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- 1. December 17 (New York):** New York Holiday Party at Ravagh
- 2. January 9 (Northern California):** New Admittees Dinner and Awards Ceremony
- 3. January 15 (San Diego):** Awards and fundraising dinner reception
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IABA AWARDS 2008-09 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Iranian American Bar Association (IABA) is proud to award its annual scholarship grant to three outstanding candidates: Arash J. Fuladian, Sara Rezvanpour, and Siavash Alavi.

As always, IABA received numerous applications from outstanding candidates for its annual scholarship, but was only able to award scholarships to a very limited few.

Sara Rezvanpour is a second year law student at UC Berkeley School of Law and serves as chair of the Middle Eastern Law Student Association and developing a paper on Iranian citizenship law. As an undergraduate student at UC Berkeley, she earned a degree in Sociology and a minor in Middle Eastern Studies and established the Women of Berkeley and Iran, a student group designed to mobilize students around women's rights, and more generally, human rights in Iran. Upon graduation, she worked for PEN USA, a literary and human rights non-profit organization, where she was involved in campaigns aimed at putting pressure on Iranian officials to release imprisoned Iranian authors and journalists.

Arash Fuladian is a fourth year law student at the University of San Diego School of Law and a graduate of the University of California, San Diego, where he received a degree in political science. After college, Arash became a San Diego Police Officer, where he served with distinction for 5.5 years. During his tenure as a police officer, Arash was involved in the investigation of numerous homicides, robberies, and gang-related crimes. Arash worked full-time during his law school, but subsequently resigned from the police department in order to focus on law school. Since resigning from his position, Arash was both a member and Executive Editor of the San Diego Law Review. He has worked as a judicial extern for the following judges: U.S. Circuit Judge M. Margaret McKeown (9th Cir.), U.S. District Judge Dana M. Sabraw (S.D. Cal.), Associate Justice Richard D. Huffman (Cal. Ct. App.), and U.S. Magistrate Judge Leo S. Papas (S.D. Cal.). Arash plans on joining Gordon & Rees LLP upon graduation.

Siavash Alavi is a first year law student at the University of Southern California, where he is a student representative on the

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Faculty Selection Committee. His legal interests are focused on litigation and international law. Siavash graduated cum laude from USC in 2006 with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration, with an emphasis in International Business. He was a Lewis A. Kingsely Foundation Scholar and a founder of the USC Entertainment Business Association. Prior to entering law school, Siavash was a consultant with Global Trade Group International. He is fluent in Farsi and Spanish.

IABA is proud that there are so many accomplished Iranian-American law students and hopes that through awarding its annual scholarship that it can encourage more students to take active leadership roles inside and outside the Iranian-American community. Congratulations to the recipients of the Fourth Annual IABA Scholarship.

IABA MEMBER HONORED AS 2008 PROMISING YOUNG ATTORNEY

The Daily Transcript honored IABA member Jonathan R. Ehtessabian as San Diego's Promising Young Attorneys in its November 26, 2008 edition. Finalists were selected based on their work ethic and commitment to further the interest of justice in society. IABA congratulates Mr. Ehtessabian on this outstanding recognition.

Mr. Ehtessabian is an associate at Neil Dymott, San Diego. His practice focus on professional liability defense. He graduated from the University of Iowa, College of Law, and worked for the Domestic Violence Unit of the San Diego City Attorney's Office, prior to joining Neil Dymott. He is also fluent in Spanish and worked as a Visiting Professor of Spanish at the University of Iowa. His interests include Latin-American history and culture, international government policy, trial law, and human rights law. His professional affiliations include the American Inns of Court - Welsh Chapter; the San Diego Association for Healthcare Risk Management; San Diego Barristers Club; San Diego Defense Lawyers; and La Raza Lawyers of San Diego.

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