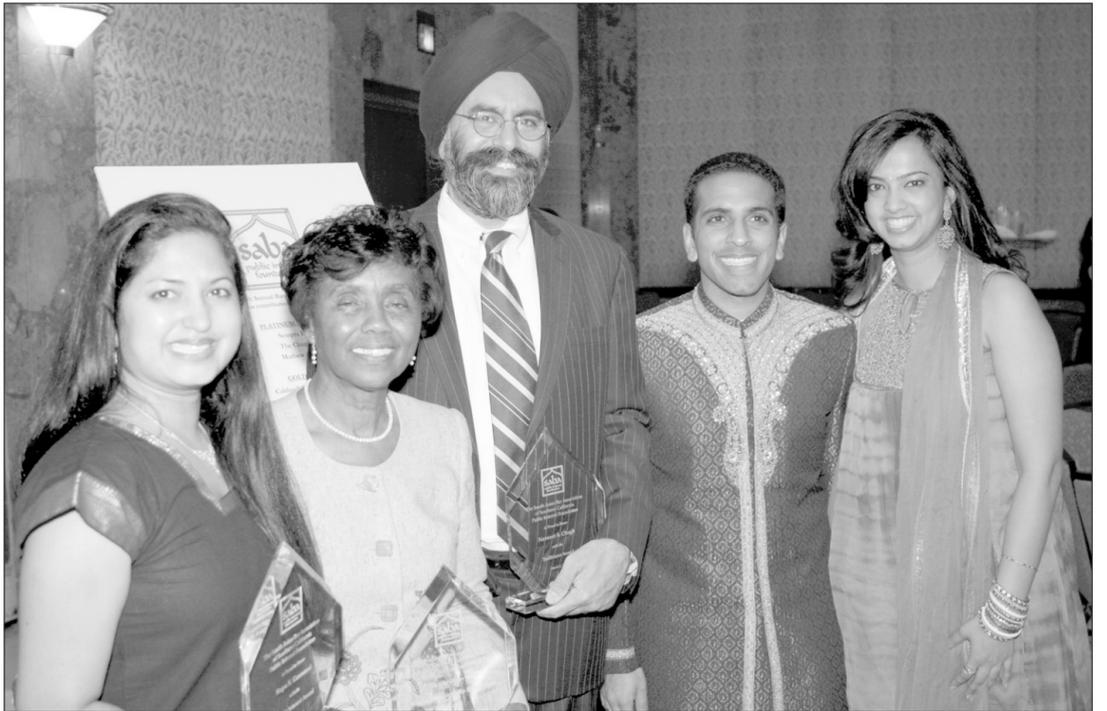


South Asian Bar Association Honors Legal Leaders

More than 300 members of the legal community gathered to celebrate the South Asian Bar Association of Southern California's eighth Annual Public Interest Foundation Banquet on March 3 at the Kyoto Grand Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. The Association recognized several attendees for their achievements in the legal profession, including presenting Central District Judge Consuelo B. Marshall with the Judicial Appreciation Award for her support of the Association. Other honorees included Assistant U.S. Attorney Rupa S. Goswami, earning the Public Interest Award, and Navneet S. Chugh, founder of The Chugh Firm, picking up the Trailblazer Award. Guests celebrated into the night with Bollywood dancing, Indian dinner fare, and presentations expanding on the mission of the foundation.

Pictured at right, from left, award recipients Goswami, Marshall and Chugh, president of the foundation Puneet V. Kakkar of Caldwell, Leslie and Proctor PC, and vice president of the foundation Sapna S. Jain of Tyler & Wilson LLP.



Goswami's proud mother Shila Goswami, Chris Moreno, and award winner Goswami.



Marshall shows off her award for the camera with Kakkar.

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Domestic Violence Project Commemorates 25 Years of Service

The Los Angeles County Bar Association celebrated the 25th anniversary of its Domestic Violence Project March 3 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. Designed to aid victims of domestic violence navigate the legal system, the project has helped over 100,000 people since its inception in 1986.

The event raised more than \$100,000, including grants from Verizon Wireless and Buchalter Nemer to support the infrastructure and continuous development of the project. Verizon's contribution will help fund development of new technology solutions to support the Project's free court program, and Buchalter Nemer's establishes an assistance

fund in the firm's name. Money was not the only contribution recognized: the celebration also honored Los Angeles County Superior Court Presiding Judge Lee Smalley Edmon, District Judge Margaret Morrow, Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky for their commitment to helping domestic violence and their families.

Pictured at left, from left, Jacquelyn Lacey, Chief Deputy at the Los Angeles County DA's office; Rick Cohen, managing partner of the Los Angeles office of Buchalter Nemer; Edmon; Central District Judge and honoree Margaret Morrow, and David Pasternak, former president of the Los Angeles Bar Association.



From left, honorees Steve Zipperstein, general counsel for Verizon Wireless; Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca, and former California State Senator Sheila James Kuehl, emcee for the event.



From left, Sally Suchil, executive director the Los Angeles County Bar Association; Yaroslavsky; Brian Currey, Counsel to the Los Angeles Mayor, and Alan Steinbrecher, association president.