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AABANY Board Nominations

Statement of Interest for Position of Membership Director

I am submitting this statement of interest to declare my intention to run for Membership Director of the Asian American Bar Association of New York “AABANY,” for the year 2019-2020.

I have been an active AABANY member since 2015. In 2015, I became involved in the Monthly Pro Bono Clinic, under the leadership of Samuel Lui. I volunteered to provide advice on behalf of AABANY to the Chinatown community for the majority of the last three years and continue to participate in the clinic currently.

In 2016, I became a Co-Chair for the Government, Service and Public Interest committee (“GSPI”). As a Co-Chair, I have organized multiple social and educational events, including hosting a Karaoke mixer, and a holiday dinner for the members of GSPI and other committees, as well as helping my co-chairs organize “Know Your Rights” panels to educate the Chinese community on topics of Housing, Elder Law, and Tax. Besides the monthly pro-bono clinic, I have participated in other volunteer attorney events, including two DACA renewal clinics in 2017. In addition to organizing events and quarterly meetings, I have actively attended events hosted by AABANY on a weekly or monthly basis.

In the years 2017 and 2018, I was a speaker at the AABANY Fall Conference, presenting on Divorce and Family Law. My presentations were designed to help other attorneys learn fundamentals of Family Law.

In the past, I have held positions on the executive board of other organizations, including President of the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association at University of Connecticut Law School in 2011-2012, and Treasurer of Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity at Binghamton University in the year 2005-2006. Prior to law school, I was Legal Secretary at Baker & Hostetler LLP, and I assisted two partners and one associate in all their daily matters, including time keeping, record keeping and organization of their files. Although AABANY is a significantly larger group, the skills and experience I gained from my leadership roles for the above organizations will be beneficial to AABANY.

Since college, I have been committed to helping the Asian American community. I believe that as an Asian attorney, it is important to dedicate time for pro bono work, and to further the goals of AABANY. I know my skills would greatly help to advance the interests of the Asian American bench, bar and public. I intend on recruiting more members so that there will be even more participation from talented Asian lawyers. I respectfully submit my intention to be a candidate for the position of Membership Director.