

Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY) is in its fourth decade as a bar association dedicated to promoting the interests of Asian American, Pacific Islander, and South Asian attorneys and legal professionals in New York, as well as the communities they serve.

On February 10, 2021, AABANY and Paul, Weiss published a report entitled *A Rising Tide of Hate and Violence against Asian Americans in New York During COVID-19: Impact, Causes, Solutions* in response to the hate and violence directed toward the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States.

The report discusses the **skyrocketing anti-Asian hate and violence in 2020** and has gained attention worldwide. It makes key recommendations to help **break the cycle of violence** against the AAPI community in New York. To advance the proposals outlined in the report, consider other solutions, and address the surge of anti-Asian hate and violence in the community, AABANY established an **Anti-Asian Violence Task Force.** The task force is composed of leadership from the AABANY Issues, Pro Bono and Community Service, Prosecutors, Student Outreach, Legal Referral and Information Service, and Academic Committees.

AABANY is partnering with its 501(c)(3) affiliate, the Asian American Law Fund of New York (AALFNY) to implement a multi-pronged action plan to turn back the rising tide of hate and violence against AAPIs.

The Turning the Tide (T3) Project aims to incorporate a three-pronged approach to provide a holistic and practicable action plan to address anti-Asian hate and violence.

Each prong draws its strength from the diverse pool of passionate and talented individuals of AABANY, the largest diverse bar association in the country, the largest affiliate of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, and one of the most prominent bar associations in the country dedicated to promoting diversity, inclusion and equity in the legal profession.

Please stand together with AABANY and the T3 Project in turning the tide against anti-Asian hate and violence.

Education & Communication

Presentations on Combating Anti-Asian Hate and the Report

Summarizing the findings of the report, educating the public, developing related presentations about Asian American history and the cyclical nature of hate, and disseminating these materials to bar associations, schools, corporations, and other organizations across the nation.

Public Service Announcement Videos

Producing a Know-Your-Rights video educating the public on how to respond to anti-Asian hate and violence incidents.

Brochures

Creating and disseminating
(1) consolidated Know-Your-Rights guides,
(2) guidelines for Community Response,
and (3) guide for legal professionals
summarizing helpful laws and statutes.

Advocacy

Increasing Funding for Hate Crime Units

Testifying in several public forums to advocate for full funding of NYPD Asian Hate Crimes Task Force and hate crime units in the District Attorney's offices.

Prosecutors' Offices

Pressing local District Attorney's Offices to vigorously prosecute cases of anti-Asian hate and violence incidents.

Meeting with Leaders

Meeting with the U.S. Department of Justice, the Mayor's Office, the New York State Attorney General's Office, and the Governor's Office to discuss immediately actionable solutions to address this crisis.

Hate Eradication Active Response Team (HEART)

Mobilizing volunteers to assist AAPI community members who encountered incidents of anti-Asian violence to report such incidents to authorities in a clear and effective manner.

Research

Policy Analysis

Analyzing policy and legislative reforms to address the deficiencies and inadequacies of current laws as they affect AAPI community members who encounter hate crimes and bias incidents.

Data Tracking and Mapping

Developing tools to track incidents of anti-Asian hate in NYC and map these incidents in ways that can be readily comprehended and utilized.



AABANY and AALFNY welcome any donations to the T3 Project.

You can make them online at www.asianamericanlawfund.org/donate.

Please note "T3 Project" when making the donation.

If you would prefer to send a check, please make it out to "AALFNY" with a notation that it is for the "T3 Project" and mail it to:

Asian American Law Fund of NY PO Box 161 41 Purdy Ave. Rye NY 10580

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A copy of AALFNY's latest annual report may be obtained from AALFNY at the address above or from the NY Attorney General's Charities Bureau website www.charitiesnys.com.

Information may also be obtained from AALFNY by email at <u>donations@AsianAmericanLawFund.org</u> or the NYS Attorney General at 212-416-8686.