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History

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 currently has over 1,000 members, including practicing attorneys in the private and public sectors, in-house lawyers, judges, professors and law students.
February 24, 2016

Dear AABANY Members, Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of the Board and AABANY’s leadership, thank you so much for your continued support of this organization. Today, AABANY stands with over 1,000 active members and 32 committees. Through our active membership and committees, AABANY provides mentoring, networking, free CLEs for members, and substantive events, as well as opportunities to showcase the immense amount of diverse legal talent that comprises our membership, including law firm attorneys, in-house counsel, prosecutors, solo practitioners, judges, public interest attorneys, academics and government officials.

This past year, we continued to hold our most popular events, including the In-House Counsel Committee and Corporate Law Committee’s Annual Wine-Tasting & Networking Reception and the largest ever Fall Conference to date with nearly 400 attendees, at which AABANY held its inaugural Diversity Career Fair.

Also at the Fall Conference, the Women’s Committee continued its program series, Kicking Glass: Two Decades and Counting, which included a video that looked all the way back to 1994 to see how far Asian American women have come in the legal profession and reminds us how much further we still have to go.

We continued our work with Judge Denny Chin and Kathy Hirata Chin on their historic trial re-enactments. This year we presented a re-enactment of Wards Cove Packing v. Atonio with the New York City Bar Association and presented Vietnamese Fishermen’s Association v. KKK at the 2015 NAPABA Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

In addition, we awarded AABANY’s Committee of the Year distinction to the Judiciary Committee, whose mission is to increase the number of APA attorneys in the federal and state judiciary. This year, our Judiciary Committee was directly involved in supporting and promoting Hon. Alexander Jeong, who was appointed to the New York State Court of Claims, Peggy Kuo, who was appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Donald Leo, who was appointed a New York City Criminal Court Judge, and Raja Rajeswari, who was appointed a New York City Criminal Court Judge—and the first female South Asian American judge to be appointed in New York City. Congratulations to all the new judges!

I would like to congratulate and thank William Wang for his exceptional leadership as AABANY President this past year. Special congratulations to William and his wife Monica on the birth of their twin baby boys earlier in 2016!

We have so much to celebrate, yet we still have a long way to go. Asian Americans in the legal field remain dramatically underrepresented in the judiciary, high government offices, law firm partnerships, and in-house counsel boardrooms. We must work together, help each other to advance, be vocal to affect change within our own firms and companies, and devote time to mentor young Asian American lawyers. That is, I encourage all of you to work with AABANY to Speak up, Rise up, and Lift up—because by lifting others, we all rise.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Shin
AABANY President-Elect
February 24, 2016

Dear AABANY Extended Family,

Thank you for “charting new frontiers” with us in 2015-2016. It has been an honor and a privilege serving as this organization’s President. Consistently throughout my career and my twelve plus years of involvement with this organization, I have always received back ten-fold what I have put in.

My wife and I truly charted a new frontier in January, celebrating the birth of our first children: twin boys Tyler and Carter. While I cannot imagine what the next 25 years holds for my children and their future, I can imagine and dream about what the next 25 years holds for AABANY. AABANY will continue to grow and to shatter bamboo ceilings while “kicking glass” and taking names. AABANY will continue to promote a diverse profession, mentor young attorneys, provide meaningful networking opportunities, and promote the advancement of Asian American attorneys in all areas of the law.

2015-2016 has been another AABANY year filled with incredible accomplishments, from both our committees and our members. Our leadership pipeline is filled with tremendous talent and future leaders. In 2015, AABANY unveiled two new programs to its already robust list of signature events. At our 2015 Fall Conference, AABANY hosted its first Diversity Career Fair and Expo – where over 25 employers accepted resumes and conducted on-site interviews at the conference. The Career Fair was a tremendous success which AABANY hopes to build on in future years. AABANY also debuted its Pro Bono Clinics, providing our members with pro bono opportunities and providing our community with valuable free legal assistance.

In 2015-2016, we honored our Judiciary Committee with our Committee of the Year award. Our Judiciary Committee throughout the years has continued to make a huge dent in the underrepresentation of Asian Americans on the bench. Just this year alone, the committee assisted 4 or more aspiring judicial candidates to reach their coveted positions. The Judiciary Committee also established the Judicial Leadership Advisory Council, gathering leaders from various sectors of the law and engaging them in efforts to promote diversity on the bench.

In closing, I will draw on one unique AABANY event that took place this year. On October 23, 2015, AABANY hosted a night at the theater – bringing a group of AABANY members and extended family to view the Broadway show Allegiance starring George Takei and Lea Salonga. It was a historical and moving production that reminded us of issues still very relevant today. Characters in the production struggled with issues of allegiance and testing the bounds of where their allegiance stood. My allegiance stands firmly with AABANY and the core values that AABANY represents: diversity, inclusion, and service to our community. I hope that all of our members can join AABANY and pledge allegiance to carry the flag for the important causes that AABANY represents.

AABANY is in terrific hands with the 2016-2017 Board and an inspiring leader in Susan L. Shin. I look forward to many great endeavors of AABANY under Susan’s leadership. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully,

William Wang
February 24, 2016

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 27th anniversary Annual Dinner of the Asian American Bar Association of New York.

Congratulations to President William Wang for leading AABANY in Charting New Frontiers during fiscal year 2015 which began on April 1. Among the year’s many highlights:

• The 7th Annual Prosecutors’ Committee Annual Reception honored Joon Kim, Deputy United States Attorney for the Southern District. We also posthumously honored Det. Wenjian Liu, sharing with his family and the community the memory of his sacrifice in the line of duty.

• At the 2015 Fall Conference held at Cleary Gottlieb, AABANY held its first Diversity Career Fair. Also, for the first time, we included programming targeted to law students, increasing the level of law student attendance. The ever popular Pitch Session was opened up for the first time to vendors who wished to pitch services to law firms and in-house counsel departments. The Fall Conference was the biggest held to date, with nearly 400 attendees.

• In December, the Pro Bono and Community Service Committee launched the first monthly legal clinic to serve the Chinatown community, hosted at the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association. The clinic takes place on the second Wednesday evenings each month.

• The Asia Practice Committee was established at the end of the year as AABANY’s newest committee, bringing the total number of Committees to 32.

• At the start of 2016, AABANY announced the launch of a website, reenactments.aabany.org, dedicated to its Trial Reenactments, started in 2007 under the leadership of Hon. Denny Chin and Kathy Hirata Chin.

• At the Annual Meeting on February 9 held at Skadden, AABANY presented its first ever Event of the Year Award. Because both the Prosecutors’ Committee and the Career Placement Committee put on great events -- the latter organizing the Diversity Career Fair at the 2015 Fall Conference and the former presenting its Annual Reception that honored Joon Kim and Det. Wenjian Liu -- the award ended up in a tie.

On a personal note, congratulations to Will and his wife Monica (who co-chaired the Prosecutors' Committee) on the birth of their twin boys. We wish Will well in Charting New Frontiers on the home front.

In the month or so after tonight’s Annual Dinner, Will will be winding down his Presidency, and AABANY will be helping to prepare Susan L. Shin to step into the role of President. Join me in supporting Susan as she leads us to Speak Up | Rise Up | Lift Up during the 2016 fiscal year commencing April 1.

Thank you all for Charting New Frontiers with us, as we look forward to another great year ahead.

Very truly yours,

Yang Chen
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.
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Michelle Lee provides leadership and oversight to one of the largest intellectual property offices in the world.

Ms. Lee serves as a principal advisor to the Secretary of Commerce on both domestic and international intellectual property matters, and provides leadership and oversight of the day-to-day management of the policy, budget, and operations for an agency of almost 12,000 employees. She also promotes innovation domestically and drives international harmonization efforts, in support of the administration’s top economic priorities to increase economic growth.

Prior to her role as Director, Ms. Lee was Deputy Director, and also served as the first Director of the Silicon Valley United States Patent and Trademark Office where she was responsible for establishing and leading the Silicon Valley office as well as advising the USPTO on a variety of policy matters.

Before becoming the Director of the Silicon Valley office, Ms. Lee served by appointment of the U.S. Secretary of Commerce on the USPTO’s Patent Public Advisory Committee, which advises the USPTO on patent policies, goals, performance and operations. The San Francisco Business Times and San Jose Business Journal recognized Ms. Lee as Best Bay Area IP Lawyer in 2012 and one of the top 100 most influential women in the Silicon Valley in 2013.

Ms. Lee has spent most of her professional career advising some of the country’s most innovative companies on technical, legal and business matters. Prior to joining the USPTO, Ms. Lee served as Deputy General Counsel for Google and was the company’s first Head of Patents and Patent Strategy. She also served as a partner at the Silicon Valley-based law firm of Fenwick and West, where she specialized in advising a wide range of high-technology clients from start-ups to Fortune 100 companies on patent law, intellectual property, litigation and corporate matters. Prior to her career as a legal advisor to technology companies, Ms. Lee worked in the federal judiciary, serving as a law clerk for the Honorable Vaughn R. Walker on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California where she worked on the precedent-setting Apple v. Microsoft copyright infringement case. As a law clerk for the Honorable Paul R. Michel on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Ms. Lee worked on many patent and trademark appeals. Before building her legal career, Ms. Lee worked as a computer scientist at Hewlett-Packard Research Laboratories, as well as at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) Artificial Intelligence Laboratory. She holds a B.S. and an M.S. in electrical engineering and computer science from M.I.T., as well as a J.D. from Stanford Law School.
Ivan K. Fong is Senior Vice President, Legal Affairs and General Counsel of the 3M Company, a $32 billion global, diversified technology company based in St. Paul, Minnesota. Ivan was recently named one of “America’s 50 Outstanding General Counsel” by the National Law Journal, and under Ivan’s leadership, 3M’s law department was also recognized by Corporate Counsel as one of the Best Legal Departments of the Year.

Prior to joining 3M in October 2012, Ivan served as General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, leading a team of over 1,800 lawyers in the Department’s headquarters and seven operating components. Prior to his government service, Ivan was the Chief Legal Officer and Secretary of Cardinal Health, Inc., a $91 billion global healthcare company based in Dublin, Ohio, where he was selected to be one of the “Twenty Most Influential General Counsel” by the National Law Journal. He was previously Senior Vice President and General Counsel of GE Vendor Financial Services and prior to that was GE’s first Chief Privacy Leader and Senior Counsel, Information Technology.

Ivan also previously served as Deputy Associate Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice; a partner with Covington & Burling in Washington, DC; and an adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center. He began his legal career as a law clerk to Judge Abner J. Mikva of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and Justice Sandra Day O’Connor of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ivan currently serves on the boards of Equal Justice Works and Minnesota Public Radio. He is also a member of the Council of the American Law Institute, the American Bar Association’s Standing Committee on Law and National Security, and the Greater Twin Cities United Way Tocqueville Society Cabinet. Ivan has previously served as chair of the Association of Corporate Counsel, chair of the ABA’s Section of Science & Technology Law, a trustee of Stanford University, and on numerous national and community-based non-profit boards. He has received, among other honors, the Trailblazer Award from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, the Justice-in-Action Award from the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., and the Spirit of Excellence Award from the ABA.

Ivan holds a B.C.L. with first class honors from Oxford University, where he was a Fulbright Scholar. He received his J.D. (with distinction) from Stanford Law School, where he was president of the Stanford Law Review, and an S.B. in chemical engineering and an S.M. in chemical engineering practice from MIT. A registered patent attorney, he is admitted to the bars of California (inactive), Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Minnesota, and Ohio.
Founded in 2014 by two past presidents of the Asian American Bar Association of New York ("AABANY"), the Don H. Liu Scholars Program, Inc. ("Program") seeks to identify, cultivate and inspire future Asian American leaders within the legal profession in order to address the single most important reality facing Asian American professionals today -- the barrier to advancement.

Asian Americans remain grossly underrepresented in positions of influence, leadership and power within the legal profession. The number of Asian American partners in law firms and general counsel in our largest corporations do not reflect the diversity found in today’s law school classes or the ranks of junior associates at law firms. It is the mission of the Program to increase these numbers.

In its inaugural year, the Program awarded $15,000 each to its first two Don H. Liu Scholars ("Scholars") and provided mentorship to ensure that each Scholar would start her career at a prominent law firm. In its second year, the Selection Committee will choose three new Scholars who possess the greatest potential to both excel in the classroom and succeed at a top law firm or Fortune 500 corporation.

To support these emerging Asian American leaders, the Program will continue to award each Scholar a $15,000 scholarship ("Scholarship"). To qualify, each new Scholar must be a first year law student attending a law school in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, or the District of Columbia, have completed one full semester, and intend to practice in the New York City metropolitan area private sector following graduation. In addition to the Scholarship, the Program will provide the Scholars mentorship and assistance with internship placement and career development.

Congratulations to this year’s Don H. Liu Scholars Program award recipients:

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The Asian American Bar Association of New York recognizes that its continued growth and development in the legal profession would not have been possible without the commitment and support of law firms to diversity and inclusion efforts – both within their own law firms and in the broader legal community.

Starting in 2014, AABANY has sought to recognize one law firm each year for its extraordinary efforts to improve diversity and inclusion in our profession by presenting the AABANY Law Firm Diversity Award.

Applications were rated on four main criteria:

1. Demonstrated commitment to diversity as evidenced by a formal diversity plan committed to retention and promotion of women and minorities;

2. An established diversity pipeline of talent;

3. External activities, such as active participation in minority bar associations like AABANY and the diversity programs of mainstream bar associations;

4. The furtherance of AABANY’s mission, which includes the active and affirmative recruitment, retention, promotion, and development of APA lawyers in New York City.

AABANY is honored to present its 2016 Law Firm Diversity Award to Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, LLP.

This award recognizes Cleary Gottlieb’s outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion, including the recruitment, retention, and advancement of women, minorities, and LGBT attorneys and its active partnerships with minority bar associations like AABANY.

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