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## ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CONGRATULATES CHRIS KWOK ON BECOMING THE FIRST ASIAN AMERICAN MEDIATOR AT JAMS NEW YORK

NEW YORK - March 13, 2018 - The Asian American Bar Association of New York ("AABANY") congratulates AABANY member and Issues Committee Co-Chair Chris M. Kwok on joining JAMS, the largest private provider of mediation and arbitration services worldwide. Mr. Kwok will be based in the JAMS New York Resolution Center and will serve as a mediator (調解人) in Business/Commercial and Employment matters. Mr. Kwok is the first Asian American and Chinese American mediator in the JAMS New York office.

Mr. Kwok joins JAMS after 15 years at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) in New York, where he mediated hundreds of employment disputes. During his tenure at the EEOC, he also spent four years as supervisory ADR coordinator and oversaw employment law mediations across all EEOC offices within the New York District Office region. In addition to his mediation work at the EEOC, Mr. Kwok spent two years as a federal investigator in the EEOC's Enforcement unit investigating employment discrimination charges. Mr. Kwok received his B.A. from Cornell University and his J.D. from UCLA School of Law.

Mr. Kwok was the founding Co-Chair of both the Labor & Employment Law Committee at AABANY and is the current Co-Chair of the Issues Committee.

"Chris has been an active leader in AABANY for the last few years, and we know him to be an effective and influential voice on issues and matters that impact the Asian American community," states AABANY Executive Director Yang Chen. "The addition of Chris Kwok to the panel of mediators at JAMS helps to bring diversity to alternative dispute resolution, a field that can benefit from more diversity in its ranks. We congratulate Chris on this major milestone in his career and wish him great success at JAMS."

For more information, please contact Yang Chen, AABANY Executive Director, at (212) 332-2478, or direct any inquiries to main@aabany.org.

The Asian American Bar Association of New York is a professional membership organization of attorneys concerned with issues affecting the Asian Pacific American community. Incorporated in 1989, AABANY seeks not only to encourage the professional growth of its members but also to advocate for the Asian Pacific American community as a whole. AABANY is one of the most

prominent and active minority bar associations in New York with more than 1,000 members, including practicing attorneys in the private and public sectors, in-house lawyers, judges, professors and law students. AABANY is the New York regional affiliate of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA).

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