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SOUTH ASIAN LEGAL DEFENSE FUND FORMED IN NEW YORK STATE

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The Board of Directors announces the formation of the South Asian Legal Defense Fund, helmed by Executive Director Shivani Parikh. The Board—comprised of attorneys in New York City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Boston, and law students in the New York and Washington, D.C. areas—will oversee the Fund’s initial projects through advocacy, educational outreach, amicus briefs, and direct action with the assistance of pro bono counsel.

In addition to providing vital community education and advocacy for myriad cultural, national, and religious identities, the South Asian Legal Defense Fund meets the needs of direct service nonprofits by providing access to attorneys and through litigation addressing injustice in all forms. The Fund will confront issues in the community-at-large regarding ongoing police misconduct, hate crimes, Islamophobia, labor and employment, tenants’ rights and housing, immigration, and family & gender justice, amongst additional issue areas.

Fundraising begins immediately in Q2 2024.

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