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**AABANY PRESENTS *KICKING GLASS*, VIDEO ABOUT ASIAN AMERICAN
WOMEN ATTORNEYS, AT ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE**

NEW YORK – September 11, 2015 – The Asian American Bar Association of New York (“AABANY”) is proud to announce that their 6th Annual Fall Conference: Charting New Frontiers, taking place on Saturday, September 19th at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, features *Kicking Glass: Two Decades and Counting* during the luncheon plenary session. Addressing the important question of what it means to be an Asian American female attorney, *Kicking Glass: Two Decades and Counting* is a groundbreaking follow-up program to AABANY’s video first presented twenty years ago at the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (“NAPABA”) Convention in 1995.

The first *Kicking Glass* video in 1995 discussed the position of Asian American women in the legal profession and featured several Asian American women lawyers who discussed the hurdles they faced, the successes they achieved, and what success meant to them. Among the issues addressed in the video were the “Asian woman” stereotype, how to get recognition for one’s work, parity in the workplace, and achieving a work/life balance. *Kicking Glass: Two Decades and Counting* examines those same questions twenty years later, exploring both how far Asian American female attorneys have advanced and how much more progress needs to be made. *Kicking Glass: Two Decades and Counting* features both women from the 1995 video and other Asian American women attorneys in different stages of their legal careers.

Following the video will be a panel discussion to elaborate on the perspectives of those attorneys and identify what challenges remain. Sapna Palla, Esq., AABANY Women’s Committee Co-Chair and Partner, Wiggin and Dana, LLP, will moderate. Scheduled to appear as speakers for this panel are:

- Hon. Doris Ling-Cohan, New York State Supreme Court Judge, Appellate Term, First Department
- Sandra Leung, General Counsel, Bristol-Myers Squibb & Co.
- Clara Ohr, Legal & Compliance Officer, LUKOIL Pan Americas LLC
- Ryan Park, Associate, Boies Schiller & Flexner LLP
- Saira Haider, Associate, Axinn, Veltop & Harkrider LLP

"AABANY commends our Women's Committee for undertaking this important project," states William Wang, AABANY President. "It brings to the fore persistent issues affecting Asian American women lawyers in New York. While recognizing that some positive change has occurred over time, it forces us to confront the lack of progress since the first *Kicking Glass* video was produced over two decades ago. The serious discussion that the present video inspires may provide the first steps towards making further progress so that in the near future we can be celebrating the glass being shattered rather just being kicked."

“The AABANY Fall Conference’s theme of charting new frontiers is the perfect backdrop for addressing how Asian American women lawyers can chart their own new frontiers,” states Sapna Palla. “We look forward to a stimulating discussion on concrete ideas for advancement so that the shattered ceiling is the norm, not the exception.”

For more information, please contact Yang Chen, AABANY Executive Director, at (718) 228-7206, or direct any inquiries to main@aabany.org.

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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