We are proud to support and host the 6th Annual Fall Conference of the Asian American Bar Association of New York
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Dear AABANY Members and all attendees:

I welcome you to AABANY’s 6th Annual Fall Conference: “Charting New Frontiers.” AABANY is very excited to present this full day of valuable professional opportunities. Whether you are a 1st year law student or a seasoned practitioner, our flagship Annual Fall Conference has something for you. In addition to a full and diverse slate of CLE and non-CLE programming, our conference also features the Trial Advocacy Program, law firm pitch sessions, networking opportunities, a plenary lunch session, and for the first time, the Diversity Career Fair and Expo, where AABANY provides a forum for first round interviews and employers hosting informational tables to provide information to prospective employees.

We are grateful to be hosted this year by Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. We would like to especially thank the firm for their gracious hospitality and generous sponsorship. Over the years, AABANY and Cleary have been wonderful partners and we hope to continue to work closely with Cleary in the future.

We thank you, our members, supporters, sponsors, fellow volunteers and practicing attorneys for joining us today and sharing in one of our key events of the year. Thank you to our esteemed panelists and moderators for sharing your knowledge and expertise (as well as your time on a Saturday).

AABANY has had a very busy first half of the year. At our annual dinner, we honored Preet Bharara, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and presented him with the Public Service Leadership Award. We also honored An-Ping Hsieh, Vice President, General Counsel, Hubbell Incorporated, and presented him with the Corporate Counsel Leadership Award. Finally, we honored Jenny R. Yang, Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and presented her with the Women’s Leadership Award. We also presented the inaugural recipients of the Don H. Liu Scholars Program, Keli Huang and Michelle Li.

In May, during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, our Women’s Committee held its New York premier of “Kicking Glass From the Courtroom to the Boardroom: Two Decades and Counting,” a video project followed by panel discussion covering the hurdles APA women face in the legal profession, the successes they have achieved, and what success means to them. Our lunch plenary session today will include a screening of the video followed by a panel discussion that will seek to continue and expand the conversation.

In June, our Prosecutor’s Committee honored the family of Detective Wenjian Liu and Deputy United States Attorney for the Southern District, Joon Kim (a Cleary alum). Representatives from all five borough district attorneys offices were in attendance along with the Nassau County District Attorney’s Office and the Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget Brennan.

AABANY’s list of special individual member accomplishments is too long to enumerate here but I would like to highlight two of our long-standing members and past Annual Dinner honorees for their recent accomplishments. Parkin Lee, 2009 Dinner honoree and Advisory Committee member, was named CEO of Rockefeller Group Investment Management.

Further, Irene Chiu, 2011 Annual Dinner Honoree, Vice President and General Counsel of GCA Therapeutics, was honored by the National Diversity Council (NDC) as one of the recipients of the Most Powerful and Influential Women Award.

Looking ahead, we look forward to the NAPABA Convention in New Orleans this year (November 2015). We eagerly anticipate the rest of the AABANY year and our 2016 Annual Dinner in February 2016 (at Cipriani Wall Street).

I encourage and welcome everyone to get more involved in AABANY. Whether it is mentoring a law student, speaking on a panel, organizing a social event, or just getting involved at the committee level by planning a CLE – AABANY can provide you with valuable professional opportunities. But you have to take the first step – become a member, sign up for a committee, and get involved. Connect with us and chart your own new frontier.

Respectfully,

William Wang
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In 1988, the New York State Judicial Commission on Minorities, headed by noted African American attorney Franklin Hall Williams, examined the treatment of minority litigants and court employees. Following hearings in New York City on June 29th and 30th of that year, Rockwell Chin approached Commissioner Serene K. Nakano to discuss the need for an organization for Asian American attorneys. While Chinese and Korean American lawyer associations existed, there had never been an association of Asian American lawyers in New York.

Further impetus came when the National Asian American Bar Association (later called NAPABA) Planning Committee invited various attorneys in New York City to Chicago in October 1988. A core group, including Rockwell Chin, Glenn Ikeda, Yat T. Man, Steve Min and Serene K. Nakano, worked to found a formal association of Asian American lawyers: drafting organizational documents, reaching out to New York and nationwide bar groups, and contacting other Asian American attorneys.

Announcing AABANY’s incorporation on October 20, 1989, the group invited attorneys to an inaugural reception at New York University Law School on November 9, 1989. Among the speakers were Judge Dorothy Chin Brandt, Judge Randall Eng, Judge Peter Tom, past president of the American Immigration Law Association Benjamin Gim, Professor Sharon Hom, AALDEF Program Director Stanley Mark, and former NYPD Deputy Commissioner Hugh Mo. All of the speakers emphasized the unfulfilled need for AABANY. The reception was a resounding success, with over 180 attorneys and law students attending. Before the meeting concluded, over 60 people had joined AABANY.

AABANY, operating under an interim board during its first year, hosted further receptions, including evening social events, as well as a meeting at Brooklyn Law School at which Hoyt Zia, then the first President of NAPABA, spoke. Newly formed committees also sprang into action. The Issues Committee, co-chaired by Rockwell Chin and Marilyn Go, began research on redistricting, assisted lobbying for bias crimes legislation and spoke out against bias incidents. The Business Law Committee, co-chaired by Ken Chin and Marilyn Go, established a speaker series of prominent Asian American attorneys. The Events Committee hosted a Fall picnic. Prompted by concerns raised by law students at the picnic, Chin Fong and James Minamoto established a student mentor program, presenting a job skills workshop to help law students hone interviewing skills.

On January 12, 1991, AABANY held its first annual meeting, electing Serene Nakano, Doris Ling-Cohan, Steve Min, Glenn Ikeda and Marilyn Go as officers and Rockwell Chin, Sylvia Fung Chin, Merlin Liu, Stanley Mark, Qazi Moid and Judge Peter Tom as directors.

Now one of the most prominent and active minority bar associations in New York, AABANY has well over 1,000 active members, including practicing attorneys in the private and public sectors, in-house lawyers, judges, professors and law students.
The Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY) is proud to announce that Rockwell ‘Rocky’ Chin is the recipient of the Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer Award this year at AABANY’s Sixth Annual Fall Conference on September 19, 2015, held at the offices of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton.

Named for Norman Lau Kee, a revered legal and community pillar of New York City’s Chinatown for decades, this Trailblazer Award honors an accomplished leader in the legal profession of Asian Pacific American (APA) descent or dedicated to APA issues who has carved a path for others to follow, served the community as a mentor and role model, and has made a lasting impact on the APA community through his or her dedication and commitment.

Rocky is an attorney and a community activist. He has extensive experience working with the Asian American community and civil rights issues.

His work in the Asian American community has included: creating and teaching some of the first Asian American studies courses in the country; creating a bilingual childcare program for immigrant families; and coordinating the Asian Pacific American Heritage Festival in New York City. Rocky was a founding member of AABANY’s Board of Directors in 1989. He has also played an integral part in the early formation of organizations such as Asian American Law Fund of New York and Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance.

Rocky’s experience in civil rights spans decades. He has held several leadership positions, such as Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Community Relations at the New York City Commission on Human Rights. He has helped New York City make significant strides in the areas of immigration, labor, and disability rights.

Rocky served as Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity & Diversity at the New York State Division of Human Rights from April 2007 through April 2015. He is currently the EEO investigator at the New York State Insurance Fund.

“In the more than quarter century since AABANY was founded, very few who are still active in AABANY today can claim that they were there at the beginning. Rocky Chin is one of those rare individuals,” says William Wang, President of AABANY. “Through his community activism and involvement, Rocky has not only blazed a trail for us; he reminds us of AABANY’s roots in the community and continues to promote AABANY’s community ties. Rocky will never let us forget that we must continue to advocate for APAs and other under-represented groups in New York. With the Trailblazer Award we honor and recognize Rocky’s leadership, achievements and lasting legacy.”
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Panel Session 1A-1D

1A – JUSTICE FOR ALL: LGBT CIVIL RIGHTS AND THE API COMMUNITY

Panel will survey some of the most recent developments in securing the rights and equality for LGBT people by reviewing the state of same-sex marriage, educational issues and school bullying, religious exemptions, immigration, gentrification issues impacting communities of color, and housing/employment non-discrimination protections. Presentation will emphasize the impact on Asian Americans and other people of color.

SPEAKERS —
Clement Lee, Esq.
Staff Attorney, Immigration Equality
Tom Lepak, Esq.
Senior Trial Attorney, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Hayley Gorenberg, Esq.
Deputy Legal Director, Lambda Legal
Eugene Chen, Esq.
Equal Justice Works Fellow, New York Legal Assistance Group

MODERATOR —
Glenn D. Magpantay, Esq.
AABANY LGBT Committee Chair, Executive Director, National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance (NQAPIA)

1B – BANKRUPTCY ISSUES FOR COMMERCIAL LITIGATORS

Panel will introduce key bankruptcy issues that every commercial litigator should be able to spot and know, including the strategic use of adversary’s bankruptcy; “land mines” that litigators need to know; and obtaining discovery. Panelists will also discuss evolving “hot topics” on issues such as jurisdiction and venue.

SPEAKERS —
Richard J. Corbi, Esq.
Term Law Clerk to Hon. Alan S. Trust, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York
James P. Chou, Esq.
Partner, Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP
Adam Novick
Regional Director of Business Development, Planet Data Solutions

MODERATOR —
Jessica Liou, Esq.
Senior Associate, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

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Vincent Roldan
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Hosted by AABANY Commercial Bankruptcy & Restructuring Committee and AABANY Litigation Committee
CLE: 1.5 credits, Areas of Professional Practice, Transitional/Non- Transitional

1C – 2015 TAX HIGHLIGHTS: EMERGING FEDERAL TAX AND SALT ISSUES

This year ushered in several key federal and state tax developments, creating both opportunities and risks for taxpayers. As a result, now is the ideal time to discuss emerging issues and trends in the area of tax. This panel will focus on several key federal and state tax developments, including U.S. trade or business issues relating to loan origination activities in the U.S.; corporate inversions and their tax consequences; and state legislative updates in Connecticut and New York.

SPEAKERS —
JoonBeom Pae, Esq.
AABANY Tax Committee Co-Chair, Special Counsel, Jenner & Block LLP
Sahang-Hee Hahn, Esq.
AABANY Tax Committee Co-Chair, Assistant Vice President & Counsel, MassMutual Financial Group
Amish Shah, Esq.
NAPABA Tax Committee Chair, Partner, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP
Jeff J. Kang, Esq.
AABANY Tax Committee Peer Group Mentor, Associate, Seward & Kissel LLP

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AABANY Tax Committee Peer Group Mentor, Morrison & Foerster LLP

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1D – EXPLORING IN-HOUSE LEGAL AND NON-LEGAL PATHS

The discussion will focus on legal and non-legal in-house career paths. In addition to the traditional in-house legal positions, the panel will explore non-legal in-house positions in areas such as compliance, quasi-business and legal (non-practicing) positions within business units and other alternative career paths. The panelists will identify issues related to training and experience prior to going in-house, legal and non-legal skills to develop once in-house, and advancement.

SPEAKERS —
Jeff Ikejiri, Esq.
Director-Legal & Regulatory, RGP
Tahmina Choudhury Rajib, Esq.
Director, PAS Compliance, Park Avenue Securities, GLIC
Panel Session 1D-2C

Last November, President Obama announced his plans for an executive action that would have given Deferred Action to millions of undocumented parents and youths; however, a federal court in Western Texas blocked that executive action earlier this year. This panel will discuss that litigation as well as developments in legislation for relatives of U.S. military veterans, ICE detainers in NYC, and work authorization for new classes of immigrants.

SPEAKERS —

Amanda J. Bernardo, Esq.
AABANY Immigration Committee Co-Chair, Brandes & Associates, LLC
Rio Guerrero, Esq.
AABANY Immigration Committee Co-Chair, Partner, Guerrero Yee LLP

SPEAKERS —

Melissa Chua, Esq.
Supervising Attorney, Immigrant Protection New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)
Annie Wang, Esq.
Staff Attorney, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)

MODERATOR —

Tsui Yee, Esq.
AABANY Immigration Committee Co-Chair, Partner, Guerrero Yee LLP

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AABANY In-House Counsel Committee Co-Chair, Director and Senior Counsel, Natixis North America LLC

PROGRAM CHAIR —

Amanda J. Bernardo
AABANY Immigration and Nationality Law Committee, Brandes & Associates, LLC

2A – HOT TOPICS IN IMMIGRATION LAW – WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF EXECUTIVE ACTION, AND OTHER IMMIGRATION MEASURES?

In order to chart new frontiers, we need to make more APA equity partners at large firms and have more APA attorneys promoted to the GC level in-house. Panel is designed to give mid-level to senior attorneys practical advice from folks who have “been there” and “done that” and is also useful for junior attorneys wanting to plan ahead for their careers.

SPEAKERS —

Cyna Alderman, Esq.
Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Daily News
Divya Jayachandran, Esq.
Counsel at NBCUniversal
Ravi Sitwala, Esq.
Senior Counsel, Hearst Corporation, Office of General Counsel

MODERATOR —

Steve Chung, Esq.
AABANY Director, Senior VP of News, NBCUniversal

2C – LEGAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE CONTINUING EVOLUTION OF MEDIA

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SPEAKERS —

Helen Ong, Esq.
Compliance and Privacy Executive
Michael Boyd, Esq.
Managing Director and the head of the Infrastructure, Power and Utilities team at NYL Investors LLC, a subsidiary of New York Life

SPEAKERS —

Susan L. Shin, Esq.
AABANY President-Elect, Partner, Arnold & Porter LLP

MODERATOR —

Lawrence G. Wee, Esq.
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2C – LEGAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE CONTINUING EVOLUTION OF MEDIA

The way that we create, consume and distribute media is now in a state of constant change. There has never been a period of time in our history where business models have been so rapidly disrupted by the introduction of new technology and ideas. And there has never been a time where lawyers are so necessary to navigate how businesses adapt and innovate.

SPEAKERS —

Cyna Alderman, Esq.
Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Daily News
Divya Jayachandran, Esq.
Counsel at NBCUniversal
Ravi Sitwala, Esq.
Senior Counsel, Hearst Corporation, Office of General Counsel

MODERATOR —

Steve Chung, Esq.
AABANY Director, Senior VP of News, NBCUniversal
Panel Session 2C-3B

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2D – PATHWAYS TO THE JUDICIARY

Join us for a large panel discussion as both state and federal members of the judiciary present their own paths to the bench. The panel presentation will be followed up with an informal meet and greet where members of the audience will be allowed to approach the judges with questions regarding their own individual path to the bench. This event is open to all Fall Conference attendees.

SPEAKERS —
Hon. John Lansden
New York City Housing Court

Hon. Doris Ling-Cohan
New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Term, First Department

Hon. Kiyo Matsumoto
United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York

Hon. Delissa Ridgway
United States Court of International Trade

Hon. Noel Brennan
New York City Immigration Court (in her personal capacity)

MODERATOR —
Peggy Kuo, Esq.
Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel, New York City Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings

2E – CANDID ADVICE FROM RECENT LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES

This panel will offer candid advice from recent law school graduates (2010-2015) who obtained employment outside the on-campus recruitment process. Panelists will discuss the importance of networking and how law students can take charge of their own career.

SPEAKERS —
Charles Chen, Esq.
Legal Counsel, HICKIES

Gigio Ninan, Esq.
Managing Principal, Shankar Ninan & Co.

Parag Parekh, Esq.
Associate, Schwartz Sladkus Reich Greenberg Atlas LLP

MODERATOR —
Jaclyn Sitjar, Esq.
AABANY Student Outreach Committee Co-Chair, Senior Practice Development Specialist, Ropes & Gray LLP

2B – TOUCHING THE NEW YORK CITY SKYLINE AND HOW TO BUILD A HIGH RISE CONDOMINUM

Program will cover how to build a new condominium in New York City from beginning to the end and how old buildings, empty lots, blighted areas in areas such as Williamsburg, the Bronx, Long Island City, etc. have come to life with new condo development creating new and vibrant neighborhoods.

SPEAKERS —
Hon. Toko Serita
New York City Criminal Court, Queens County

Amanda Kramer, Esq.
Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York

Jessica Melton, Esq.
Assistant District Attorney, Queens County

Rosie Wang, Esq.
Legal Fellow, Sanctuary for Families

PROGRAM CHAIR —
James Lin, Esq.
Assistant District Attorney, New York County District Attorney's Office

3A – HUMAN TRAFFICKING: MODERN DAY PROSECUTION & LAW ENFORCEMENT STRATEGIES

An update on human trafficking and how changes in the law and changes in public perception and opinion have modified how these types of cases are investigated and prosecuted. We will also discuss the new challenges that face law enforcement today due to technological advances.

SPEAKERS —
Marissa Piesman, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General, Former Bureau Chief and Special Counsel, Real Estate Finance Bureau of the New York State Attorney General's Office

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Panel Session 3E-4B

3E – NAVIGATING THE JOB SEARCH PROCESS

This panel will cover topics including interviewing, career planning, networking, and utilizing various bar associations and organizations for law students to jump-start their career.

SPEAKERS —
Emily L. Chang, Esq.
Law Clerk, Hon. Kiyo A. Matsumoto, USDJ, EDNY (2011-12)
Dennis Hopkins, Esq.
AABANY Advisory Board Member, Partner, Perkins Coie LLP
William Wang, Esq.
AABANY President, New York State Assistant Attorney General (Charities Bureau)

MODERATOR —
Paula T. Edgar, Esq.
Principal of PGE, LLC, President-Elect of Metropolitan Black Bar Association

PROGRAM CHAIR —
Keli Huang
Don H. Liu Scholar

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4A – AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, NEGATIVE ACTION, & NEUTRAL ACTION: IMPACT ON ADMISSIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

The panel will focus on Asian Americans and Affirmative Action in higher education admissions. In anticipation of Fisher vs. University of Texas, which the Supreme Court has decided to reconsider next term, it is a particularly timely subject to consider. Asian Americans have been caught in the “middle” almost from the start of the Affirmative Action debate. Should we oppose the policy if it lowers Asian American enrollment? Should we support it because we are part of a broader minority coalition? Or can we have it both ways? This panel will be an opportunity to learn more about the subject from two articulate thinkers on the topic.

SPEAKERS —
Lee Cheng, Esq.
Chief Legal Officer, SVP of Corporate Development and Corporate Secretary, Newegg.com
Elizabeth R. OuYang, Esq.
Adjunct Professor, Columbia University and New York University

MODERATOR —
Christopher M. Kwok, Esq.
AABANY Labor & Employment Law Co-Chair and Mediation Unit Supervisor at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

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4B – INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION AND PERSPECTIVES ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN NEW YORK AND ASIA

In the growing field of international arbitration, Asian Americans are well-positioned to be successful practitioners, both as advocates and as arbitrators. This session will provide an introduction to this vibrant and specialized area of practice. The panel also will share their knowledge of emerging trends in Asia and New York that any lawyer seeking to better understand this field will want to know.

SPEAKERS —
Theodore Cheng, Esq.
Partner, Fox Horan & Camerini LLP
Tong Wang, Esq.
Partner, Rosensteel Law
Liang-Ying Tan, Esq.
Associate, Herbert Smith Freehills New York LLP
Christian P. Alberti, Esq.
AVP/Director, American Arbitration Association

MODERATOR —
Allison M. Alcasabas, Esq.
Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills New York LLP

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5A – AN INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION AND SELECTION OF AN APPOINTED ARBITRATOR

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Panel Session 4C-4D

4C – THE NEW FRONTIERS OF PATENT LAW: CHANGING STANDARDS AND NEW CHALLENGES

Recent decisions from the Federal Circuit and Supreme Court have tackled a variety of key issues, including the ability to challenge a patent's validity, the patent eligibility of software and business methods, the standard for patent indefiniteness, and the standard for awarding attorneys’ fees. In the new landscape, one in which the eligibility – and hence validity – of many patents has been thrown into question by the Supreme Court’s Alice and Myriad cases, and where challenging the validity of patents at the Patent Office has proven quite successful, patentees and challenges alike must reconsider their litigation, monetization and prosecution strategies and develop approaches to address these changes. The panel will provide practical strategies for navigating the changing patent landscape and best practices for charting a pathway for their clients and organizations in face of these changes.

SPEAKERS —
Matthew Michaels, Esq.
Corporate Counsel – Litigation, MetLife
Karen Shen, Esq.
Corporate Counsel, Pfizer
Joseph Casino, Esq.
Partner, Wiggin and Dana LLP

MODERATOR —
Sapna Palla, Esq.
AABANY Women’s Committee Co-Chair,
Partner, Wiggin and Dana, LLP

4D – IN-HOUSE COUNSEL FORUM (INVITE ONLY)

Open discussion by participating in-house counsels on a variety of issues as well as opportunity to connect with other in-house attorneys.

PROGRAM CHAIR —
Duane Morikawa
AABANY In-House Counsel Committee Co-Chair, Director and Senior Counsel, Natixis North America LLC

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Lunch Plenary Session

Addressing the important question of what it means to be an Asian American female attorney, Kicking Glass: Two Decades and Counting is a groundbreaking follow-up program to AABANY’s video first presented twenty years ago at the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (“NAPABA”) Convention in 1995.

The first Kicking Glass video in 1995 discussed the position of Asian American women in the legal profession and featured several Asian American women lawyers who discussed the hurdles they faced, the successes they achieved, and what success meant to them. Among the issues addressed in the video were the “Asian woman” stereotype, how to get recognition for one’s work, parity in the workplace, and achieving a work/life balance. Kicking Glass: Two Decades and Counting examines those same questions twenty years later, exploring both how far Asian American female attorneys have advanced and how much more progress needs to be made. Kicking Glass: Two Decades and Counting features both women from the 1995 video and other Asian American women attorneys in different stages of their legal careers.

Following the video will be a panel discussion to elaborate on the perspectives of those attorneys and identify what challenges remain.

SPEAKERS —
Hon. Doris Ling-Cohan
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Sandra Leung, Esq.
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company

Clara J. Ohr, Esq.
AABANY Past President, Legal Counsel and Compliance Officer, LUKOIL Pan Americas, LLC

Ryan Park, Esq.
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Saira Haider, Esq.
Associate, Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider LLP

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Trial Advocacy Program (TAP)

Now in its 4th year, AABANY TAP will provide participants the opportunity to conduct their own openings, directs, cross-examinations, and closings and receive critique from our trained faculty. The TAP emulates the well-known NITA (National Institute for Trial Advocacy) Trial Skills programs, which is typically a week-long program that employs the “learning-by-doing” method by having attendees practice and improve upon their trial advocacy skills. A faculty of experienced trial attorneys and judges will discuss the basics of trial and provide personalized and invaluable critique and tips. In the past years, U.S. District Court Judges Pamela K. Chen and Lorna G. Schofield, and Supreme Court Justices Doris Ling-Cohan and Jeffrey K. Oing have served as TAP keynote speakers.

This year, we are proud to welcome U.S. District Judge Kiyo A. Matsumoto as our keynote speaker.

Confirmed faculty members include veteran trial lawyers:

- Kevin F. Murphy, Esq., Garson Segal Steinmetz Fladgate LLP
- Anna R. Mercado Clark, Esq., Phillips Lytle LLP
- Yasuhiro Saito, Esq., Saito Sorenson Lurie LLP
- Umar A. Sheikh, Esq., Of Counsel, Mandelbaum Salsburg P.C.
- Tristan C. Loanzon, Esq., Loanzon LLP
- Samuel Yee, Esq.
- Joe Gim, Esq., Chief of the Crime Strategies Unit for the Richmond County District Attorney’s Office (Staten Island)
- Concepcion Montoya, Esq., Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP
- David Mou, Esq., Assistant Corporation Counsel, Labor and Employment Division at the New York City Law Department
- Rodney Villazor, Esq., Partner, DLA Piper
- Steve Madra, Esq., The Madra Law Firm
- Vinoo Varghese, Esq., Varghese & Assocs. P.C.
- Victor Olds, Esq., Lecturer-in Law, Columbia Law School
- Susan Halatyn, New York City Law Department.

TAP participants will be assigned a partner in advance of the Fall Conference. They will receive the course materials before the program and are expected to be fully familiar with them. A directory of faculty and participants (and identification of who will be partnered together) will be emailed to participants. It is mandatory for participants to have thoroughly reviewed the course materials, coordinate, and prepare on their own AND with their partner prior to the Fall Conference.

AABANY is certified by the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board as an Accredited CLE Provider. This program has been approved in accordance with the requirements of the CLE Board for a maximum of 6 credit hours toward the Skills requirement. This program is suitable for both transitional and non-transitional New York attorneys.
Pitch Sessions

AABANY’s Corporate Law Committee and In-House Counsel Committee are proud to present the Pitch Sessions at the 2015 Fall Conference, which provide participants an opportunity to engage in live pitch sessions to in-house counsel who have indicated a need for outside legal services. This event also provides a benefit to in-house counsel by offering them an efficient platform for meeting qualified outside legal service providers.

For the first time, the Pitch Sessions will also be opened to legal service providers who are Elite or Gold Sponsors of this year’s Fall Conference and who will have an opportunity to pitch their services to participating in-house counsel and/or law firm attorneys.

Law firms and legal service providers seeking to participate in the Pitch Sessions are pre-screened by in-house counsel and/or law firm attorneys, as applicable, based on their hiring needs and selected firms and legal service providers are invited to join one or more pitch sessions at the 2015 Fall Conference. This year, we successfully matched law firms and legal service providers with one or more of the following participating companies:

- Heraeus Incorporated
- IBM
- Joy Systems, Inc
- LUKOIL Pan Americas, LLC
- MetLife
- Moelis & Company
- Natixis North America LLC
- NBCUniversal
- The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.
- World Class Capital Group

We at AABANY sincerely thank all in-house counsel, law firm attorneys and legal service providers who participated and helped make this year’s Pitch Sessions a success.
AABANY’s Career Placement Committee is hosting its inaugural Diversity Career Fair and Expo at the 2015 Fall Conference. The Diversity Career Fair will feature selected public sector and corporate sector employers who will host informational sessions, meet and greet interested applicants, and in some instances, conduct first round on-site interviews. In addition, attendees will have an opportunity to meet members of AABANY’s Career Placement Committee and receive career advice as well as learn more about other job openings.

AABANY’s Career Placement Committee was formed to match qualified AABANY members with available legal positions. The Committee runs the AABANY Career Exchange which serves as a clearinghouse for all legal positions brought to its attention and proactively seeks to match qualified AABANY candidates with such open positions. AABANY members who are aware of open legal positions or who are actively seeking or considering seeking a new position are encouraged to contact Committee Co-Chairs.

The Career Placement Committee Co-Chairs are Robert W. Leung, Michael Park and Irene Tan. Please contact the Career Placement Committee by emailing careers@aabany.org.

**Employers Conducting First Round Interviews On Site:**
- Bronx County District Attorney’s Office
- Kings County District Attorney’s Office
- Nassau County District Attorney’s Office
- New York County District Attorney’s Office
- New York City Law Department
- Queens County District Attorney’s Office
- Success Academy Charter Schools

**Employers Attending and Hosting Informational Tables:**
- Bronx County District Attorney’s Office
- Eastern District of New York, US Attorney’s Office (Civil Division)
- Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)
- International Business Machines Corporation (IBM)
- JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- Kings County District Attorney’s Office
- Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY
- Legal Services NYC (represented by Manhattan Legal Services and Queens Legal Services)
- Manhattan Legal Services
- MassMutual Financial Group
- Mental Hygiene Legal Service
- NBCUniversal
- Office of the New York State Attorney General
- Queens County District Attorney’s Office
- Queens Legal Services
- RGP Legal
- Richmond County District Attorney’s Office
- Southern District of New York, US Attorney’s Office
- Success Academy Charter Schools
- U.S. Navy JAG Corps
Biographies

CHRISTIAN P. ALBERTI

Christian P. Alberti is the AVP/Director of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), the international division of the American Arbitration Association (AAA). He supervises the ICDR’s staff and center management activities and oversees hundreds of large complex multi-party arbitrations and mediations covering all types of disputes and industries each year. Prior to joining the ICDR in 2005, Christian headed the Italian Desk of a mid-size law firm in Germany.

Christian is the former President and Honorary Member of the Alumni Association of the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (MAA). He is regularly invited to speak at international conferences and guest lectures at various law schools about international arbitration and mediation in the United States and abroad. He successfully coaches New York University’s Vis Moot Team since 2007 and its Foreign Direct Investment Moot Team since 2008. He is an associate of Pace University’s Institute of International Commercial Law, a founding member of the International Arbitration Club of New York as well as a member of various international ADR associations.

After studies at the Philipps-University of Marburg, the German University for Administrative Sciences Speyer (DHV) and the University of Queensland he was admitted to practice law in Germany in 2003 and in the State of New York in 2011. He obtained an LL.M. from Tulane University Law School in 2002.

He speaks fluent English, German, Italian and has basic knowledge of French.

ALLISON M. ALCASABAS

Allison is a partner in the Herbert Smith Freehills New York office who recently returned to the United States after working for over a year with the dispute resolution team in the firm’s Hong Kong office.

Allison has over two decades of experience in advising and defending global clients involved in complex commercial litigation throughout the United States and internationally. She has defended lawsuits brought by individual plaintiffs, class action plaintiffs, consumer groups, healthcare providers and governmental entities involving claims for personal injury, consumer fraud and economic damages. She has represented clients in the consumer products, oil and gas, banking and aviation industries, among others.

While in Hong Kong, Allison focused on corporate crime and investigations work, advising multinational clients in connection with internal and regulatory investigations arising under international anti-corruption and anti-bribery laws, as well as “whistleblower” complaints.

Allison’s experience includes litigating actions around the US, including multiple trials involving multimillion dollar claims in New York, Missouri, and Washington State. She has litigated foreign cases in both civil law and common law jurisdictions, and led the teams that obtained case dismissals in countries such as France, Spain, Italy, Ireland, the Netherlands, Finland, Russia, Sri Lanka and Israel.

Allison is admitted to practice in federal and state courts in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Washington State, and in the federal district court of the District of Columbia. She is a member of the American Bar Association and the Asian American Bar Association of New York.

CYNAL ALDERMAN

Cyna Alderman is a senior executive team member valued for conceptualizing and implementing corporate development initiatives and legal partnership opportunities, creating innovative solutions for success. In 2013, Cyna successfully launched the Daily News Innovation Lab, a program with a mission to transform media together. The Innovation Lab offers early-stage startups the opportunity to collaborate with the Daily News on projects that address media industry needs. The Innovation Lab also hosts Conversations, a bi-monthly event series that brings together members of the tech and business communities to discuss the changing media landscape. Cyna has been the Company’s Senior Vice President and General Counsel since 2007, appointed after working for the Daily News and its affiliated companies in positions of increasing responsibility since 2001. Prior to joining the Daily News, Cyna was a corporate associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett specializing in mergers & acquisitions and securities. Cyna is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and New York University Law School.
Yao Bailey focuses her real estate practice on commercial leasing, commercial and residential acquisitions and construction contracts. Her clients include owners, architects and contractors, as well as cooperative and condominium boards. Bailey also advises clients on state architecture licensing, the establishment and operation of various types of corporate entities and their organizational documents and certain related employment and immigration matters.

A native speaker of Mandarin, Bailey was previously a practicing lawyer in China. Admitted to practice law in New York since 1999, she assists U.S. architectural firms in establishing their Chinese operations, negotiating design contracts with Chinese owners and registering trademarks in China. She also represents Chinese clients in the U.S. in connection with real estate purchases and commercial leasing.

Bailey earned her LL.M. in Asian and Comparative Law from the University of Washington School of Law, and she received her LL.B. in international economic law from Peking University School of Law in Beijing. She often presents seminars and workshops on real estate, construction and architectural law.

AMANDA J. BERNARDO

Amanda is a second-year Associate Attorney in a small firm, Brandes & Associates, LLC, which specializes in Immigration and Nationality Law. As a blossoming attorney, she has honed her skills defending immigrants from removal. Prior to joining Brandes & Associates, LLC, Amanda spent one year handling all immigration matters in a general practice firm also located in Manhattan. Amanda graduated in 2012 from Brooklyn Law School, where she was a member of the Moot Court Honors Society Trial Advocacy Division. Amanda earned her baccalaureate degree from American University in Washington, DC, where she graduated summa cum laude with honors.

MICHAEL BOYD

Michael Boyd is a Managing Director and the head of the Infrastructure, Power and Utilities team at NYL Investors LLC, a subsidiary of New York Life. Michael joined New York Life in 2004 and previously served in its Office of the General Counsel. Prior to joining the company, he was an attorney with Latham & Watkins LLP and Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, with a focus on project finance. He has been active in the private placement market for 17 years.

Michael holds a B.A. from Earlham College and a J.D. from Georgetown University.

HON. NOEL BRENnan

Judge Brennan was appointed to the United States Immigration Court in New York in August 2003. Prior to that she served for 3 years on the Board of Immigration Appeals, the highest administrative body for reviewing immigration decisions. From 1993 to 2000 she served as a political appointee under Attorney General Janet Reno as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs. From 1987 until 1993 Judge Brennan was an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia. She is a 1985 graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center where she served on the adjunct faculty for 10 years. After law school, Judge Brennan clerked for Magistrate/Judge Patrick Attridge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. She is a member of the New York and DC bars.

Since moving to NYC in 2003 she has been a member of various bar associations including The Bar Association of the City of New York and the Lesbian & Gay Law Association of Greater New York (LeGal). Judge Brennan is the pro bono coordinator for 26 Federal and Varick Street immigration courts. She is a member of the New York Federal Bar Council (FBC) Public Service Committee and FBC Inn of Court and serves on the Study Group for Immigrant Justice established in 2008 by the Honorable Robert Katzmann. Since 2003 Judge Brennan has been a member of the Adjunct Faculty at Fordham Law School.
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Conlyn is a true global citizen. She was born in Canada, raised in Taiwan, and educated in the US, Canada, Taiwan, and China. Having practiced law in both the US and China, she is now on the transactional side. Conlyn is the Senior Vice President of Starbridge Commercial. She advises both domestic and international clients, including developers, private equity firms, pension funds, family offices, and REITs.

She was active with the Asian American Bar – DC chapter since law school. She started her law career as a litigator in New York. Conlyn was nominated for the “Best of Best” Award at Metlife Insurance for her excellence in negotiation and advocacy. Conlyn returned to Asia in 2007 and studied Chinese law at Fudan University. She joined Hogan Lovell’s Shanghai office in the real estate group.

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Prior to joining HICKIES, Charles completed his fellowship at the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, where he provided advice to low-income artists and non-profits on intellectual property matters. The New York State Bar Association’s IP Law Section selected Charles as the recipient of the 2013 Miriam Maccoby Netter Fellowship. In addition, he also clerked at the U.S. Copyright Office in Washington, D.C. and served as a law clerk to the late Hon. Albert Sheppard Jr. in the Philadelphia Commerce Court.

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Mr. Cheng’s work has been recognized in election to the Consumer Electronics Association’s Board of Industry Leaders, with an In-House Impact Award by The Recorder (2015), by selection by the National Law Journal as one of America’s 50 Outstanding General Counsel (2014) and one of 50 IP Pioneers and Trailblazers (2014). In addition, Mr. Cheng was selected as a Top In-House Counsel by the Daily Journal (2013), was awarded the Vanguard Award from the State Bar of California’s IP Section (2013), and was chosen as a NAPABA Best Lawyer Under 40 (2009). In 2011, Mr. Cheng received the NYU-Polytechnic Innovation Award.

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In addition to commercial litigation work, Mr. Chou served as pro bono counsel for the New York County Democratic Committee in Lopez Torres v. New York State Board of Elections, a First Amendment associational rights case involving the constitutionality of New York’s convention system for nominating judicial candidates for the state’s Supreme Court, which was profiled in the New York Law Journal as one of the “Top Ten Cases of 2014.” In connection with the case, he tried a multi-day evidentiary hearing before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York and was integrally involved in appeals to the 2nd Circuit and the United States Supreme Court, which rendered a unanimous decision upholding the convention system in January 2008.

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Her professional experiences include serving as the inaugural Chief Diversity Officer at New York Law School, the Associate Director of Career Services and member of the Diversity Council at Seton Hall University School of Law, and as the Executive Director of Practicing Attorneys for Law Students Program, Inc. (PALS), a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing diversity in the legal profession and providing mentoring, academic support, and networking opportunities to law students and junior attorneys of color. Paula practiced in the Law Enforcement Division of the New York City Commission on Human Rights.

For more than a decade, Paula has demonstrated leadership in the areas of diversity and inclusion. Currently active with a number of organizations and social justice initiatives, she serves as the President-Elect of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association, the immediate past Chair of the New York City Bar Association’s Diversity Pipeline Initiatives Committee and as a 2015 Council of Urban Professionals (CUP) Fellow.

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From 2009 - 2013, Mr. Finn was Vice President and General Counsel of General Dynamics’ Advanced Information Systems subsidiary. Before that, he was Vice President, General Counsel and Director of Ethics and Export Compliance at General Dynamics United Kingdom. From 2002 to 2005, Mr. Finn served as Senior Counsel for General Dynamics Corporation. Between 1999 and 2002 he was General Counsel and Vice President, Sideware Inc. and Associate General Counsel and Senior Director of Business Affairs, Teligent Inc. Prior to those roles, Mr. Finn worked in several positions most notably including as an Associate at Willkie, Farr & Gallagher and as an Attorney at the Office of the General Counsel at the FCC. Mr. Finn clerked for Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr. on the Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit from 1993-94 and the year before that he was law clerk to Chief Bankruptcy Judge Conrad B. Duberstein (EDNY). Mr. Finn earned a B.S. in Finance cum laude from Indiana University and obtained his J.D. cum laude from New York University’s School of Law.
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Gorenberg advocates, writes and speaks widely on cutting-edge issues, including the rights of young people in schools and the need to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline, the rights of transgender people, hate crime laws, relationship rights for same-sex couples, workplace fairness and HIV-related issues. Her work has been featured in the New York Times, USA Today, wire services such as the Associated Press, Salon.com and the Huffington Post. She has appeared as a commentator and featured guest on Talk of the Nation, On Point, The Takeaway, MSNBC and Fox News.

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Mr. Guerrero is an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), where he is one of eight members appointed to serve on the National Committee on Health Care Professionals. He founded and currently Co-Chairs the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY) Immigration and Nationality Law Committee, and he is a member of the Corporate Immigration Committee and the U.S. Department of Labor Committee for the AILA-New York Chapter.

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Prior to the Attorney General's Office, she served as a Law Clerk to Judge Sheila A. Venable and worked in private practice at the law firm of Santamaria and Associates. She also served as a consultant to the Open Society Justice Initiative and as staff attorney to the Benjamin N. Cardozo Human Rights and Genocide Clinic.

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Katherine is a 2009 graduate of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and a 2004 graduate of the University of California, Berkeley.

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Jeff is a mentor for the Tiger Woods Foundation, works with Kidsave (a non-profit that focuses on finding homes for teenage orphans), and was formerly on the Board of Governors for the Japanese American Bar Association. He recently relocated to New York from RGP’s Los Angeles office.

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CHRISTINE TOY JOHNSON

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Christine was the Executive Producer and Co-Director with her husband, filmmaker Bruce Johnson, of TRANSCENDING – THE WAT MISAKA STORY, the award-winning documentary feature film about Japanese American basketball star Wat Misaka, the first person of color to be drafted into what is now the NBA by the 1947 New York Knicks.

An anthology of her written work was inducted into the Library of Congress Asian Pacific American Performing Arts Collection in 2010. She is an alumna of the BMI Lehman Engel Musical Theatre Writing Workshop and founder of The Asian American Composers & Lyricists Project.

Christine was honored by the JACL in 2010 for “exemplary leadership and dedication”, received the “Wai Look Award for Service in the Arts” from the Asian American Arts Alliance in 2012, and the Rosetta LeNoire Award for “outstanding artistic contributions to the universality of the human spirit in American theatre” from Actors’ Equity Association, in 2013.

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In 2013, Ms. Kan was named one of The New York Law Journal’s inaugural class of Rising Stars. Also in 2013, she was named one of the MCCA’s Rising Stars. In 2012, she was named one of NAPABA’s Best Lawyers Under 40.

Ms. Kan attended Yale University and received her J.D. from NYU Law School. She has co-authored two women’s fiction novels published by St. Martin’s Press, China Dolls and Young, Restless and Broke.

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Mr. Kang joined the firm in 1996 and became a partner in 2003. He received a J.D. degree, cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1993 and an undergraduate degree, summa cum laude, from Yale University in 1990.

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Mr. Kang is a member of the Bar of New York. He is fluent in Korean.

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Amanda Kramer has been an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York since 2008, where she serves as the Office’s Human Trafficking Coordinator and prosecutes human traffickers and criminal organizations as a member of the Office’s Violent and Organized Crime Unit. She was recently promoted to Senior Litigation Counsel. In addition to being the Office’s Human Trafficking Coordinator, I am now also the Project Safe Childhood Coordinator.

Prior to the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Ms. Kramer practiced litigation at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler and Weil Gotshal. From 2004 through 2005, Ms. Kramer served as a law clerk to the Honorable Loretta A. Preska, Chief United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. She is a 2003 graduate of the Fordham University School of Law, where she also serves as an Adjunct Professor in Advanced Trial Advocacy.

In 2014, Ms. Kramer was recognized as one of New York’s New Abolitionists by Sanctuary for Families and the New York State Anti-Trafficking Coalition. In May 2015, Ms. Kramer was named Top Prosecutor by the organization Women in Federal Law Enforcement for her work on human trafficking.

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Previously, Ms. Kuo was Chief Hearing Officer at the New York Stock Exchange, where she presided over hearings regarding violations of federal securities laws and NYSE rules. As Counsel at WilmerHale, she represented corporate, financial and not-for-profit clients in litigation and investigations. She also served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia and as Acting Deputy Chief of the Civil Rights Division Criminal Section at the U.S. Department of Justice, conducting federal trials and grand jury proceedings involving civil rights violations, including policy brutality, hate crimes, and church arson. She clerked for Hon. Judith W. Rogers, then Chief Judge of the DC Court of Appeals.

From 1998 to 2002, Ms. Kuo was a prosecutor with the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague, where she investigated and prosecuted war crimes and crimes against humanity.

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Chris began his career as a volunteer Mediator with the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Unit at the EEOC’s New York District Office, where he also worked as a Federal Investigator. Mr. Kwok coauthored an essay in the January 2008 issue of the Fordham Urban Law Journal: “Barriers to Participation: Challenges Faced by Members of Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Groups in Entering, Remaining, and Advancing in the ADR Field.”

Mr. Kwok graduated from UCLA Law School, where he served on the Asian American Pacific Islander Law Journal, and from Cornell University, where he majored in Government and minored in Asian American studies. He is also a graduate of Stuyvesant High School.

HON. JOHN LANSDEN

The Honorable John S. Lansden received his B.A. from Connecticut College in 1988 and his J.D. from St. John’s University School of Law in 1991. Before becoming a judge, he practiced primarily in the areas of real estate litigation, landlord-tenant law and loft law. Between 1995 and 2001, he served as the Owners’ Representative to the New York City Loft Board. After being appointed to the bench in 2003, he sat in Kings, Queens, Richmond, and New York counties in both trial and resolution parts. He was appointed Supervising Judge of the Housing Court for Queens County since December 2012. He is a Board Member of the Asian American Judges Association of New York and a Member of the Alumni Board for St. John’s University School of Law. Judge Lansden has participated in panels for the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the Asian American Bar Association of New York, and the Asian American Judges Association of New York. He has lectured for the Judicial Institute, the Jack Newton Lerner Lecture Series, the Brooklyn Bar Association, and the Association of the Bar of City of New York. He is a frequent judge for the National Intercollegiate Mock Trial Tournament and the Legal Outreach Program.

CLEMENT LEE

Clement Lee, a staff attorney at Immigration Equality, directly represents both detained and non-detained LGBT asylum seekers in immigration court. Immigration Equality’s clients from Asia include asylum seekers from the People’s Republic of China, Indonesia, Malaysia, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Kazakhstan, among others. Clem also advocates with Immigration and Customs Enforcement for detention policy reform for LGBT and HIV positive immigrants on issues related to detainee housing, medical care, and sexual assault prevention. Based out of Immigration Equality’s office in New York City, he also counsels LGBT immigrant detainees throughout the country by phone and visits detention centers throughout the country to monitor conditions in which LGBT immigrants are detained.
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Tom Lepak is a Senior Trial Attorney with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, where he enforces federal civil-rights statutes through employment-discrimination litigation. Mr. Lepak began his legal career as an Honors Trial Attorney in the agency’s Los Angeles District Office. He transferred to the New York District Office in 2012. Mr. Lepak serves on the EEOC Office of General Counsel’s LGBT Workgroup, which provides advice and input to the EEOC’s litigators on developing LGBT-related litigation vehicles, and coordinates internal initiatives and policies, trains internal staff, and conducts outreach with external stakeholders regarding LGBT issues. He is a founding member and current Board Member of EEOC Pride, an internal employee group for LGBT employees, friends, and allies. Mr. Lepak is also a member of the New York City Bar Association’s LGBT Rights Committee and the Employment Subcommittee. He attended UCLA School of Law, where he was active in the Williams Institute and served as Editor-in-Chief of the Dukeminier Awards Journal of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law.

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Sandy Leung serves as legal advisor to the Board of Directors and company executives, and is responsible for shaping the company’s legal strategy. Sandy is also responsible for Environment, Health & Safety, Corporate Security and Philanthropy.

Sandy joined Bristol-Myers Squibb in 1992 as a staff attorney in the litigation department. In 1996, she became assistant counsel and one year later, was named associate counsel. In 1999, Sandy was appointed to the position of counsel and corporate secretary. In 2006, she was appointed acting general counsel and in 2007, she was named general counsel. In 2014, Sandy was named executive vice president.

Prior to joining the company, Sandy was a prosecutor in the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office.

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**LISA LIM**

Lisa Lim, Partner at Akerman, focuses her practice in real estate finance and development, economic development, and affordable housing. Lisa has extensive transactional experience including the representation of borrowers, lenders, and government agencies in the structuring, negotiation, and closing of complex transactions involving the acquisition and/or disposition, construction, development, and/or preservation of multifamily and mixed-use developments, condominiums, hotels, senior housing, and public and charter schools. Her concentration has been on deals that are public-private collaborations with an emphasis on tax exempt bonds, affordable housing, and regulatory frameworks. Lisa has served as lead counsel on a number of 80/20 projects and other prominent developments that have helped to revitalize and develop various parts of New York City. Lisa’s major transactions include Cornell Tech on Roosevelt Island, the Harlem Children’s Zone Promise Academy I in Harlem, and the New York Genome/University of Buffalo Genomics Center joint venture.

Lisa has negotiated and closed deals involving the following agencies: Empire State Development, New York City Economic Development Corporation, Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation, New York State Homes and Community Renewal, Housing Trust Fund Corporation, the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery, New York State Housing Finance Agency, New York State Affordable Housing Corporation, New York City Housing Authority, New York City Housing Development Corporation, New York City Department of Housing, Preservation and Development, the School Construction Authority, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac.
Mr. Lin is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Hofstra University’s School of Law. Since 1989 he has been an Assistant District Attorney at the New York County District Attorney’s office and has prosecuted homicides since 1999. During his career there he has been a Criminal Court Supervisor of first and second year prosecutors, was one of that office’s first Domestic Violence Coordinators, and was a member of that office’s Asian Gang Unit. In 2008 he helped form AABANY’s Prosecutors’ Committee, Co-Chaired it from 2009 to 2013, and has resumed Co-Chair duties this year. Mr. Lin was elected to and served on AABANY’s Board of Directors from 2011 until 2015. Since March 2010 he has been a member of the New York State Advisory Committee on Criminal Law and Procedure. The committee recommends legislative proposals concerning criminal law and procedure to the Chief Administrative Judge of New York State. In his spare time Mr. Lin serves as an Assistant Scout Master for his son’s Boy Scout Troop.

Margaret Ling is Vice President and Senior Counsel at First Nationwide Title Agency, LLC. Margaret has been a real estate attorney since 1986. Her real estate experience includes the following: Private Real Estate Practice, Agency Underwriting Counsel at Stewart Title Insurance Company and the Ticor-Fidelity Title Group, Claims Counsel at First American Title Insurance Companies, In-House Counsel at CHM Abstract LLC, TitleServ LLC, Intracoastal Abstract LLC, the Couch Braunsdorf Insurance Group, Summit Associates, the Great American Title Agency, Inc., and Skyline Title-TRG of the Reology Group.

She serves as Co-Chair of the Real Estate Committee and has served as a Director on AABANY’s board since 2009. Her other bar association memberships include the New York County Lawyers’ Association, where she serves as Co-Chair of the Asia Practice Committee, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, the Asian Pacific American Lawyers’ Association of New Jersey, and the New York State Bar Association. She is also an active member of the Asian Real Estate Association of America, where she is an Advisory Director of the Board for the AREAA-New York East Chapter, the Chinese American Real Estate Association, the New York Chinese Bankers’ Association, and the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals.

Margaret received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History, Cum Laude, from Barnard College and her Juris Doctor degree from New York Law School. Margaret is also involved with the Barnard Business Professionals’ Association, where she was formerly a Director of the Board. She is a member of the Asian Alumnae Association of Columbia University.

Justice Doris Ling-Cohan has been a trailblazer:

- In 2014, she became the first woman of Asian descent to preside in a NYS appellate court, having been appointed to the Appellate Term, First Department.
- In an historic election in 1995, she became the first public official of Asian descent to be elected from Manhattan’s Chinatown, when she was elected to the Civil Court.
- In 2002, she became the first woman of Asian descent to be elected to the Supreme Court in New York State.
- Justice Ling-Cohan was named one of the nation’s Outstanding Women Lawyers by the National Law Journal.
- Ten years before SCOTUS, in 2005, Justice Ling-Cohan was the first trial judge in New York State and third trial judge in the country to decide in favor of Marriage Equality in Hernandez v. Robles.

A former Legal Services lawyer and managing attorney, Assistant Attorney General and law professor, Justice Ling-Cohan was born in Manhattan and raised in New York’s Chinatown and Brooklyn. She serves on the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission, the Chief Judge’s Advisory Board, and the NYC Bar’s Council on International Affairs, and is elected to the NYS Bar Association’s House of Delegates. Justice Ling-Cohan is serving her fourth term as the President of the national organization of federal and state judges of Asian descent, focusing on increasing the number of APA judges. She also started a judicial mentoring program to assist those interested in pursuing a career in the judiciary for the Williams Commission. Justice Ling-Cohan helped found and was an officer of the New York Asian Women’s Center and Asian American Bar Association. She has had hundreds of interns whom she mentors.
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Jessica Liou is a senior associate in Weil Gotshal’s Business Finance & Restructuring Department. Ms. Liou represents and advises debtors, creditors, equity holders, investors, and other interested parties in all aspects of distressed and insolvency situations. She has served as the lead associate or integral member of multiple teams advising debtors and creditors in various industries. Ms. Liou’s recent debtor representations include Endeavour International Corporation, Extended Stay Hotels, AES Eastern Energy, Nortek, Hawkeye Renewables, Steve & Barry’s, and Recycled Paper Greetings. Her recent creditor representations include The Export-Import Bank of China as the largest secured creditor in the Baha Mar Ltd. insolvencty proceedings and Harbinger Capital Partners in the TerreStar Networks Inc. and TerreStar Corporation chapter 11 cases.

Ms. Liou is contributor to the Weil Bankruptcy Blog, has served on the Firm’s task force focused on Dodd-Frank financial legislation, and practices pro bono in the areas of family law and criminal appeals, where she argued before the New York State Appellate Division to uphold an order of protection and was part of a team that successfully overturned a death penalty conviction for a mentally impaired defendant after 19 years. She has been recognized by Sanctuary for Families Center for Battered Women’s Legal Services as a recipient of its 2012 Pro Bono Achievement Award.

Ms. Liou earned her J.D. from Boston College Law School. She obtained her B.A. from New York University, where she graduated magna cum laude and was awarded the Albert Gallatin Scholarship and Founder’s Day Award.

TRISTAN C. LOANZON

Tristan is an experienced corporate trial lawyer who has tried cases to verdict in state and federal courts. Since 2005, he has served as outside general counsel to three medium-sized New York corporations, and addressed many corporate law issues for those corporations. Prior to founding his small firm, Loanz on LLP, he worked at large law firms in Washington, D.C. and New York, where he represented Fortune 100 corporations in corporate counseling and litigation. He graduated from Northwestern University Law School, where he served as Articles Editor of the Law Review.

STEVE MADRA

Mr. Madra has 14 years of litigation experience in the State and Federal Courts of New York. His practice involves all aspects of commercial litigation and has grown to include transactional matters relating to international trade and finance. He has successfully drafted and argued an appeal before the Appellate Division, Second Department. On behalf of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section, Commercial Division, of the New York State Bar Association, he co-authored a report on sealing business records which has been unanimously adopted by the Executive Committee of the NYSBA. He has served on the New York Supreme Court independent judicial screening panel on behalf of an Asian American advocacy organization. In addition to his practice, he has provided pro bono legal services to a number of organizations, most notably, to several religious institutions, an Indian American cultural organization and provided assistance to advocacy organizations working in the aftermath of the Oak Creek shootings. He also provides non legal volunteer services to a New York based charity that provides and delivers nutritious meals to individuals who are homebound due to physical illness.
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GLENN D. MAGPANTAY

Glenn D. Magpantay, Esq. is Executive Director of the National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance (NQAPIA), a national federation of Asian American South Asian, Southeast Asian, and Pacific Islander (AAPI) lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) organization. He has worked in the movement for LGBT rights and equality for over twenty-five years.

Prior to NQAPIA, Glenn had a long and distinguished career as a civil rights attorney as the Democracy Program Director at the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF), where he worked to protect and promote the voting rights and political participation of Asian Americans. He continues to inspire new legal minds and future advocates by teaching Race & the Law at Brooklyn Law School and Asian American Civil Rights at Hunter College - City University of New York.

Glenn is a former co-chair of the Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men of New York; he organized the first ever LGBT testimony before The White House Initiative on Asian Americans & Pacific Islander in 2000. He was named as one of Instinct Magazine’s “25 Leading Men of 2004,” in the magazine’s Nov. 2004 power issue. In 1994, he spoke at the National March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation.

Glenn attended the State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook on Long Island, and as a beneficiary of affirmative action, graduated cum laude from the New England School of Law, in Boston.

HON. KIYO A. MATSUMOTO

Kiyo A. Matsumoto was appointed as a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York in July 2008, after serving as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York since July 2004. Following her graduation from Georgetown University Law Center, Judge Matsumoto was a litigation associate at MacDonald, Hoague and Bayless in Seattle, Washington. Thereafter, she joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, where she served for over twenty years, as a Deputy Chief, First Deputy Chief and Chief of the Civil Division. Judge Matsumoto was an adjunct professor at Brooklyn Law School, where she taught legal research and writing, and at New York University School of Law, where she taught a government civil litigation clinic and seminar. She also has served as a trustee and vice chair of the board of the Federal Bar Council, a member of the Judiciary Committee, the Federal Courts Committee and the Nominating Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Vice Chair of the Mayor’s Committee on City Marshals, a member of the Asian American Bar Association of New York and National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, and a member of the American Inn of Court and the American Bar Association Standards Review Committee.

JESSICA MELTON

Jessica Melton graduated from St. John’s School of Law in 2000 and has been working as an Assistant District Attorney in Queens County for 15 years. During her time in the District Attorney’s Office, she completed rotations through the Domestic Violence, Trials and Appeals bureaus.

For the past eight years, she has worked in the Investigations Division, Special Proceedings Bureau where she is the Supervisor of the office’s Human Trafficking Unit where she prosecutes the cases in Queens County involving the sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of women and children. To date, she has obtained numerous convictions in total under the New York State Sex Trafficking Statute that was implemented in 2007. Most notably, she obtained the first conviction for sex trafficking in New York State in which the defendant was sentenced to 25 years to life after a jury trial.

In addition, Jessica aggressively investigates, prosecutes any and all related cases where sex trafficking and underage prostitution may be a motivation for the commission other crimes, including investigating, indicting and bring to trial many cases charging Kidnaping, First Degree Assault, Criminal Possession of a Weapon, Criminal Contempt, Rape and Robbery, where sex trafficking appears to be a motive for those crimes. Jessica was recipient of the New York City Bar Association’s 2013 Thomas E. Dewey Award for her work in prosecuting Human Trafficking crimes.
Matthew Michaels is a Corporate Counsel in MetLife's Litigation Section. He supervises MetLife's intellectual property litigation and plays a lead role in MetLife's nationwide toxic tort docket. Matthew also dabbles as a plaintiff's attorney and has brought several claims arising from MetLife's varied investment activities. Prior to joining MetLife in 2007, Matthew was an associate at Debevoise & Plimpton and Hogan & Hartson. He is a graduate of Cornell Law School, where he was an editor of the Law Review. Matthew’s first experience with patent law was with the influential Financial Services Roundtable amicus group in the en banc Bilski argument. It seemed so easy...

Concepcion A. Montoya brings nearly 15 years of trial and litigation experience to her practice, specifically consumer defense and employment law. Ms. Montoya has litigated in the federal courts of New York and New Jersey in more than 40 class action lawsuits involving claims brought under various federal and state consumer and employment laws. In addition, Ms. Montoya has worked extensively in legal malpractice defense and general commercial litigation. Ms. Montoya is widely recognized for successful strategies that resolve litigation disputes involving consumer defense claims and employment law. Ms. Montoya's clients have also benefitted from her risk management programs and counseling on all aspects of consumer defense and employment regulations. Ms. Montoya joined Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP in 2005 and was made Partner in 2010. Ms. Montoya is a member of Hinshaw’s Diversity Committee.

Adam Moore is national director of eeo & diversity for SAG-AFTRA. Since joining Screen Actors Guild in 2005 as Associate National Director of Affirmative Action and Diversity, he has been responsible for developing and implementing a national diversity plan of action to achieve accurate representation of those groups historically excluded from the entertainment and news media. Such efforts include the creation of educational programs, conferences, and workshops; development of public relations strategies; and the enforcement of diversity initiatives as outlined in the Union’s collective bargaining agreements. In addition to facilitation and moderation of dozens of panel discussions and guest lecturing at colleges and high schools throughout the US, Adam serves as liaison to the New York City Task Force on Diversity in Film, Television and Commercial Production and is proud to have served on President Obama’s Disability Policy Committee during the 2008 Presidential Election. Born in Ames, Iowa, and raised in California’s Bay Area, Adam has spent the past twelve years in New York and currently lives with his wife and son in the Lower Hudson Valley.
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Kevin Murphy manages the Asia and pharmaceutical practice for New York-based intellectual property boutique Garson Segal Steinmetz Fladgate LLP. He is a skilled trial lawyer with over 20 years of experience that includes litigating two dozen cases to successful verdicts. Kevin’s expertise includes copyright, trademark and patent litigation, including handling major cases for generics giants like Actavis PLC, Lupin Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Par Pharmaceutical Cos. Inc.

Previously, Kevin served as a prosecutor in the Manhattan District Attorney’s office, where he won 18 bench and jury conviction verdicts during a three-year span. He then worked on product liability litigation for Lowenstein Sandler LLP. In 2001, Kevin headed to Frommer Lawrence, making partner in 2004 after helping to win a $12 million trade secrets jury verdict for Japanese semiconductor firm Tokyo Electron Ltd. He spent much of the next decade focusing on patent litigation for generics makers. In addition to practicing law, Kevin is called upon yearly to address issues of jury trials and other American litigation before law firms and corporate panels in the United States as well as in China.

Kevin’s recent matters include: serving as lead counsel for a foreign patentee in a dispute over optical disk restoration equipment; successfully representing a biotech company as lead counsel in an inventorship dispute over anti-diabetic peptide analogs; representing a photographer in a dispute with over a dozen publishing houses concerning copyrighted photographs of supermodel Bar Refaeli; advising an investment bank with respect to ongoing pharmaceutical litigation and advising a number of nutraceuticals and cosmetic companies on label claims.

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Mr. Ninan has defended shareholder disputes, contract battles, premises liability, and high exposure medical malpractice claims, primarily on behalf of insurance company clients, large New York City private and public hospitals, sports facilities, universities and local municipalities both in New York and New Jersey. He also routinely handled special matters for New York City hospitals arising out of New York’s Family Health Care Decisions Act and mental hygiene law.

Mr. Ninan has been successful in a wide array of legal settings both in the public and private sector, from a large national full service firm, to a medical malpractice defense boutique, to a mid-size commercial and franchise law practice, to the U.S. Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division. While completing his law degree, Mr. Ninan completed several coveted internships in the state and federal courts in New York and New Jersey.

Mr. Ninan graduated Rutgers University School of Law where he served as an Associate Editor of the Nuremberg Project for the Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion. Subsequently, he served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Stephen M. Holden. Mr. Ninan is a cum laude graduate of the State University of New York at Binghamton. He is admitted to practice in New York, New Jersey, and the United States District Courts for the Southern District of New York and the District of New Jersey.

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He is well-versed on a wide range of subjects from forensic data collections to data processing, hosting and review. His expertise with respect to emerging technologies and his ability to communicate effectively with his clients have allowed him to work with some of the largest law firms in Manhattan and some of the most well-recognized corporations in the country. Prior to joining Planet Data, Mr. Novick was an Electronic Discovery Consultant for IKON Legal Document Services.

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Clara is the Immediate Past President of AABANY. Clara has served as its President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Director, and Co-Chair of the Corporate Counsel (now In-House Counsel) Committee. Clara is a soprano in The Choral Society of Grace Church, a pianist, road cyclist, and an avid fan of Nebraska Cornhuskers football.

Clara received her J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School, which included an exchange program in comparative international law at Uppsala University in Sweden. She holds a Masters of Music in Piano Performance from the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University, and a Bachelors of Arts in East Asian Studies from Harvard.
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For twelve years, from 1988 through 2000, Mr. Olds served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York in both the Civil Division and the Criminal Division in, among other units, General Crimes, Public Corruption and the Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force. Thereafter, for two years he served as a member of the Southern District of New York’s federal Criminal Justice Act Panel. Mr. Olds was also a Special Master for the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court (First Department).

Mr. Olds also serves on the Federal Bar Council (Second Circuit Courts Committee; Assistant Secretary of the Federal Bar Foundation; and the Federal Bar Council Quarterly), and was a member of the Litigation Committee and the Judiciary Committee of the New York City Bar. Mr. Olds is also a Harvard Law School Wasserstein Public Interest Law Fellow.

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Helen Ong is a Compliance and Privacy Executive who was formerly the Vice President, Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer for Samsung Electronic America’s North America businesses. In this role, she was responsible for establishing the compliance and privacy program for over 10 Samsung entities in diverse industries including telecommunications, consumer electronics, B2B, home appliances, digital media, healthcare, logistics, R&D and the internet of things.

Prior to joining Samsung, Helen was with Pfizer Inc for 15 years and was a member of both its Legal Division and Compliance Division. During that time she had numerous roles with increasing responsibility. Her responsibilities included providing legal and compliance support to all levels of colleagues in each of Pfizer’s diverse businesses: pharmaceuticals, consumer healthcare, animal health and infant nutrition. In her compliance role, she integrated Pfizer’s non-pharmaceutical global businesses into Pfizer’s compliance program while ensuring flexibility for unique industry practices and led the monitoring of our pharmaceutical field force and other functions to identify and mitigate systemic noncompliance. In her legal role, she not only provided general corporate legal support on a variety of issues including retail, distribution, supply, dispute resolution and advertising but also led M&A and licensing transactions. She has managed multiple teams within Pfizer.

Helen is currently the Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees of the United Way of Northern New Jersey.

**ELIZABETH R. OUYANG**

Elizabeth R. OuYang has been a civil rights attorney for 29 years. Ms. OuYang teaches a comparative constitutional course affecting African, Latinos, and Asian Americans and a post 9-11 immigration course at Columbia University and at New York University (NYU) where she has taught for 15 years. De jure school segregation and affirmative action are one of the topics covered in her constitutional course. From 2010-2014, Ms. OuYang served as President of OCA-New York Chapter, a non-profit, volunteer civil rights organization that promotes the political, economic, and social well-being of Asian Pacific Americans. Her cases and advocacy work have been widely reported in The New York Times, Washington Post, broadcast media, and ethnic press. In 2000, President Clinton appointed Ms. OuYang to serve as special assistant to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Prior to her appointment, Ms. OuYang was a staff attorney at the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Disability Law Center in Boston, Massachusetts. Ms. OuYang received the 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Faculty Award and 2004 Outstanding Teaching Award from NYU. In 2010, Mayor Bloomberg bestowed upon Ms. OuYang the 2010 American Dreamer Award for Ambassadorship. Her publications include “Can Military Courts Deliver Justice to a Subordinate Hazed by Superiors?”, Harvard Kennedy School of Government’s Asian American Policy Review and “Women with Disabilities in the Workforce,” Harvard Women’s Law Journal. Ms. OuYang is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law.
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Sapna is a partner in the firm’s Intellectual Property Practice. Her practice focuses on an array of technologies, including pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, drug delivery systems and medical devices, with an emphasis on Hatch-Waxman patent infringement cases. She has over 15 years of experience in patent litigation and experience in various jurisdictions including the Federal Circuit and federal courts in Delaware, District of New Jersey, Eastern District of Virginia, Eastern District of Texas, Southern District of New York, Southern District of Florida, Northern District of California and the District of Maryland.

Sapna counsels a variety of US and international clients regarding US intellectual property law by providing them with infringement, validity, enforceability and clearance opinions, and by advising them in licensing and antitrust matters, conducting intellectual property due diligence investigations in connection with acquisitions and licensing deals. Sapna also counsels clients about Indian patent law.

Sapna frequently writes and speaks on a range of topics including developments in pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical devices patent law, patent reform, biosimilars regulations and intellectual property law in Asia, and developments in e-discovery. Her programs have been presented by Practicing Law Institute and WestLegal Ed and she has been published and quoted in Leading publications, including Forbes, Pharmaceutical Patent Analyst and Bloomberg/BNA.

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