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ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CONGRATULATES JOHN KUO AS A 2018 LEGENDS IN LAW BURTON AWARD HONOREE

NEW YORK - March 13, 2018 - The Asian American Bar Association of New York ("AABANY") congratulates John Kuo, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Varian Medical Systems, on being a Legends in Law Award honoree at the upcoming Burton Awards.

The winners of the Legends in Law Award were announced at Lincoln Center on February 28. The award is part of the prestigious Burton Awards, which were established in 1999 to recognize a wide range of excellence in the legal profession.

The Legends in Law Award is sponsored by the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform and is awarded to general counsels who have excelled in the legal profession. In addition to having a continued track record of "addressing complex matters of national or global significance in a specialized area," the honoree must also have demonstrated creativity and leadership in their approach to complex challenges and cases involving corporate clients. Professionalism and integrity are also taken into account in the selection process, and it is one of the highest honors that a general counsel can attain.

Mr. Kuo was jointly chosen by the Select and Standing Committees on Legends in Law as an honoree for the 2018 Legends in Law Award. Currently, he serves as the Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Varian Medical Systems. His current management responsibilities include Varian's Legal, Trade Compliance, Environmental Affairs and Government Affairs functions.

Mr. Kuo graduated from Cornell University in 1985 and received his J.D. from Boalt Hall, UC Berkeley in 1988.

"AABANY congratulates John on this well-deserved honor," states Dwight Yoo, President of AABANY. "He embodies all the characteristics of a Legend in the Law. He has displayed excellent leadership and creativity in tackling complex problems he encounters day-to-day as General Counsel. He serves as a trailblazer and exemplary role model for all attorneys, especially Asian Pacific American lawyers, many of whom he has mentored over the years."

The Legends in Law Award will be presented on May 21 as part of the Burton Awards at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

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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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