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*VIA EMAIL*

Nominations Committee  
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To the Nominations Committee:

I write to declare my interest in running for the office of Treasurer. I have been a member of AABANY since 2014 and, in that time, I have gained great respect for the organization and have been inspired by the work of its leadership and members in carrying out its important mission. I now seek the opportunity to play a greater role in furthering AABANY's efforts.

Since 2014, I have attended and participated in numerous AABANY events. Attending and participating in these events has impressed upon me the great service that AABANY provides to the Asian American legal community. During the past two years, I have served as a co-chair of AABANY's Bankruptcy Committee and have organized and participated in its events, including panels at both of the most recent Fall Conferences. As a member, I have been particularly interested in helping to provide mentorship and career advice to younger attorneys, which has led me to volunteer and participate in a number of the excellent programs that AABANY organizes or sponsors in this regard, such as mock interview and resume review events.

I have actively worked to address diversity issues throughout my life. At my firm, I have been a member of the Diversity Committee in New York for numerous years, where we address the diversity issues that trouble our firm and the legal profession as a whole. As an attorney, I have also been active with other minority-focused legal organizations, for example PALS, where I have served as a mentor to law students and younger attorneys for several years, and AALDEF. Also, throughout my academic career, I served in leadership positions in various minority student organizations.

I have found my experience as an AABANY member to be extremely valuable and would welcome the opportunity to now serve the organization as Treasurer so that I may play a part in helping AABANY continue its great impact on the Asian American legal community and the lives of its members.

Sincerely,

William Hao