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ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CONGRATULATES JUDGE DENNY CHIN ON RECEIVING THE PRESTIGIOUS LEARNED HAND MEDAL FROM THE FEDERAL BAR COUNCIL

NEW YORK - May 17, 2022 - The Asian American Bar Association of New York (“AABANY”) congratulates Judge Denny Chin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit on receiving the Learned Hand Medal from the Federal Bar Council. The prestigious award recognizes excellence in federal jurisprudence and was presented at the organization’s annual Law Day Dinner on May 10 at Cipriani Wall Street.

The Federal Bar Council is dedicated to the goal of promoting excellence in federal practice and fostering camaraderie among federal practitioners as a way to encourage respect between the bench and bar. Each year, it bestows the Learned Hand Medal to one distinguished federal leader in memory of the late chief judge of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Hand was known as a “judge’s judge” and his rulings have shaped the way precedent has been established in several areas of law. Past honorees of the Learned Hand Medal include several United States Supreme Court Justices, most recently Hon. Clarence Thomas (2015), Hon. Stephen Breyer (2014), and Hon. John Paul Stevens (2011).

Judge Denny Chin is a Senior United States Circuit Judge and the Lawrence W. Pierce Distinguished Jurist in Residence at Fordham Law School. He is recognized and applauded for his composure and steady application of the law, especially in high profile cases such as the sentencing of Bernie Madoff. A former AABANY President (1992-93), Judge Chin’s accomplishments extend well beyond the bench. He has led AABANY’s acclaimed trial reenactments for more than a decade and has together with Prof. Thomas Lee taught a course on Asian American and the Law at Fordham Law School, which may serve as the model for other law schools to follow if they decide to add such a course to their curriculums.

“Judge Chin is one of the giants in the legal profession,” says AABANY President William Ng. “His influence as a judge, scholar, and leader cannot be overstated. We applaud the Federal Bar Council for bestowing the Learned Hand Medal on Judge Chin. This recognition is made even more meaningful because it comes during Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, when the accomplishments of the AAPI community are celebrated. We hope to see more AAPI judges ascend the bench to follow the trail blazed by Judge Chin and to be similarly honored for their judicial achievements and contributions to society.”

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The Asian American Bar Association of New York is a not-for-profit 501(c)(6) professional membership organization of attorneys concerned with issues affecting the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Incorporated in 1989, AABANY seeks not only to encourage the professional growth of its members but also to advocate for the AAPI community as a whole. AABANY is a New York regional affiliate of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA).

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