

AABANY Quarterly Report: November 2016 to January 2017

During this quarter, we represented New York at the Annual NAPABA Convention in San Diego, celebrated our Holiday Party, and received nominations for our upcoming board vacancies. Our *Annual Meeting*, where we will present a ballot of the Nominations Committee's slate of candidates, will be held on February 15.

We also opened registration for our *2017 Annual Dinner: Take Charge | Lead Change* which is set to take place on February 22, 2017 at Cipriani Wall Street. This year, we honor New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of Gibson Brands Lee Cheng, and United States Magistrate Judge Marilyn Go. Sponsorship efforts and planning are well underway.

Under Naf Kwun's leadership, we also published the Winter 2016 volume of *The AABANY Advocate*, which featured a spotlight on Judy Kim, New York State's first elected Korean American judge.

Special Events

November 3-6, 2016 AABANY made a strong showing at the **NAPABA Convention** once again, premiering *This Land Is Our Land: Oyama v. California* as this year's trial reenactment. Hon. Randall Eng was honored as one of the Daniel K. Inouye Trailblazers and two Committee Co-Chairs Brian Song and Linda Lin (also a past AABANY President) were honored as being among NAPABA's Best Under 40.

November 15, 2016 AABANY kicked off the **AABANY Mentorship Program 2016-2017** with a reception at Baker & McKenzie, the Mentorship Program's exclusive sponsor this year.

November 17, 2016 To develop our leadership pipeline and encourage diverse nominations from our membership, we held a program called **AABANY Leadership Panel: What It Takes to Serve on Our Board** at Morrison & Foerster.

December 9, 2016 We held this year's **Annual Holiday Party** at Dave & Busters, where friends could connect over drinks and games before leaving for the holidays.

Panels & CLEs

November 15, 2016 Our Asia Practice Committee, Real Estate Committee, and Solo & Small Firm Practice Committee hosted **EB-5 & Foreign Investor: Aspects of Due Diligence When Representing a Foreign Real Estate Investor** at the Omni Building in Long Island.

November 21, 2016 We co-hosted a **Human Trafficking CLE** with FALA New York, featuring Hon. Pamela Chen of the EDNY. The panel included a survivor of forced labor trafficking among other interesting panelists.

November 29, 2016 Our Real Estate and Solo & Small Firm Practice Committees held **Basics of 1031 Exchange** at Capital One Bank.

November 30, 2016 Our IP Committee co-sponsored NYSBA's **Virtual Reality CLE** at Cardozo Law School.

December 8, 2016 AABANY co-sponsored with SABANY and MuBANY a panel discussion on moving forward post-election, hosted by Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. Our Issues Committee Co-Chair, Chris Kwok, was among the distinguished panelists in this timely, topical and important conversation.

January 24, 2017 The Litigation Committee will co-host a CLE with Consilio, Fordham Law School and the Chinese Business Lawyers Association on **Discovery and Investigations in China** at Fordham Law School.

Community Outreach

AABANY co-signed an *amicus brief* for *People v. Bridgeforth* presented by the Korematsu Center for Law and Equality and Akin Gump, supporting the position that *Batson v. Kentucky*'s prohibition of racial discrimination during jury selection extends to skin color-based discrimination.

November 7, 2016 & December 14, 2016 AABANY held our walk-in **Pro Bono Monthly Clinics** for legal advice at Asian Americans for Equality, to assist members of the Chinatown community.

December 11, 2016 Our Immigration Committee co-sponsored United East Athletic Association's **Know Your Rights Forum** to discuss immigration issues for communities of color following the Trump election.

December 17, 2016 As part of AABANY's **Know Your Rights** free seminar series for Chinatown community members, organized by the Pro Bono & Community Service Committee and Government Service and Public Interest Committee, the panel presented information in Cantonese about how tenants can get repairs done for their apartments.

January 11, 2017 The Pro Bono & Community Service Committee and Government Service & Public Interest Committee began holding AABANY's Pro Bono Monthly Clinic in Chinatown at a new location, at the offices the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of New York, Inc.

January 12, 2017 AABANY President Susan Shin submitted a letter to New York State Bar Association President Claire Gutekunst reaffirming AABANY's support for a diversity, inclusion and anti-bias CLE requirement in New York.

January 21, 2017 The second installment of **Know Your Rights** will teach Chinatown community members what they need to know about the 2017 Filing Tax Season.

Networking

November 16, 2016 AABANY hosted another **Get to Know Happy Hour** at District Social, sponsored by the Membership Committee, Solo & Small Firm Practice Committee, Immigration & Nationality Law Committee, and LGBT Committee.

December 6, 2016 The Government Service & Public Interest Committee and Pro Bono & Community Service Committee hosted their last Joint **Committee Meeting** of the year at Red Egg.

December 7, 2016 AABANY hosted its quarterly **Committee Chairs Meeting** and also held the first **Meet-and-Greet Reception** for potential future Committee Chairs at Sullivan & Cromwell.

December 10, 2016 The Young Lawyers Committee held their **Holiday Dinner** at Shanghai Heping Restaurant.

December 21, 2016 AABANY's Executive Director and Prosecutors Committee met with a **Delegation of Prosecutors from Shanxi Province** at the New York City Bar Association.

January 5, 2017 The Military & Veterans Affairs Committee and Litigation Committee hosted a **Krav Maga Self-Defense Seminar** at Krav Maga Academy.

January 5, 2017 The Prosecutors' Committee hosted a **New York City and Long Island Prosecutors' Committee Happy Hour** at Tavern on Third in Manhattan.

January 12, 2017 The Judiciary Committee held their **Quarterly Meeting** to discuss upcoming events, including a Judicial Screening Panel Do's and Don'ts.