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Statement of Interest – Vice President of Programs and Operations

I am writing to declare my interest in running for the position of Vice President of Programs and Operations. I have been a member of AABANY since 2014 and am currently serving a second term as co-chair for the Young Lawyers Committee and first term with the Women's Committee. My involvement with AABANY over these past few years has been extremely rewarding, and I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue to contribute to the organization's success by serving as Vice President of Programs and Operations.

When I first joined AABANY, I was a first-year associate at a small litigation firm. I wanted to build my professional network and to strengthen my connections with the Asian Pacific American community in New York, and AABANY presented as the ideal space to achieve both goals. I attended happy hours, committee dinners, and various other get-to-know AABANY events. A particularly memorable event for me was when I volunteered for the Young Lawyers Committee's winter community service event at Xavier Mission in February 2016. For three hours, a group that included Judge Matsumoto, hustled and worked together to serve meals to less fortunate New Yorkers. That experience – of developing relationships through collective effort – contributed greatly to my interest in becoming a chair for the Young Lawyers Committee.

Now, as a co-chair of two AABANY committees, I have endeavored to curate a balance of conventional activities as well as new experiences for committee members. With the Young Lawyers Committee, I have organized yoga classes, spin classes, dinners, and the Annual Picnic. With the Women's Committee, I started a brown bag lunch series that features prominent Asian Pacific American female attorneys in the New York community. Judge Wang hosted our inaugural lunch at the SDNY courthouse. In addition, I have connected with other affinity bar associations to put together programs, including trivia nights and panel discussions. Having spent the last two years as a committee chair, I welcome the opportunity to increase my responsibilities and involvement with AABANY.

I also continue my support for AABANY as an associate at BakerHostetler LLP and through my involvement with other organizations. I have been an active member of the firm's diversity and women's committees since I joined the firm in October 2017. This past year, I organized and moderated a panel on diversity and business development that was sponsored by BakerHostetler and co-hosted by AABANY. I attended AABANY's Annual Dinner on behalf of the firm. As a member of the Board of Directors for the New York Area Chapter of the Haas Alumni Network, I have discussed collaborating on events that focus on the intersection of law and business. I also continue to be involved in the Asian Pacific American community through my membership with the organization, Asian Women in Business.

I have attached a current copy of my resume. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.