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INCOMING PRESIDENT’S CLOSING REMARKS
WILLIAM WANG
In 1988, the New York State Judicial Commission on Minorities, headed by noted African American attorney Franklin Hall Williams, examined the treatment of minority litigants and court employees. Following hearings in New York City on June 29th and 30th of that year, Rockwell Chin approached Commissioner Serene K. Nakano to discuss the need for an organization for Asian American attorneys. While Chinese and Korean American lawyer associations existed, there had never been an association of Asian American lawyers in New York.

Further impetus came when the National Asian American Bar Association (later called NAPABA) Planning Committee invited various attorneys in New York City to Chicago in October 1988. A core group, including Rockwell Chin, Glenn Ikeda, Yat T. Man, Steve Min and Serene K. Nakano, worked to found a formal association of Asian American lawyers: drafting organizational documents, reaching out to New York and nationwide bar groups, and contacting other Asian American attorneys.

Announcing AABANY’s incorporation on October 20, 1989, the group invited attorneys to an inaugural reception at New York University Law School on November 9, 1989. Among the speakers were Judge Dorothy Chin Brandt, Judge Randall Eng, Judge Peter Tom, past president of the American Immigration Law Association Benjamin Gim, Professor Sharon Hom, AALDEF Program Director Stanley Mark, and former NYPD Deputy Commissioner Hugh Mo. All of the speakers emphasized the unfulfilled need for AABANY. The reception was a resounding success, with over 180 attorneys and law students attending. Before the meeting concluded, over 60 people had joined AABANY.

AABANY, operating under an interim board during its first year, hosted further receptions, including evening social events, as well as a meeting at Brooklyn Law School at which Hoyt Zia, then the first President of NAPABA, spoke. Newly formed committees also sprang into action. The Issues Committee, co-chaired by Rockwell Chin and Marilyn Go, began research on redistricting, assisted lobbying for bias crimes legislation and spoke out against bias incidents. The Business Law Committee, co-chaired by Ken Chin and Marilyn Go, established a speaker series of prominent Asian American attorneys. The Events Committee hosted a Fall picnic. Prompted by concerns raised by law students at the picnic, Chin Fong and James Minamoto established a student mentor program, presenting a job skills workshop to help law students hone interviewing skills.

On January 12, 1991, AABANY held its first annual meeting, electing Serene Nakano, Doris Ling-Cohan, Steve Min, Glenn Ikeda and Marilyn Go as officers and Rockwell Chin, Sylvia Fung Chin, Merlin Liu, Stanley Mark, Qazi Moid and Judge Peter Tom as directors.

Now one of the most prominent and active minority bar associations in New York, AABANY has over 1,100 members, including practicing attorneys in the private and public sectors, in-house lawyers, judges, professors and law students.
Dear AABANY Members and Distinguished Guests,

Welcome to AABANY’s Annual Dinner! On behalf of the Board and AABANY’s leadership, I thank you for your continued support of this organization. If you are new to AABANY, let me tell you a little bit about us.

Today, AABANY stands with over 1,100 active members and 30 committees. Our membership and committee participation is vibrant. Our organization provides mentoring, networking, free CLEs for members, cutting edge and exciting events, and opportunities to showcase the immense amount of diverse legal talent that surrounds you in this room. From law firm partners, to prosecutors, to criminal defense attorneys, to solo practitioners, judges, public interest attorneys, and government officials – AABANY has them all.

This past year, we continued the tradition of some of our most successful events, including the In-House Counsel/Corporate Law Summer Wine-Tasting Reception, and the Fall Conference. We also continued our work with Judge Denny Chin and Kathy Hirata Chin on their historic trial re-enactments. The team re-enacted “22 Lewd Chinese Women” with the NYC Bar on May 21, 2014 and at the Historical Society on October 18, 2014. The team went on to re-enact Ward’s Cove at the NAPABA Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona. Our Women’s Committee organized a convention program titled “Kicking Glass – Two Decades and Counting” – which included a video that looked all the way back to 1994 to see how far we have come and reminds us how much further we still have to go. AABANY also sponsored numerous new, fun, and exciting events including “SoulCycle with AABANY” and a Krav Maga self-defense class. Our members not only received their CLEs, but they were able to burn some calories as well. If you visit our calendar on aabany.org, you will see that we regularly have multiple events in any given week.

While this past year provided us much to celebrate, we are also reminded that our mission still faces considerable challenges. Asian Americans in the legal field remain dramatically underrepresented in the judiciary, high government offices, law firm partnerships, and in-house counsel boardrooms. In order to ensure the meaningful participation of Asian Americans in the profession, we must continue to make waves and climb to the highest ranks of this field. At the same time, AABANY must also be mindful that we are members of the community at-large, and the community looks to us for guidance, leadership, and counsel. I wholeheartedly believe that AABANY has been, and will continue to be, up for the challenge.

I am excited to take on the challenge of continuing AABANY’s path of success and charting new frontiers in the years to come. I would like to congratulate and thank Clara Ohr for her outstanding leadership as AABANY president this past year. I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve in this capacity and to learn from some of the best leaders I have had the opportunity to work closely and directly with.

AABANY is an extended family. Join the family! We welcome you with open arms and invite you to take the journey to chart new frontiers with us.

Sincerely,

William Wang
AABANY President-Elect
Dear AABANY Members and Friends,

AABANY’s 25th Anniversary in 2014 has been a memorable year on several fronts. As the largest minority bar association in the State of New York, AABANY now has a membership of approximately 1,100 lawyers, judges, other legal professionals, and law students, and 30 Committees that provide a wide variety of CLE programming and networking events for our members and the at-large New York legal community.

Our “signature” annual events have continued to thrive: our 2014 Annual Dinner at Cipriani Wall Street, which was our largest to date with over 850 registered attendees and included a return of many of our illustrious past Annual Dinner honorees; our 7th Annual In-House Counsel and Corporate Law Committee Summer Wine-Tasting Networking Reception at La Fonda Del Sol for approximately 100 in-house counsel and law firm sponsors; our 6th Annual Prosecutors Reception at the New York County Lawyers Association celebrating prosecutors and law enforcement; and our 5th Annual Fall Conference hosted by Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP and the Trial Advocacy Program portion by Alston & Bird LLP, at which 24 credits of CLE programming were available along with law firm pitch sessions, an in-house counsel roundtable, and discussions about pursuing opportunities in the New York State and federal judiciaries.

2014 was also a year of some historic firsts for AABANY, including a unique collaboration with the New York City Bar Association during Asian Pacific American (APA) Heritage Month in May with a staging of “22 Lewd Chinese Women: Chy Lung v. Freeman (1876),” one of the historical trial re-enactments by Judge Denny Chin and Kathy Chin; the launch of our Trailblazer and Law Firm Diversity Awards at our Fall Conference, which we were proud to bestow respectively upon the Honorable Marilyn D. Go, United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and Perkins Coie LLP; and the launch of the Don H. Liu Scholarship Program, whose inaugural law student recipients we will announce during our 2015 Annual Dinner on February 25th at Cipriani Wall Street.

In spite of this extremely active year for AABANY, significant challenges face the APA legal community, one of which is the continuing underrepresentation of APAs on the bench in New York State. Of the over 1200 New York State jurists, only 22 are APAs, which is less than 2% in a state where APAs make up 8.6% of the population (roughly 1.5 million) according to the 2010 U.S. Census. The 2010 U.S. Census also shows that New York’s population of APAs is second only to that of the State of California, yet New York’s highest court lags behind its counterparts in California (three APAs), Hawaii (three APAs), Massachusetts (one APA), and Washington (one APA) in terms of APA representation.

While much work remains for AABANY on this front and others, I am confident that our members will eagerly continue to pursue solutions. I would like to thank AABANY’s Advisory Committee, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, and members for your advice, leadership, and enthusiasm throughout this year, without which AABANY simply could not function. I look forward to seeing the new frontiers that AABANY will reach under the capable hands of President-Elect William Wang and beyond, and wish AABANY all the best in its next quarter century.

Sincerely yours,

Clara J. Ohr
Dear Friends,

With great pleasure and pride, I welcome you all to our 26th Anniversary Annual Dinner, being held once again at Cipriani Wall Street.

At last year’s 25th anniversary dinner, we celebrated not just a quarter century of AABANY, but announced that we had surpassed 1,000 paying members, a major milestone and achievement. In addition, outgoing President Mike Huang announced the launch of the Don H. Liu Scholarship Program, to much excitement and applause.

Now, a quick year later, the Don H. Liu Scholarship Program met and exceeded its fundraising goal and will be announcing its inaugural scholarship recipients at tonight’s dinner. Our membership ranks have swelled to over 1,100.

AABANY’s Committees now number 30, increasing our reach and activities. In our Year End Report, released at our Annual Meeting on February 12, you will notice the impressive vigor and vitality of our Committees, led by many dedicated and talented Committee Chairs who volunteer their time to produce programs and events year-round that benefit our members and our communities.

The theme for 2014 was “Empowering Progress and Unity,” and President Clara Ohr has worked hard to make that theme a reality for AABANY in 2014 and into 2015. Over the course of the next few weeks, as we begin the transition to the term of President-Elect Will Wang, Clara’s leadership has set the stage for Will to realize his theme: “Charting New Frontiers.”

None of what we have achieved in the past year would have been possible without the commitment and dedication of our leaders, starting with Clara Ohr as President and extending to all the Officers and Directors that make up the Board of AABANY. Nor can our vast array of programs and events have taken place without the leadership exhibited by our numerous Committee Chairs. I thank all of our Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs for making FY 2014 yet another banner year for AABANY.

In 2014, we added a second full-time employee, Simone Nguyen, who has joined our staff as AABANY’s first Program Associate. Those of you who have attended our events this past year will recall Simone’s high spirits and enthusiasm. Our Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs have benefited from her skilful and efficient assistance at our meetings and events, including major events such as the Annual Winetasting and Fall Conference. If you find your photo in the Year End Report, and it’s to your liking, Simone probably took that shot. (If you didn’t like the photo, then I probably took it.) You may have gotten a few tweets or Facebook status updates on AABANY’s social media accounts, reminding you to register for this event or to attend that event. We can all thank Simone for those reminders.

Simone, together with our long-time administrative assistant, Margaret Langston have been tremendous assets to AABANY. Many of our Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs and members have enjoyed Margaret’s assistance and support throughout the years, and she continues to contribute her considerable skills and expertise to keep AABANY operating smoothly. Thanks to both Simone and Margaret for all they did in the past year to make all our lives easier and more enjoyable.

(By the way, those of you who have been telling Simone not to apply to law school: I don’t think it’s working; she’s taking the LSAT anyway. Thanks for trying.)

We hope you have a great time at tonight’s Annual Dinner, and we look forward to seeing you at a CLE course, networking event or other AABANY program in 2015.

With best wishes to all in the Year of the Sheep,

Yang Chen
Executive Director
Ms. Yang was named Chair by President Barack Obama on September 1, 2014. She was first nominated to serve on the Commission by President Obama on August 2, 2012, and was unanimously confirmed by the Senate on April 25, 2013, to serve a term expiring July 1, 2017. Ms. Yang had served as Vice Chair of the EEOC since April 28, 2014.

As a member of the Commission and Vice Chair, Yang has led a comprehensive review of the agency’s systemic program, which addresses issues of alleged discrimination that have broad impact on an industry, profession, company or geographic area. She also represents the agency on the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and on the White House Equal Pay Enforcement Task Force.

Throughout her career in the private, government, and nonprofit sectors, Ms. Yang has worked to ensure fairness and equal opportunity in the workplace. Ms. Yang was a partner of Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC. She joined the firm in 2003, and represented employees across the country in numerous complex civil rights and employment actions. As chair of the firm’s hiring and diversity committee, Ms. Yang gained experience with the myriad issues employers confront in making hiring and other personnel decisions.

Prior to that, Ms. Yang served as a Senior Trial Attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Employment Litigation Section, where she enforced federal laws prohibiting discrimination in employment by state and local government employers from 1998 to 2003. Before that, she worked at the National Employment Law Project to enforce the workplace rights of garment workers. Ms. Yang clerked for the Honorable Edmund Ludwig on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Yang received her B.A. from Cornell University in Government. She received her J.D. from New York University School of Law, where she was a Note and Comment Editor of the Law Review and a Root-Tilden Public Interest Scholar.
AN-PING HSIEH

VICE PRESIDENT & GENERAL COUNSEL
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AN-PING HSIEH has been Vice President, General Counsel for Hubbell Incorporated, a global NYSE traded company since September 2012. In this capacity, Ping serves as Hubbell’s chief legal officer and provides oversight on legal issues that impact Hubbell’s strategic initiatives and businesses. This oversight includes mergers and acquisitions, litigation, compliance, intellectual property and corporate governance. In addition to the Legal function, Ping has responsibility for EH&S, Trade Compliance, Flight Operations and administratively, Internal Audit. Prior to joining Hubbell, Ping served as Vice President, Secretary & Associate General Counsel for United Technologies Corporation (UTC). While Secretary, he also served as its chief transaction attorney, responsible for global mergers and acquisitions and anti-trust activity. Prior to this, he had roles of increasing responsibility within UTC including Vice President, General Counsel of the then UTC Fire and Security division. Ping earned his law degree from Boston College Law School and his bachelor’s degree in political science from Yale University. Ping is currently a board member of Connecticut Asian-Pacific American Bar Association and past member of the Connecticut Lawyers’ Collaborative for Diversity, the Mark Twain House and Greater Hartford Legal Aid.
On May 15, 2009, President Barack Obama nominated Preet Bharara to become the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. Mr. Bharara’s nomination was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate on August 7, 2009, and he was sworn in on August 13, 2009.

As U.S. Attorney, Mr. Bharara oversees the investigation and litigation of all criminal and civil cases brought on behalf of the United States in the Southern District of New York, which encompasses New York, Bronx, Westchester, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, and Sullivan counties. He supervises an office of more than 200 Assistant U.S. Attorneys, who handle a high volume of cases that involve domestic and international terrorism, narcotics and arms trafficking, financial and healthcare fraud, cybercrime, public corruption, gang violence, organized crime, and civil rights violations.

In 2012, Mr. Bharara was featured on the cover of *TIME* magazine and appeared on its list of the “100 Most Influential People in the World.” He was also included in *Bloomberg Markets Magazine’s* “50 Most Influential” lists, *Vanity Fair’s* “New Establishment” lists, and *Worth* magazine’s “The Power 100. The 100 Most Powerful People in Finance” lists in 2012, 2013, and 2014; in *City & State’s* “Power 100-New York City” and “Power 100-Albany” lists in 2013 and 2014; and in *New York Observer’s* “The City State: Albany’s Top 40” list in 2014.

Prior to becoming the U.S. Attorney, Mr. Bharara served as Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts. During his tenure, he helped to lead the Senate Judiciary Committee investigation of the firing of United States Attorneys.

From 2000 to 2005, Mr. Bharara served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York, where he prosecuted a wide range of cases involving organized crime, racketeering, securities fraud, money laundering, narcotics trafficking, and other crimes.

Mr. Bharara was a litigation associate in New York at Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman from 1996 to 2000 and at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher from 1993 to 1996. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard College with an A.B. in Government in 1990, and from Columbia Law School with a J.D. in 1993, where he was a member of the *Columbia Law Review*. 
Richard Lui is an American journalist and news anchor for MSNBC and NBC News. Previously, he anchored at CNN Worldwide. Lui focuses on stories related to humanitarian issues, his enterprise reporting has included topics of gender/racial equality, affordable housing, and human trafficking.

Because of his work in these areas, NGOs have invited Lui to help their organizations. Along with Freida Pinto and Marcia Cross, Lui is ambassador for Plan International USA, part of a 70-country federation working for child gender equality. He also is an ambassador for the Epilepsy Foundation and APIASF. Lui is a UN Foundation Fellow and sits on the President’s council for America’s largest food source to the poor, Food Bank for New York City. Lui’s community work spans 30 years and six continents.

Lui is an active columnist, contributing to publications including USA Today, Politico, The Seattle Times, Detroit Free Press, and San Francisco Chronicle. Most of his writing, speaking, and social media activity involve issues related to his charitable and humanitarian work. In the last several years, Lui spoke at over 200 events, and twittercounter.com has him in the top 1%.

Lui anchors the Western edition of Early Today on NBC and various programs on MSNBC from 30 Rockefeller Plaza. At CNN Worldwide, he became the first Asian American male to anchor a daily, national cable news show in the U.S. when he solo anchored the 10am hour on CNN Headline News (2007 to 2010). Mediaite ranked Lui #101 in News Buzz on its “Power Grid Influence Index of TV Anchors and Hosts,” and one of the “The 50 Sexiest in TV News.”

Before journalism, Lui spent 15 years in business with Fortune 500 and tech companies. He patented a global payment system and co-founded a Citibank carve-out. Business Insider recognized Lui as one of 21 dynamic careers to watch alongside Warren Buffett and Mark Cuban.

A first generation American, Lui has a twist in his background. Because his grandfather, an illegal immigrant, filed false “Paper Son” documents, Lui’s real last name is Wong.

Lui graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in Rhetoric, and earned an MBA from the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan.
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