

My name's Monica Chawla. I found SABANY a while back and I could never forget attending my first SABANY event, the holiday party (where Jay Sean made a surprise visit). I went alone and was a bit nervous because I did not know what to expect. What I witnessed that night was a community of attorneys who welcomed me and each other with open arms. I was instantly drawn to SABANY.

Thereafter, I continued attending SABANY events, connecting with incredible attorneys who had achieved incredible accolades, beyond anything I ever imagined was attainable for someone like me in the legal field. I walked away from SABANY events with a sense of inspiration, optimism, and a feeling that I could face any challenge because I had a group standing behind me.

If I have the honor of being elected as SABANY's VP of Events, this is the feeling that I want every single attorney or law student who attends a SABANY event to walk away with. A sense of invincibility and incredible pride to be a South Asian attorney in New York in the leagues with some of the greatest legal minds to ever exist.

I'm a team player and I have experience in managing large-scale events including budgeting, vendor negotiations, and ensuring events are well attended.

I believe my outgoing personality further enhances my ability to organize memorable experiences and events that will motivate SABANY members to further attend additional events.

I lead with empathy and I'm passionate about connecting individuals and will ensure events are inclusive. I'm confident that my skills and experience will align with the organization's mission to connect legal professionals in all areas of the legal industry via networking events to further increase the impact and visibility of the South Asian Bar Association of New York.