As he speaks at the convention, the U.S. Supreme Court will be deciding the case. Many experts believe this will be the biggest Supreme Court decision of 2006.

General counsels from UPS, Cingular and Sempra Energy will speak on diversity at one of the opening panel sessions. Other key discussions include business immigration issues and securing visas for high-demand professionals working in IT, health care and other industries, pro-bono business opportunities for helping South Asian countries, and the legal issues surrounding the separation of church and state in public schools.

Convention discussions will also include a look at the rising success and influence of South Asians in the entertainment industry and how this affects entertainment law practice, with attorney Sandeep Motwani of Warner Bros. Television.

"For South Asian attorneys and law students in North America, this convention is a unique opportunity to positively affect their practices, and the communities they represent," says NASABA Vice President Kirtan Patel.

Seminar topics include:

General Counsels Speak Out On Diversity; Business Immigration Issues; Entertainment Law Issues; Is The Patriot Act Patriotic?; Pro Bono Opportunities in the South Asian Community; Solo/Small Firm Practice Issues; Public Relations for Lawyers; Doing Business In South Asia; Ten Commandments/ Prayer In Schools and Other Religious

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Issues Affecting South Asians; The Art and Science Of Business Development; Succeeding within Firm and Corporate Cultures; Racial Profiling and the War On Drugs; Hot Topics in Intellectual Property Law; Professional Development for South Asian Women; Diversity Initiatives for Employers: Are They Good for South Asians?; Outsourcing Legal Services; Work/Life Balance; Hot Topics For Corporate Counsel; Corporate External Communications; ABA Workshop for Law Students - Choosing the Path Less Traveled: Attorneys Championing the Causes of South Asians Through Alternative Careers.

Speakers and panelists include:

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