



# 2025 - Call for Conference Programming

Are you interested in shaping content for SABA North America’s Annual Conference? Then this is your chance to create programming that “Blazes New Trails!” We are now accepting submissions for our next conference, taking place in Denver, Colorado from June 19-22, 2025.

As an affinity bar organization, SABA strives to present interesting and engaging programming that reflects the diverse experience, backgrounds, and perspectives of our membership. During our Friday and Saturday CLE programs, we will showcase topics that highlight different practice areas, emerging legal trends, and professional development. We invite you to submit your ideas now.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

We encourage submissions that feature interesting topics that will appeal to a broad audience, regardless of practice area, sector, or experience level. The programming committee gives preference to submissions that are thoroughly developed. The committee considers the following information:

### 1 TITLE

The title should be short, descriptive, and captivating.

### 2 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Each submission must include a brief (200 words or less) description of the program that is to the point and aligned with the title. The description should be print ready as it will be used in promotional materials.



### 3 TOPIC AREA(S)

The topic should be substantive, interesting, and representative of current events, trends, or issues. We encourage topics that will appeal to a wide audience, while still presenting enough substantive information for a 75-minute program. We have included some ideas below based on the practice areas of our membership, but we of course invite you to submit other topics/ideas:

- Commercial Litigation
- Criminal Justice
- Immigration
- Intellectual Property
- Labor and Employment
- Alternative Careers/Career Pathways
- Professional Development
- Construction Law
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Securities & White Collar Crime
- Environmental, Social, and Governance
- Ethics
- Public Interest
- Wellness

### 4 SPEAKER DIVERSITY

We strive to promote diversity in all aspects of our programming. We encourage you to propose speakers who come from different backgrounds, including individuals with underrepresented gender identities, various professional backgrounds (e.g., private sector, public sector, non-profit, government, non-traditional paths, etc.), and ties to underrepresented geographies, etc. Panels should feature 3-4 speakers and a moderator (a maximum of five participants). Panelists are strongly encouraged to present topics that appeal to U.S. and Canadian members. To submit a panel, you do not need to have all of the speakers and moderators confirmed. The programming committee can work with you to source speakers and moderators for selected topics. SABA North America may also exercise discretion to add, remove, or substitute speakers.

### 5 SPEAKER EXPERTISE

Speakers should be knowledgeable and offer an interesting perspective on the proposed topic. Speakers should also have prior public speaking experience.

### 6 INTERACTIVITY AND ENGAGEMENT

We prefer panels that are designed to foster audience interaction and engagement through their format and delivery method. All programs should include a Q&A segment either throughout the program or in the final segment of the program. In addition to Q&A, you are free to implement activities, technology, and more to enhance engagement.



## COMMITMENT

If your topic is selected, you will be responsible for preparing and conducting a 75-minute CLE program (unless we advise the program is not eligible for CLE credit). We encourage moderators and speakers to meet in advance to plan and prepare their program. This will ensure sufficient content for the 75-minute period, while respecting the time limits so that the next program's speakers have ample time to set up for their program.

Please note that we plan on hosting CLE programs throughout Friday and Saturday, and scheduling depends on a confluence of factors. For this reason, we do not take requests to schedule programs for specific dates or times.

All moderators and speakers are required to register for the conference. In general, moderators and speakers are responsible for the cost of registration, travel, and lodging. SABA North America offers a limited number of stipends for speakers in public interest, government, and academia, which are based on need.

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE

All submissions must be submitted by December 13, 2024 at 8PM EST. Late submissions will not be considered. We strongly encourage you to start working on your submission as soon as possible to ensure the best possible submission. Should you need to, the submission portal allows you to save your work and return to it. But please remember to submit your completed work before the deadline.

## PROGRAM SUBMISSION TIMELINE

Program Proposals Due	December 13, 2024, 8pm EST
Notification of Acceptances	No later than February 14, 2025
Speaker Release Forms and Contact Information Due	February 28, 2025, 8pm EST
Panel Bios/Photos Due	February 28, 2025, 8pm EST
CLE Written Materials Due	May 1, 2025, 8pm EST



## SAMPLE SUBMISSION

### GETTING HOOKED: DRUG PRICING, IP & THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

#### TOPIC AREA(S): Intellectual Property, Public Interest

Data published in 2019 suggests that drug spending accounts for 10% of overall healthcare spending in the United States. Then the response to the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted some of the strengths and weaknesses of the healthcare system -- fast-tracked development and approval of multiple new vaccines, but also shortages and rationing that exacerbated racial and socioeconomic disparities in the U.S. and globally. As a result, there have been calls to let the government take over bargaining on drug pricing, require companies to waive patent protections and limit price increases. In this presentation, our panelists will explore how the pricing of pharmaceuticals is affected by intellectual property laws, regulatory requirements and sales practices, and they will discuss how recent proposals might affect the delicate balance between spurring medical innovation and ensuring broad access to the fruits of that work. Join us for this one-on-one conversation with two leaders in the field.

#### PROPOSED SPEAKERS:

Priti Krishtel, Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director, I-MAK and Charanjit Brahma, Partner, Benesch

Title is captivating and engaging.

Description is print ready and aligns with the title. The description also conveys the timeliness of the panel and highlights several interesting topic areas (intellectual property, public interest issues, etc.).

Note: this was a unique one-on-one panel. In most cases, we prefer panels of up to 4 speakers and a moderator to maximize speaking opportunities.

Proposed speakers offer diverse perspectives in many different ways.

### QUESTIONS?

If you have questions on what or how to submit, please contact Deep Singh Badheshia or Mona Shah.