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AABANY CONGRATULATES GLENN MAGPANTAY AS RECIPIENT OF THE NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION'S HAYWOOD BURNS MEMORIAL AWARD

NEW YORK – February 2, 2015 – The Asian American Bar Association of New York (“AABANY”) is proud to announce that AABANY’s LGBT Committee Chair Glenn Magpantay was the recipient of the 2015 Haywood Burns Memorial Award, presented by the New York State Bar Association (“NYBSA”) on January 29, 2015 at the New York City Hilton Midtown as part of their Annual Meeting.

The Haywood Burns Memorial Award, given to honor the late civil rights lawyer and academic Dean W. Haywood Burns, is presented each year by NYBSA’s Committee on Civil Rights to an individual who has contributed to New York State in a manner that reflects Dean Burns’ commitment to the struggle for justice and the qualities that made him an outstanding advocate for civil rights and the empowerment of the powerless. AABANY was proud to nominate Mr. Magpantay’s nomination for this award.

Mr. Magpantay is now the Executive Director of the National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance. Immediately before that, he spent sixteen years at the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF), defending and promoting the voting rights of Asian Americans. Mr. Magpantay has fought to expand access to the right to vote, leading AALDEF’s Annual Asian American Election Protection Project, the nation’s largest poll monitoring and multilingual voter survey program for Asian Americans. As a civil rights litigator, Mr. Magpantay engaged in impact litigation and has filed several briefs for the U.S. Supreme Court regarding involving voting rights and language access in the Asian American community. He has fought for the fair political representation of racial and ethnic minorities in Congress, the State House, and City Hall and worked on many redistricting battles. Mr. Magpantay is an adjunct law professor at Brooklyn Law School, and an undergraduate teacher at Hunter College. In addition to inspiring many lawyers and law students to engage in pro bono work through his organizing efforts as a former Chair of AABANY’s Pro Bono Committee, he also inspires the legal community through his teaching and scholarship on many topics, such as constitutional theory and strategies to safeguard minority political participation. Mr. Magpantay currently serves as the Chair of AABANY’s LGBT Committee, which he founded.

As stated by Executive Director Yang Chen in the introductory remarks given on the night of the awards ceremony, “Glenn is an exemplary advocate, scholar, mentor and leader in the public interest. He gives voice to the voiceless, power to the powerless. He stands up for the unrepresented and under-represented in our society.... Now more than ever we need lawyers and individuals like Glenn to teach us and remind us of the need to continue fighting for the civil rights of all Americans. AABANY commends NYSBA for recognizing Glenn with the Haywood Burns Memorial Award, and we congratulate Glenn on a well-deserved and auspicious honor.”

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

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