

AABANY's Quarterly Report: May 2015 to July 2015

During the months from May to July, AABANY continued our theme of “Charting New Frontiers” through an emphasis on engaging programming and meaningful mentorship. This quarter, we offered our members unique events, educational panels and CLEs, active social gatherings, and community outreach opportunities.

Our second quarter included many special events: the trial reenactment *Justice Denied: Wards Cove Packing v. Atonio*, led by Hon. Denny Chin and Kathy Hirata Chin; our 8th Annual Winetasting & Networking Reception, led by our In-House Counsel Committee and Corporate Law Committee; our Prosecutors' Committee 7th Annual Reception, honoring Deputy U.S. Attorney Joon Kim and the family of fallen hero Detective Wenjian Liu; and more.

Headed by Naf Kwun, the Newsletter Committee produced the Spring 2015, Volume XVI - Issue II of *The AABANY Advocate*, featuring a re-print of *Above the Law's* “Congratulations to AABANY on Another Successful Dinner,” by David Lat; a re-print of *AM New York's* “Diverse Group of NYC Judges Sworn in by Mayor,” by Ivan Pereira; President Will Wang's “800 Years of Magna Carta: Fundamental Liberties Must be Protected,” a re-print from the *New York Law Journal's* Law Day Issue; “AABANY Trial Re-enactment Team Performs at the New-York Historical Society,” feature by Executive Director Yang Chen; AABANY's First Quarter 2015 review; and a sponsor spotlight on Summit Financial Printing.



Awards and Recognitions

AABANY recognizes and congratulates the many members of the community, achieving great success and garnering many achievements in different fields of the law. We congratulate the following members and friends:

Hon. Denny Chin and *Kathy Hirata Chin*, whose work in leading historical trial reenactments was profiled in *The American Lawyer's* “Cadwalader Partner, Federal Judge Broaden Scope of Reenactments,” by Nell Gluckman.

Margaret Ling, Board Member and Co-Chair of the Real Estate Committee, who was recognized by *New York Real Estate Journal* as one of the 2015 Women in Real Estate.

Susan Shin, President-Elect, and *Teena-Ann Sankoorikal*, Former Board Member, and other AABANY members and friends honored among the Outstanding 50 Asian Americans in Business 2015: *Tiffany Ma*, *Alice Young*, *Alex Yong Hao*, *Jasmine Ball*, *Susan Onuma*, and *Richard Lui*.

Jean Lee, Past President and Board Member, was honored with the Trailblazer Award at the Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York's 29th Anniversary Gala.

Meng Ru, who was selected as one of *New York Law Journal's* 2015 Rising Stars.

Sonia Low, Board Member, whose company the ONE Group Hospitality, Inc., announced that its common stock has started trading on the NASDAQ Capital Market.

Hon. Alexander Jeong, whose nomination was confirmed by the New York State Senate to the New York Court of Claims.

Kathy Hirata Chin, who was recognized as a Diversity & Inclusion Champion Award Honoree by the New York City Bar Association.

Sylvia Chin, AABANY Past President, who was appointed to the American Bar Association Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity within the Profession.

Austin So, In-House Counsel Committee Co-Chair, who was named one of *The Legal Intelligencer's* Diverse Attorneys of 2015.

Michael H. Park, Career Placement Committee Co-Chair (and a NAPABA Best Under 40 awardee), whose career move to Consovoy McCarthy, which became Consovoy McCarthy & Park after his arrival, was featured in news outlets such as *Above the Law*.

Vinoo Varghese, former Board Member, who successfully petitioned for a new trial before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in a Federal criminal tax trial in what *Law360* described as a rare move.

William Wang, AABANY President, *Glenn Lau-Kee*, AABANY Past President and the New York State Bar Association's first Asian American President, and *Hon. Randall Eng*, longtime AABANY member, who each published an article for *New York Law Journal's* special Law Day Issue on the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month



May 12, 2015 AABANY members participated in a re-enactment of **Justice Denied: Wards Cove Packing Co. v. Atonio**, at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP. The cast included Cadwalader Partner, Kathy Hirata Chin, who together with her husband, Hon. Denny Chin of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, has spearheaded AABANY's trial re-enactment project for the past nine years. Also in the cast were Cadwalader

attorneys and AABANY members Lauren U.Y. Lee and Jessica Wong, as well as past NAPABA and AABANY President Andy Hahn, three past AABANY Presidents, Linda Lin, Clara Ohr and Yang Chen (also AABANY's Executive Director). Hon. Lorna Schofield, the first Filipino American Article III judge, played the role of Hon. Thomas Tang of the Ninth Circuit. It was also a notable honor and privilege to be joined at the re-enactment by the family of Abraham Arditi, counsel for plaintiffs in *Wards Cove*. The Wards Cove re-enactment tells a story of racial discrimination in hiring, promotion, and working conditions in the Alaska salmon canning industry. It recounts a long history of legal proceedings that ultimately led to defeat for the plaintiffs who sought to redress decades of discrimination against Asian American workers in the Wards Cove cannery. The case led to the United States Congress enacting the Civil Rights Act of 1991 which partially overturned the Supreme Court's rulings in *Wards Cove*. In doing so, however, Congress left in place an exemption that carved out the case from the reach of the Civil Rights Act, thereby denying the class represented in *Wards Cove* from enjoying the benefits of the legislation. To quote from the re-enactment Gloria Caoile, of the Philippine Heritage Foundation: "This is like saying everyone can sit in front of the bus except for Rosa Parks."



May 16, 2015 AABANY's trial re-enactment team, led by Hon. Denny Chin and Kathy Hirata Chin, performed yet again at the New-York Historical Society, this time re-enacting the **Heart Mountain Draft Resisters** case. Before an audience of more than 100 on a Saturday morning, the team presented a truncated version of the script. The Heart Mountain case tells the story of Japanese American internees at Heart Mountain, Wyoming

who refused to sign up for the draft to protest the removal of Japanese American citizens from their homes without due process during World War II. The performance was followed by a discussion moderated by Judge Chin, in which Kathy Hirata Chin, Hon. Kiyo Matsumoto, Vincent Chang, and David Weinberg took part. During the question-and-answer portion of the program, many audience members took the opportunity to pose questions to the panel. Many high school and college students were in the audience, and the last question went to a high school student who asked what happened to the internees once they were released and went back to their lives. The harsh truth was that most of the internees lost their homes and had no jobs to go back to. Kathy Chin and Judge Matsumoto were able to draw from the sensitive personal experiences of their families during the discussion.

May 26, 2015 As part of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, AABANY, the Asian American Law Fund of New York, Inc. (AALFNY), and White & Case LLP presented the **New York premiere of *Kicking Glass from the Boardroom to the Courtroom: Two Decades and Counting***, a follow-up to a 1995 video produced by AABANY regarding the position of Asian American women in the legal profession. The New York screening of *Kicking Glass* attracted approximately 100 attendees and was simultaneously live-broadcast to the White & Case offices in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Miami and



Tampa. First presented at the NAPABA Convention in 1995, the first *Kicking Glass* video explored Asian American women attorneys' views on barriers to the highest levels of the profession, the successes they achieved, and what success meant to them. Among the issues addressed were the "Asian woman" stereotype, and how to get recognition for one's work, parity in the workplace, and achieving a work/life

balance. Headed by the AABANY Women's Committee, the 2015 *Kicking Glass* video followed up on these important issues with several of the attorneys from the 1995 video as well as a new group of women and law students for their perspectives on the progress that has been made and the hurdles that remain. Following the screening, Sylvia Fung Chin, Partner at White & Case, moderated a candid panel discussion that included speakers featured in the video: Hon. Pamela Chen, United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York; Hon. Doris Ling-Cohan, Appellate Term, First Department, Supreme Court of the State of New York; Sapna Palla, Partner, Wiggin and Dana LLP (AABANY Women's Committee Co-Chair); Poojitha Rao, Principal, Rao Law LLC; Grace Shim, Executive Director, MinKwon Center for Community Action; and Helen Wan, Author, *The Partner Track*. The event not only brought to light the progress that has been made in the past two decades, but also how much progress there is left to make, underscoring AABANY's role in charting those new frontiers through mentorship and advocacy.

Special Events

June 15, 2015 AABANY launched the **Speakers Bureau** seeking to develop a robust roster of AABANY members who are interested in sharing their legal knowledge and expertise. We want to provide opportunities to connect members with relevant speaker requests from AABANY Committees, bar associations, and other organizations. This is an excellent opportunity for members to not only hone their presentation skills but also to raise their profiles as experts in their practice areas. Those interested in participating in the Speakers Bureau can complete this form: <http://bit.ly/aabanySpeakers>

June 24, 2015 AABANY held its **8th Annual Winetasting & Networking Reception for Law Firm Partners and Senior In-House Counsel**. Thanks to Sonia Low, Board Director and General Counsel of the ONE Group Hospitality, we held the Winetasting at STK Downtown, formerly known as Tenjune. There were approximately 125 people present at this invite-only event, held by the Corporate Law



Committee and the In-House Counsel Committee. This annual event is one of AABANY's flagship events, directed towards a major segment of our membership. Each year, we attempt to create an exclusive and enjoyable evening for all those invited. This year showcased another success at the hands of our Corporate Law Committee Chairs and In-House Counsel Committee Chairs.



June 30, 2015 The Prosecutors Committee held its **7th Annual Reception** at Brooklyn Law School, honoring Deputy U.S. Attorney Joon H. Kim and the family of fallen hero Detective Wenjian Liu. Covered by both *The World Journal* and *The Korea Times*, this reception was one of the Prosecutors Committee's most powerful yet, paying homage to the work done by those in public service and the sacrifice of those in law enforcement. As in past years, senior leaders of the District Attorney's Offices were invited to speak, each person touching upon what exactly makes this event and this Committee so unique. As noted by one speaker, DA of Kings County Ken Thompson, the Prosecutors Committee gives the DA's Offices a chance to recognize and celebrate the important work done by their

Asian American friends and colleagues. In addition to honoring important figures in the community, the AABANY Prosecutors Reception also recognizes that our values and identity as Asian Americans may inform our attitudes in working in the public interest. One of the running jokes of the evening – sorry we disappointed our parents by not becoming doctors – played on the notion that perhaps becoming a lawyer is not the most common choice for Asian Americans, let alone becoming a lawyer who makes no money. Yet it is that humility and humor that underscores the pride in representing the people. As stated by Joon Kim in his speech for the evening, “As a prosecutor, you only have one job to do – and that job is doing the right thing.” Taking a pay cut from a 7-figure salary as Partner at the prominent law firm Clearly Gottlieb, Joon Kim described his choice to rejoin the U.S. Attorney's Office a no-brainer. In his role as a prosecutor, Joon Kim is proud to tell his children what he does every day – he puts criminals away, not as Batman, but as a lawyer who helps Batman. Each and every person who spoke recognized the ultimate sacrifice of Detective Wenjian Liu and his parents. Det. Liu's father shared that although they immigrated to this country and they faced such difficulty with the language barrier, they experienced boundless joy due to their only son Wenjian. Although now Det. Liu has passed, his sacrifice has not been forgotten.

July 17, 2015 Thanks to the efforts of the Fall Conference Planning Committee, including members such as Vice President of Programs and Operations Marianne Chow, Vice President of Finance and Development Will Ng, Recording Secretary Lige Gu, and Intellectual Property Committee Co-Chair Jenny Lee, and more, our **Sixth Annual Fall Conference website** was launched at: <http://conference2015.aabany.org/>. Planning for the 2015 Fall Conference has been well underway with numerous programs submitted by many AABANY committees. The website highlights our CLE and non-CLE panels, including our Pathway to the Judiciary event, invite-only In-House Counsel Forum, and

other programs on cutting edge topics in the legal industry. The website also features information about law firm pitches, our inaugural Diversity Career Fair, full-day Trial Advocacy Program, and 2015-2016 Mentorship Program, which will launch during the Fall Conference Cocktail Reception. For more information, please visit <http://conference2015.aabany.org/> or email fall.conference@aabany.org.

Panels and CLEs

May 13, 2015 Planet Data and AABANY's Litigation Committee presented **Mobile eDiscovery: If Only There Was an App for That!** at Seyfarth Shaw LLP. This ethics CLE discussing the effects of mobile device culture on the legal world, this program featured: Michael Yim, Partner, FordHarrison LLP; James Yu, Senior Counsel, Seyfarth Shaw LLP; Howard J. Reissner, Esq., CEO, Planet Data; and Brad Berkshire, Vice President of Consulting and Digital Forensics, Planet Data. Litigation Committee Co-Chair Joey Tsai, Founder of Tsai PLLC, moderated the panel. Our panelists shared their experience dealing with the relatively uncharted territories of data, technology, and privacy within the context of labor and employment law. They also raised legal concerns, technical issues with mobile device discovery, and an attorney's ethical obligation to understand mobile technology.



May 18, 2015 The AABANY Litigation Committee and the American Arbitration Association co-sponsored a program at Seyfarth Shaw LLP entitled **Implicit Bias in Arbitration**, which explored the existence of implicit bias in decision-makers like judges and arbitrators through theory, social science research, and anecdotal evidence. The approximately 35 attendees participated in an interactive presentation conducted by Professor Rachel Godsil of Seton Hall Law School, after which she joined distinguished arbitrators Tai-Heng Cheng and Carol Young on a panel discussion moderated by Theo Cheng, Chair of the AABANY's Litigation ADR Subcommittee.



May 19, 2015 The Career Placement Committee organized another **Career Panel at FINRA**, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Those interested in securities regulation learned about the exciting opportunities within FINRA's marketing intelligence, dispute resolution, enforcement and other divisions. The panelists included: Susan Schroeder, Enforcement; Irfan Gilani, Sales Practice; Tony Cavallaro, Office of Fraud Detection and Market

Intelligence; and Erroll Angara, Dispute Resolution. The Career Panel attracted both law students and experienced attorneys, spanning a wide variety of legal and non-legal opportunities in securities regulation.

May 27, 2015 The AABANY Intellectual Property Committee and Kilpatrick, Townsend & Stockton, LLP co-sponsored a CLE Trademark Skills Workshop entitled: “**Ack! What Do I Do Now? My Trademark Application Has Just Been Rejected!**” Moderated by Jenny Greisman, the panelists were Kilpatrick Townsend Attorney Tina Mepani and NBCUniversal Counsel Divya Jayachandran. They explored a variety of strategies and hands-on skills for responding to common reasons for an U.S. Trademark Examiner to refuse registration of a trademark application. Approximately 20 attendees participated in this interactive workshop, which offered 1 CLE credit. This CLE was part of an ongoing series of IP Skills Workshops for new attorneys.

May 29, 2015 Our Real Estate Committee, one of AABANY’s most active Committees, organized an informative lunchtime CLE for aspiring and experienced attorneys at the office of Morrison & Foerster, LLP, **New York Lien Law: Protecting the Priority of Lender’s Lien**, featuring John A. Frates, Esq., Executive Vice President and General Counsel at Stewart Title Insurance Company. This CLE offered 1 credit hour towards Areas of Professional Practice.



June 17, 2015 AABANY co-sponsored the New York County Lawyers’ Association (NYCLA) panel and celebration of the 10th anniversary of the *Hernandez v. Robles* decision, the **Evolution of Marriage Equality in New York State**. Ten years ago, long time supporter of AABANY Justice Doris Ling-Cohan (Appellate Term, First Department) bravely decided in favor of marriage equality and put the controversial issue on its unique journey to later becoming the New York Marriage Equality Act in 2011. Justice Ling-Cohan sat on the panel with LGBTQ advocates Cathy Marino-Thomas, President of Marriage Equality USA, and Alphonso B. David, Esq., Counsel to Governor Andrew Cuomo. Civil rights attorney and LGBTQ advocate Yetta Kurland moderated. Panelists touched on the path towards achieving marriage equality in New York, from a subject of public outcry to an issue of increasing acceptance and approval. Mr. David stated that in 2005, the use of the words “gay marriage” were unspeakable and unacceptable. As the litigator in the *Hernandez* decision, Mr. David, along with Lambda Legal Defense and Educational Fund, singlehandedly brought a claim of a violation of the United States Constitution’s equal protection clause. Ms. Marino-Thomas praised these litigation efforts of Mr. David and his team as “making gold out of straw.” Despite these efforts, the panelists all disclosed the reality of an imminent appeal to undo the decision. *Hernandez* was ultimately reversed by the Court of Appeals. Despite the reversal, the uphill battle for acceptance and fight to move marriage equality as a key political issue continued to build momentum. Public approval ratings of marriage equality began to increase. The passage of the 2011 Marriage Equality Act in New York was the

ultimate “sea change” for the panelists. This historic event exhibited the courage of the legislators to protect the disenfranchised. By the end of the hour, the distinguished panelists provided words of wisdom to the audience members about the future of marriage equality. Justice Ling-Cohan stressed the importance of coalition building with the LGBTQ community and communities of color.



June 18, 2015 At Phillips Lytle, LLP in New York City, AABANY co-sponsored the Filipino-American Lawyers Association of New York’s CLE, **Changing Gears: Moving from Public Service to Private Service**. Panelists Anna Mercado Clark (Associate at Phillips Lytle LLP), William Lopez (Associate at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP), and Concepcion A. Montoya (Partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP) led a discussion on the challenges and benefits of a career transition from public service to the private

sector in the legal profession. Patricia Astorga moderated the panel. The evening included a discussion and presentation on the ethical considerations for lawyers moving from public to private practice. The CLE began with the panelists sharing their stories of transitioning from public service into the private sector. Both panelists expressed their decision for a career change was motivated by a personal goal to increase their skill set in various types of law. Furthermore, an additional benefit for such a career transition was undeniably the increase in salary. As with all benefits, the panelists expressed the difficulties they faced in the initial stages of transitioning into the private sector. The CLE struck attendees as not only humorous and warm, but exceptionally genuine and candid in addressing the differences in succeeding in different sectors.



June 23, 2015 The National Association of Asian American Professionals - New York’s **Talk Tuesday: Legal Industry**, featuring our very own AABANY President Will Wang on the panel. Panelists for the evening were: Will Wang, Asian American Bar Association of New York; Song Kim, Asian American Legal Defense and Education

Fund; Rippi Gill, South Asian Bar Association of New York; and Bridgette Ahn, Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York. They discussed current legal topics, law firm life, and mentorship. Closing out the evening for the night, AABANY President Will Wang offered the following advice: Seek out a variety of mentors and it’s never too early to start networking – attend social events for work and you will be surprised at how much you’ve grown professionally and personally.

July 14, 2015 Executive Director Yang Chen led the **ABA’s National Dialogue for Solo and Small Firm Lawyers** at Thomson Hall in Manhattan’s Financial District. The National Dialogue was a unique forum where solo and small firm lawyers, along with

state and local bar leadership, discussed the common needs, challenges and concerns of this largest segment of practicing attorneys. The National Dialogue was part of the ABA's "You Reimagined: Big Firm to Small Firm – It's All About You!," co-sponsored by AABANY and the New York State Bar Association. The ABA GPSolo Division, chaired by Amy Lin Meyerson (and past president of NAPABA), organized the event. Alex Lee, NAPABA VP of Finance and Development, himself a solo practitioner, was also in attendance. Tsui Yee, Co-Chair of AABANY's and NYCLA's Solo and Small Firm Practice Committees, joined the National Dialogue and offered some of her ideas and views as a small firm practitioner.

Community Outreach



April 30, 2015 AABANY co-sponsored the South Asian Bar Association of New York's **Nepal Earthquake Relief Fundraiser** with many other organizations, such as the Muslim Bar Association of New York, South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey, Network of Indian Professionals of New York, South Asian Journalists Association and others. The fundraiser was held at Pranna NYC to support the relief efforts of the devastating earthquake that left thousands dead and injured and

countless lives uprooted throughout South Asia. Despite the short and immediate notice, SABANY's response drew over 125 people to the event and raised a substantial amount towards improving conditions through Adhikaar, a Jackson Heights-based organization focused on improving the lives of the Nepali speaking community in NYC. Adhikaar spearheaded relief and recovery efforts in Nepal. AABANY was more than happy to support their efforts.



May 1, 2015 AABANY came out to join **Community Law Day** in the park outside of the Civil Court building at 111 Centre Street among other wonderful organizations, including Sanctuary for Families to our left and the Legal Aid Society to our right. Our table was manned and visited that afternoon by President Will Wang, Pro Bono & Community Service Co-Chairs Samuel Lui and June Lee, Labor & Employment Law Committee Co-Chair Chris Kwok, Government

Service & Public Interest Committee Co-Chair Anita Wu, Cynthia Weaver, and Simone Nguyen. We were fortunate enough to distribute information to those in need of legal assistance and connect with many members of the Chinatown and downtown community. PBCS Co-Chair June Lee, Queens Legal Services, remarked that it was great to go out and see the people who needed help face-to-face as opposed to picking up a phone call and not necessarily being able to read their emotional cues.

May 15, 2015 AABANY took part in the fourth annual **Trivia Bowl hosted by the Asian American Journalists Association, New York Chapter**. AABANY has participated in all the Trivia Bowls, except for year two, when we had a schedule conflict. This year's team included Chris Kwok (Co-Chair, Labor & Employment Law Committee), Francis Chin (Chair, Professional Development Committee), Tsui Yee (Co-Chair, Immigration and Nationality Law Committee), Joey Tsai (Co-Chair, Litigation Committee), Yang Chen (Executive Director), Steve Shapiro (longtime member), Linda Lin (Past President and Co-Chair, Judiciary Committee), Rio Guerrero (Co-Chair, Immigration and Nationality Law Committee), Lige Gu (Recording Secretary, Co-Chair, Bankruptcy and Restructuring Committee), and Gabe Arce-Yee (Co-Chair, Young Lawyers Committee). The Trivia Bowl took place at Broad Street Ballroom, in the Financial District. In total, fifteen teams participated, mostly from news organizations, such as the *New York Times*, Newsday, ABC News, CBS News, NBCUniversal News Group and CNN Money. AALDEF and AABANY were the two teams from the legal industry. Even though the AABANY team did not take first place, two our team members took home some great raffle prizes: Tsui Yee won a six-month subscription for his and her Birchbox sample boxes, filled with wonderful beauty and grooming products. Joey Tsai got four box seats to a Mets home game. Trivia Bowl is AAJA-NY's annual fundraiser, to raise money for scholarships for APA journalism students, so it's a great cause, and AABANY was pleased to be a part of it as a silver sponsor.



May 16, 2015 The **Joint Minority Bar Judicial Internship Program (JMB JIP)** once again held its **2015 Orientation Program** at the New York City office of Littler Mendelson, P.C. This year, JMB JIP helped place 28 law students in federal and state judicial internships throughout New York City. During the 2015 Orientation Program, JMB JIP Co-Directors Rahul Agarwal, Assistant United States Attorney, District of New Jersey, and William H. Ng, Associate, Littler Mendelson, P.C., provided an overview of the New York State and federal court systems. JMB JIP Founder and Co-Director Linda S. Lin, Senior Counsel and Senior Complex Claims Director, Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance, taught a legal writing and research course. The JMB JIP interns also participated in an interactive writing assignment that required them to review, analyze and edit a legal brief. To close out the morning session, Richard Tsai, Principal Court Attorney for Hon. Michael Stallman, taught a chambers etiquette course. The orientation program concluded with a career panel of current and former law clerks, including Richard Tsai and Asad Rizvi, Law Clerk to Hon. A. Kathleen Tomlinson, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Eastern District of New York.

June 2015 Membership Secretary Irene Tan also began her **Membership Committee Delegate Program** for law students, the focus of which is two-fold: to attract the manpower necessary to develop and implement AABANY's new membership recruitment initiatives and to foster the personal and professional development of law students interested in expanding their network by attending AABANY events and contributing to one of the largest minority bar associations in New York.

June 5, 2015 AABANY participated yet again in the **Annual Caren Aronowitz Unity in Diversity Fair** at the 60 Centre Street Courthouse, providing delicious dim sum from Nom Wah Tea Parlor. AABANY President Will Wang, Executive Director Yang Chen, and Program Associate Simone Nguyen manned AABANY's table. The Cultural Diversity Committee and the Gender Fairness Committee of the Supreme Court, Civil Branch, New York County, and the New York County Clerk's office presented the event. Consumed by the numerous court personnel, judges, law clerks and community members who were in attendance, the Nom Wah food proved highly popular and flew off the AABANY table.



July 20, 2015 During our **Annual AABANY/AALFNY Summer Reception**, we celebrated the opportunities afforded to diverse law students in JMB JIP, the Asian American Law Fund of New York's Community Scholarship Award Recipient Kamille Go, and the accomplishments of NYC Commissioner of Human Rights **Carmelyn Malalis**. We had over 170 attorneys, judges, and law students registered to attend. JMB JIP is a

collaborative effort between AABANY, AALFNY, the Asian American Judges Association of New York, Association of Judges of Hispanic Heritage, Metropolitan Black Bar Association, the New York Women's Bar Association Foundation, Inc., the Puerto Rican Bar Association, and the South Asian Bar Association of New York to offer law students with a strong commitment to diversity to enhance and complement their legal education as summer judicial interns in New York metropolitan area courthouses. This reception not only offered the chance to celebrate but to connect in a welcome environment for mentorship and guidance. We thank the many law firms who sponsored this program and made it possible, including the evening's host for the night, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

Networking

June 4, 2015 The Young Lawyers Committee held the **First Run of the AABANY Running Club** from Brookfield Place through Battery Park, along the scenic Hudson River. After meeting at Hudson Eats in Brookfield Place, runners shared their motivation, everything from marathon training to fitting back into their own clothes. Braving the mild weather were:



Fearless leader Gabriel Arce-Yee, who led the run; David Sohn; YuJin Hong; David Mou; Blaise Chow; Tansy Woan; Amelia Wong; Tiffany Tsai; Julie Zong; Simone Nguyen; and Tom Greenberg. We commend each and every person who made it out and gave his or her running shoes a reason for being. A smaller faction broke off for a mini-yoga lesson. Several members stayed and rewarded their run with barbecue.

June 17, 2015 The Young Lawyers Committee and the Mentorship Program hosted a **Rooftop Happy Hour** at Rare in Midtown East. YLC Co-Chairs David Sohn, Gabe Arce-Yee and Amy Ngai were on hand to meet and greet the young lawyers, law students and prospective lawyers who came out. Mentorship Program Coordinators Edward Kang and David Sohn were also on hand to talk to anyone interested in participating in the program, as either a mentor or mentee. Membership Secretary Irene Tan and Executive Director Yang Chen were also in attendance, along with 2014 AABANY Legal Interns Christina Nguyen and Kevin Wong. The gloomy clouds only released a few drops of rain here and there; for the most part, the attendees stayed dry and got to network and enjoy each other's company over drinks, sliders and chips with guacamole.



June 30, 2015 The **Women's Committee Kickoff Meeting** was held at the Offices of Wiggin and Dana. Having won last year's Committee of the Year award, they not only noted their success in past years, but they also discussed opportunities to carry this momentum forward by continuing their active and engaging programming with opportunities to connect, mentor or be mentored, and connect with other female attorneys in the New York area.

July 10, 2015 The AABANY Membership Committee, the Young Lawyer's Committee, the Student Outreach Committee, the Pro Bono Committee, the Real Estate Committee, and the AABANY Mentorship Program welcomed lawyers, law students, prospective lawyers, and AABANY members and non-members to a summer **Get to Know AABANY Happy Hour** at the Rubin Museum of Art's K2 Lounge. Membership Secretary Irene Tan and Mentorship Program



Coordinator David Sohn were on hand to meet and greet all attendees and spread the word about the amazing work of AABANY. Hors d'oeuvres were served and attendees were invited to a 2-for-1 special cash bar. Program applications also opened the same day for the 2015-2016 Mentorship Program. Members and non-members caught up with old friends and connected with new ones over good drinks and good company.

July 15, 2015 AABANY's **Litigation Committee held their Kickoff Meeting** at the offices of Akin Gump. New Co-Chairs Carolyn Mattus and Abraham Cho discussed and polled attendees for their expectations and interests. Board Member and veteran Litigation Committee Co-Chair Tristan Loanzon was on hand to share his past experiences as well as his keys to success – an emphasis on professional development as litigators and a sense of community among the litigators who make up the committee.



July 16, 2015 We were blessed with yet another day of great weather for the **Second Gathering of AABANY's Running Club**. Young Lawyers Committee Co-Chair and Fearless Leader Gabriel Arce-Yee guarded our belongings in Co-Chair Amy Ngai's absence. These were the determined souls who made it out to Battery Park for AABANY's best attempt at getting in shape together: Will Wang; Marianne Chow; David Sohn; Amanda Bernardo; Grace Lee; and Simone Nguyen. David Sohn led the run and eventually left everyone in the dust.



July 17, 2015 In a determination to get AABANY fit for the summer, the Immigration & Nationality Law Committee, Student Outreach Committee, and Women's Committee hosted **Yoga for Lawyers**, led by part-time yoga instructor and part-time lawyer Wendy Harris at YoGanesh. Wendy created a safe and warm environment to unwind from a long week as we moved through Slow Flow and Restorative Yoga. After class, we snacked on Clif Bars, Kind Bars, and water, starting our weekend off in a healthy way.

