

December 11, 2018

Nominations Committee
Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY)
45 Rockefeller Plaza, 20th Floor
New York, NY 10111

Dear Nominations Committee,

I write to apply to continue my position on the AABANY Board of Directors. It has been a great honor for me to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. I have also been privileged to serve as co-chair of AABANY's Academic Committee. I am currently Professor of Law at Rutgers Law School of Rutgers University. I am serving my thirteenth year on the full-time law faculty and have committed myself as a teacher, scholar, and community leader to issues of diversity, access, and opportunity.

In my capacity as an AABANY director and Academic Committee co-chair, I have served as a liaison between the board and the Women's Committee, participated in AABANY events and outreach, and engaged the Academic Committee in collaborations with other AABANY committees and additional entities on various educational and networking programs. These activities have helped to bolster connections between law professors, student groups, and members of the bar in diverse practice areas.

It would be a great honor for me to continue this work, including by bringing to bear my various experiences in legal academia within AABANY's leadership community. During my time as a faculty member, I have actively innovated to augment programs in teaching, research, alumni outreach, and mentorship. I have created and supported numerous opportunities for cross-community and collaborative engagement within the law school, throughout the university, with advocacy organizations, and with alumni in the public and private sectors. I have made these contributions through administrative leadership roles, as a frequent advisor on strategic initiatives, and as an individual faculty member.

In my teaching, research, institutional, and leadership work, I have reached across diverse communities and dedicated myself to mentorship, inclusion, and access. I have pursued these commitments, for instance, through the Rutgers University Chancellor's Commission on Diversity and Transformation, New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Minority Concerns, Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Rutgers University-Newark P3 Collaboratory on Pedagogy, Professional Development, and Publicly-Engaged Scholarship, Rutgers Center for Gender, Sexuality, Law and Policy, and Rutgers University Institute for Research on Women.

AABANY's commitments to education, mentorship, and access are deeply meaningful to me on personal and professional levels. I would be honored to continue to assist AABANY's work in addressing issues of concern to Asian Pacific Americans and building pipelines and community within the legal profession.

Very truly yours,



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