



**Asian American
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of New York**

**AABANY
Year-End Report for 2010**

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Introduction

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Welcome to AABANY's Annual Meeting.

AABANY has had another year full of engaging CLE programs for its members. Our membership numbers now approach 1,500. The number and variety of programs that we have offered in the past year have been tremendous. Listed below are the major AABANY events that took place in the past year, including some events organized and sponsored by AABANY's many committees:

On February 24, AABANY held its 21st Annual Banquet at the Marriott Marquis in Times Square. Nearly 500 attendees, including lawyers from some of the city's top firms, in-house counsel, the government and academia, turned out for the event. AABANY honored Peggy Kuo, Chief Hearing Officer of NYSE, Sandra Leung, General Counsel of Bristol-Myers Squibb, John Liu, the Comptroller of the City of New York, and Thomas Sager, Senior Vice President and General Counsel for E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company. Mr. Sager presented the keynote speech. David Lat of Above the Law moved the proceedings along as Master of Ceremonies. At the event, AABANY held its first silent auction, which proved popular and successful. Following the conclusion of the dinner, many of the attendees joined the after-party held at the Sky Lobby in the Marriott Marquis.

On March 10, AABANY co-sponsored with SABANY and NASABA a reception honoring United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York Preet Bharara. This well-attended event was held at the Rubin Museum of Art and included many members of AABANY's Prosecutors Committee.

On March 15, AABANY's Women's Committee teamed up with Bar None, a consortium of Women's Committees from New York area bar associations to present a symposium for Women of Color in Leadership entitled, "We've Come a Long Way, Baby! Or Have We?: Winning as Women of Color." It was held at the offices of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom in Times Square. Over \$10,000 was raised for the Joint Minority Bar Judicial Internship Program which AABANY coordinates. (Further details appear in the Women's Committee Report on this event.)

On April 7, AABANY joined SABANY and the Cardozo South Asian Law Students Association to present a panel on judicial internships. The event took place at Cardozo Law School, and the panel included Hon. Dora L. Irizarry, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York; Arun Subramanian, formerly law clerk to Hon. Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Supreme Court of the United States; Rahul Agarwal, formerly law clerk to Hon. Esther Salas and Hon. Jose L. Linares, both of the United States District Court, District of New Jersey; Chirag Badlani, currently law clerk to Hon. Allyne R. Ross, United States District Court, Eastern District of New York; and Richard Tsai, currently law clerk to Hon. Michael D. Stallman, New York State Supreme Court. The panel was

moderated by Kruti Dharia, President of SABANY and currently law clerk to Hon. Andrew L. Carter, Jr., United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

On April 15, AABANY joined the Asian American Law Fund of New York (AALFNY), the Association of Judges of Hispanic Heritage (AJHH) and the Puerto Rican Bar Association (PRBA) at Kaye Scholer for a reception to kick-off the Joint Minority Bar Judicial Internship Program (JMB JIP) for 2010. Hon. Lizbeth Gonzalez gave opening remarks on behalf of AJHH, followed by remarks from Jeanette Rodriguez-Morick for the PRBA, who was followed by Lynnette Sarno, President of AALFNY, who was then followed by Linda Lin, President-elect of AABANY. Hon. Luis A. Gonzalez, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court, First Judicial Department, gave closing remarks. Twenty-three interns were selected from a pool of approximately 80 applicants. Bar None, which held the leadership forum for women of color in March, donated generously to the JMB JIP and helped to make possible the award of stipends to the law students selected to be interns in various courts, both State and Federal, this summer.

On April 21, Hon. Denny Chin (a past President of AABANY) was confirmed by the United States Senate by a vote of 98-0 to sit on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He is the first Asian American Federal appellate judge in that court.

April was a month of recognition for many AABANY leaders:

- James Lin, Assistant District Attorney in the New York District Attorney's office and co-chair of AABANY's Prosecutors' Committee, received an Award of Recognition from the Hofstra APALSA at their Diversity Banquet on April 8.
- Margaret Ling, AABANY Director and Chair of AABANY's Real Estate Committee, received an Excellence in Diversity and Progress Award at the Spring Banquet of New York Law School's Asian American Law Students Association, Latin American Law Students Association and South Asian Law Students Association, held at Jing Fong restaurant in Chinatown on April 10.
- Hugh Mo, former NYPD Deputy Commissioner, received a Trailblazer Award at the first annual Boston University School of Law APA Alumni Conference held on April 9 and 10.
- Kin Ng, Assistant District Attorney in the Kings County District Attorney's office and co-chair of the Prosecutors Committee, received a Distinguished Alumni Award at the first annual Boston University School of Law APA Alumni Conference held on April 9 and 10.
- Sylvia Chin, partner at White & Case and former AABANY President, was the keynote speaker at the Fordham Law School Spring Alumni Dinner on April 21.

- Linda Lin, in-house counsel at Liberty International Underwriters and AABANY's President-elect, was honored at the Brooklyn Law School APALSA 21st annual alumni dinner on April 23.
- Norman Lau Kee and Glenn Lau-Kee, former AABANY President, received the Hon. George Bundy Smith Award at a reception following the NYSBA Smooth Moves program held at Lincoln Center on April 27. The award has been given since March 2007 to members of the bar who exemplify the high standards set by retired New York Court of Appeals Judge George Bundy Smith whose career was marked by legal excellence, community commitment and mentoring.

The honors continued into the month of May. On May 6, Chanwoo Lee was installed as the first Asian American President of the Queens County Bar Association, which has more than 2000 members serving the legal profession and community in Queens, New York's most populous borough with a high number of Asian American residents. On May 6, Don H. Liu, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Xerox Corporation, was honored at the Asian American Federation's Spirit of Asian America Gala held at the Pierre Hotel.

On May 24, 2010, AABANY participated, together with twenty community based organizations from the APA community, in the first APA Legislative Advocacy Day in the Well of the Legislative Office Building in Albany. These community groups made the trek from New York City to spend the afternoon in Albany to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and to let Albany know about the great work these community-based groups have been doing for their constituencies back home, in areas such as family and social services, youth programs and advocacy for the community. AABANY Executive Director Yang Chen represented AABANY, Judge Doris Ling-Cohan represented the New York State Unified Court System and brought a few of her interns to the event. Lillian Moy, Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society of Northern New York's Albany office, dropped by to support the event. The event was organized Assembly Member Grace Meng, currently the only Asian American legislator in the New York State legislature.

On May 27, AABANY, together with the Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York (KALAGNY) and the South Asian Bar Association of New York (SABANY) co-sponsored an Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration at the United States District Court, Southern District of New York. The program, "Blazing a Trail in the Law," brought together several distinguished Asian Pacific American legal pioneers who shared their memories and thoughts about the hurdles they encountered and the triumphs they experienced in making their marks in the legal profession. The panelists included: Hon. Denny Chin, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; Sharon Hom, Executive Director, Human Rights in China; Norman Lau Kee, Partner, Kee & Lau-Kee; Chanwoo Lee, Law Office of Chanwoo Lee; and Hon. Jaya K. Madhavan, Supervising Judge, Bronx County Housing Court. The moderator was Rockwell ("Rocky") Chin, Director, Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, State Division of Human Rights.

On June 4, AABANY, along with a variety of other community groups and bar associations, participated in the 7th Annual Unity in Diversity Program at the New York State Supreme Court at 60

Centre Street, sponsored by the Cultural Diversity Committee of the New York State Supreme Court and the New York County Clerk's Office. The event celebrated the diversity of New York's communities through ethnic and cultural literature, music and food. It was held during the lunch hour, and many judges, court personnel and members of the community near the courthouse, including many from nearby Chinatown, came out and sampled the delicious cuisine from New York's diverse communities.

On June 8, AABANY, together with the New York City Bar's Comparative and Foreign Law Committee, hosted a reception of 30 visiting judges and scholars from the People's Republic of China. Justice Doris Ling Cohan worked closely with the New York City Bar and AABANY to make this reception possible. President Robert Leung presented welcoming remarks on behalf of AABANY. As in the past, this event provided a unique opportunity for all attendees, including many from AABANY, to meet judges and visiting scholars from China.

On June 10, AABANY's Corporate Counsel and Corporate Law Committees presented the third annual Summer Wine-tasting and Networking Reception for In-house Counsel and Law Firm Attorneys. Nearly 100 attendees, representing some of the top corporations and law firms in the New York area, got to meet and mingle over wine and hors d'oeuvres at the Gabarron Foundation Carriage House in midtown Manhattan. Numerous General Counsels were in attendance, including Don Liu of Xerox, Vernon Chu of BBC-America, Sandra Leung of Bristol-Myers Squibb, Bobby Liu of MD Sass and Timothy B. Goodell of Hess Corporation. (For further details, see the report submitted by the Corporate Counsel and Corporate Law Committees.)

AABANY took part in the NAPABA Northeast Regional Conference in New Brunswick, New Jersey, on June 11 and 12. Several AABANY members appeared as panelists in various CLE programs. Judge Denny Chin received the Judicial Excellence Award at the Luncheon on Saturday afternoon. Right after receiving that award, Judge Chin led the AABANY Trial Re-enactment Players in a performance of "The Massie Trials: Race, Honor, and Justice in Depression-Era Hawaii." AABANY members, including President Robert Leung, President-elect Linda Lin and Immediate Past President James Chou, attended the Gala Dinner on Saturday evening.

In the June 14 edition of *The Capitol*, the publication for and about New York State government, AABANY member and past Issues Committee Chair Tara Lai Quinlan was named one of the Top 40 Under 40 Rising Stars in politics and government. Tara is the Legislative Director and General Counsel for the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, one of the most powerful lobbying groups in New York.

On June 16, the Honorable Denny Chin was formally inducted as a judge on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. He became the first Asian American to become a judge in that court. The Ceremonial Courtroom in the Federal courthouse at 500 Pearl Street was filled to capacity and overflowed into the hallway right outside the courtroom. Among those present were John Liu, Comptroller of the City of New York; Ivan Fong, General Counsel of the Department of Homeland Security; Don Liu, General Counsel of Xerox; Karen Narasaki, Executive Director of the Asian American Justice Center; Preet Bharara, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York;

and Hon. Kiyoo Matsumoto, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. In his remarks, Judge Chin acknowledged and thanked NAPABA, AAJC and AABANY, specifically naming John Yang and Vincent Eng for their guidance and support.

On July 1, AABANY's Prosecutors' Committee held its second anniversary celebration in the New York State Supreme Court at 60 Centre Street. The Rotunda was filled to capacity and played host to prosecutors from all across New York City and Long Island. The District Attorney of New York, Cyrus Vance, was present, along with the District Attorney of Bronx County, Robert Johnson; the District Attorney of Queens County, Richard Brown; the District Attorney of Richmond County, Daniel Donovan; the District Attorney of Nassau County, Kathleen Rice; and New York City Special Narcotics Prosecutor, Bridget Brennan. The honoree was Preet Bharara, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. (For further details, see the Prosecutors' Committee Report.)

On July 13, the AALFNY/AABANY Summer Reception was held at the offices of Edwards Angell in New York. A large group of Asian American trailblazers, attorneys, judges, law students and pre-law students were in attendance. Sylvia Chin, Partner at White & Case, addressed the audience before the presentation of awards. AALFNY's Community Service Scholarship Awards were presented to John Ting of CUNY Law School and Trinh Tran of Hofstra Law School. Don Liu, General Counsel of Xerox, presented the awards to this year's participants in the Joint Minority Bar Judicial Internship Program (JMB JIP). AABANY has been a leading supporter of the JMB JIP.

On September 18, AABANY held its first Fall Conference. It took place at the offices of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld in midtown Manhattan. More than 150 attendees took part, selecting from 11 CLE programs covering a wide range of topics, such as bankruptcy law, immigration law, intellectual property law, real estate mortgage fraud, APAs running for public office, how to succeed as a junior associate and how to be a rainmaker. For further details on the programs, please see the committee reports following this introduction.

During the luncheon sponsored by Wells Fargo, Anika Khan, an economist from Wells Fargo, gave a talk about the current state of the economy. Hon. Denny Chin then followed with a speech about his experiences on the bench and his path to the Second Circuit. Over 100 people attended the luncheon and overflow rooms were opened up to accommodate the additional attendees. After the completion of a full day of excellent CLE programs, many of the attendees stayed for the cocktail reception that took place immediately afterward. AABANY received strong positive feedback about the event from those who attended. The Fall Conference was highly successful.

On September 28, Judge Jeffrey Oing, Supervising Judge for Civil Court in Manhattan, and Judge Jaya Madhavan, Supervising Judge of Civil Court in the Bronx, testified at the First Department in public hearings organized by Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman to address the funding crisis facing civil legal services for the poor.

On October 21, AABANY's Corporate Law Committee Chairs Mike Huang and Stephen Kim, along with AABANY Executive Director, Yang Chen, launched the Law Firm Roadshow with a presentation before the APA subcommittee at Clifford Chance's New York office. More than twenty

attorneys from that subcommittee attended the lunch presentation, including Partner Jason Young, Chair of the Americas Diversity Committee at Clifford Chance. The concept of the Law Firm Roadshow is similar to the Law School Roadshow, with a presentation geared toward attorneys at law firms to explain what AABANY is and why it is relevant to their development as APA attorneys. (Further details appear in the Corporate Law Committee Report.)

AABANY congratulates Board member Michael Yap for his elevation to Chief Legal Officer for Prudential's International Investments business. Michael will assume this important role effective November 1, 2010.

AABANY also congratulates the Hon. Denny Chin for receiving the New York County Lawyers' Association Edward Weinfeld Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Administration of Justice. The award was presented to Judge Chin on October 27 at the NYCLA Committee on Federal Courts Luncheon honoring the Federal courts in New York City. The Luncheon Committee was chaired by former AABANY President Vincent Chang. A capacity crowd of 180 guests came to celebrate this singular honor with Judge Chin. Many more who wished they could attend had to be rebuffed due to space constraints.

AABANY congratulates the Hon. Jeffrey Oing on his election on November 2, 2010, to the position of Justice of the Supreme Court, County of New York. Judge Oing had been the Supervising Judge for the Civil Court in Manhattan. Many AABANY members attended Judge Oing's induction on December 20, 2010, at the New York State Supreme Court Building, in the Rotunda.

During the fall, AABANY's Communications Committee, co-chaired by Linda Lin and Jean Lee, undertook to revamp the website and under the guidance and leadership of Jean Lee, AABANY's new website was unveiled on November 1, 2010. The website has an updated look with a great deal of content, features and resources for AABANY's members. The new website is a work in progress and members and visitors to the website are encouraged to suggest ideas for further improvements.

On November 11, 2010, AABANY participated in a Corporate Law Career Roundtable at Cardozo Law School. Former AABANY President Sylvia Chin, Partner, White & Case, and AABANY Director and Litigation Committee Co-Chair, James Yu, Partner, Seyfarth Shaw, and Stephen Kim, AABANY Corporate Law Committee Co-chair, took part along with representatives from SABANY and KALAGNY. The event was organized by the APALSA and KALSA at Cardozo and involved seating the practicing attorneys at tables with five or six law students each, and after a period of asking each of the practitioners questions about their practice, the students rotated to another table to interact with the practitioners seated there. It was a capacity crowd, and the students took full advantage of the opportunity to find out from the participating lawyers what their practice was like and how they got to where they are today. Iris Yao and Emily Sy of Cardozo's APALSA organized the event.

AABANY appeared in force at NAPABA's 22nd Annual Convention, Inspire, at the J.W. Marriott in Downtown Los Angeles from November 17 through 21. AABANY members were easily identified by the bright yellow or hot pink stickers on their badges. AABANY members could also be

found in many programs throughout the conference, as speakers or panelists, including: Vincent Chang, Yang Chen, Hon. Denny Chin, Francis Chin, Kathy Chin, Katherine Choo, John Flock, Peggy Kuo, Lauren Lee, Vinny Lee, Hon. Doris Ling-Cohan, Don Liu, Glenn Magpantay, Concepcion Montoya, Yasuhiro Saito, Vinoo Varghese, and Jessica Wong.

At the final rounds of the Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition held at the NAPABA National Convention, the University of Pennsylvania's Moot Court team, Vivian Lee and Allison Stoffregen, brought the Thomas Tang trophy to the Northeast for the first time. Hon. Marilyn Go, Hon. Kiyoo Matsumoto, Jennifer Wu, Sam Yee and Chris Chan helped the team to prepare in New York City the week before the final rounds took place in Los Angeles at the NAPABA convention. As described more fully in the reports of the Litigation and Prosecutors' Committees, both committees were instrumental in preparing many law students locally and regionally for the Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition.

On November 19, 2010 AABANY organized, moderated and co-hosted with NYCLA and the ABA a roundtable discussion with a seventeen-member Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights as part of an ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) initiative. Representatives from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam met over lunch at NYCLA, 14 Vesey Street, with representatives from the New York Asian Women's Center, the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, the United States Attorney's Office (Eastern District) and the American Bar Association. Former President, Chris Chan, moderated the meeting, and AABANY members Ben Chan and Veronica Jung greeted the distinguished guests and dignitaries. This meeting occurred as a result of President Obama extending an invitation to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission of Human Rights (AICHR) to visit the United States on a study tour. AABANY is pleased to have had the opportunity to host the AICHR representatives at NYCLA on November 19. As described more fully in the Prosecutors' Committee report, that committee played a central role in securing the participation of prosecutors from the District Attorney's and United States Attorney's offices.

In December 2010, AABANY announced the formation of a new committee, the Intellectual Property Committee. The Intellectual Property Committee seeks to promote the skills and knowledge of, and opportunities for, practicing and aspiring intellectual property lawyers in the New York area; to provide information to artists, authors, and inventors within the community about the protection and use of intellectual property; and to serve as a forum for U.S.-Asia intellectual property issues. In the pipeline for 2011 are CLE events, legal clinic opportunities, and networking gatherings, with the committee's kick-off event being a presentation by former AABANY President Hon. Denny Chin on intellectual property cases over which he has presided, scheduled for March, 2011. AABANY welcomes Jane Chuang and Karen Lim as the inaugural co-chairs of AABANY's newest committee.

AABANY closed out the year with its Annual Holiday Party held at Apple Restaurant, in downtown Manhattan. Approximately 100 members and friends attended to celebrate the holiday season and the close of another year with food, drinks and karaoke.

As busy as the year has been for AABANY, its numerous committees have been equally busy, planning and organizing events for their members, for the membership at large or for the community at-large. The reports of the committees on the following pages provide a good summary of their varied events and programs.

If you took part in any of the events described in this report, we hope you derived useful information and developed connections or relationships that have proven valuable or helpful in your practice and in your professional life. We also hope that you have made some good friends in the process and that you have found a community of APA lawyers to which you belong and which serves you as a support network throughout your career, wherever it may take you in the years to come.

We invite your participation and active involvement in 2011 to make AABANY bigger and better than it has ever been.

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Corporate Counsel Committee
Co-chairs Yvette Chang and Clara Ohr

The Corporate Counsel Committee (“CCC”) consists of in-house counsel who are interested in sharing their ideas and experiences as members of corporate legal departments on a variety of issues facing Asian-Pacific American (“APA”) lawyers, through CLE classes and social networking events.

The CCC held a casual networking happy hour for approximately twenty of its existing and potential members on April 14, 2010 at O’Brien’s Pub in midtown Manhattan.

As in years past, the main CCC highlight was the return of the Summer Wine-Tasting and Networking Reception for In-House Counsel and Attorneys on June 10, 2010, which CCC co-hosted again with AABANY’s Corporate Law Committee (CLC) at the Gabarron Foundation in Murray Hill with the generous support of various law firm and corporate sponsors. This event was again a tremendous success, and featured remarks on the importance of diversity from Tim Goodell, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Hess Corporation, who was a first-time attendee and who will also provide the keynote at AABANY’s 2011 Annual Dinner. The evening featured tastings of wine supplied by Veritas Ridge and hors d’oeuvres from The Good Knife, along with the opportunity to bring together CCC and CLC members, their colleagues, potential new members, and some of AABANY’s top sponsors. As in previous years, feedback about the event was enthusiastically positive, and current plans are to continue with this event on an annual basis.

The CCC participated in the inaugural AABANY Fall Conference on September 18, 2010 by assisting with several CLEs, including co-sponsorship with CLC of “Rainmaking and Business Development: The Right Moves to Make it Rain,” and participation in the joint Young Lawyers Committee/CLC panel, “The ABCs of Your New Practice: The Expectations of a Junior Associate and How to Exceed Them.”

CCC plans on holding a networking happy hour in early February 2011 to kick off the new AABANY year as well as publicize AABANY’s Annual Dinner on February 23, 2011 at Cipriani Wall Street, at which three in-house counsel, Tim Goodell of Hess Corporation, Irene Chiu of Systagenix Wound Management, and Diane Yu, Chief of Staff and Deputy to the President, New York University, will be honored.

Although Yvette Chang and Clara Ohr will be stepping down as CCC Co-Chairs, they look forward to working with new leadership to help maintain the momentum of CCC growth in 2011 and beyond.

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Corporate Law Committee

Co-Chairs: Mike Huang and Stephen Kim

The Corporate Law Committee consists of law firm attorneys who are interested in sharing their ideas and experience as law firm practitioners on a variety of issues facing APA lawyers, through conferences, CLE classes and social networking events.

The Corporate Law Committee sponsored a number of highly successful events in 2010. First, the Corporate Law Committee, together with the Corporate Counsel Committee, jointly co-sponsored the Third Annual Summer Wine-Tasting and Networking Reception for In-House Counsel and Attorneys on June 10, 2010 at the Gabarron Foundation Carriage House Center for the Arts in midtown Manhattan. Nearly 100 in-house lawyers and law firm attorneys were in attendance, including general counsels from Systagenix, Xerox, BBC-Americas, Bristol-Myers Squibb, MD Sass and Hess Corporation. The continued success of this event has made it one of AABANY's signature summer events for its members and sponsors.

The Corporate Law Committee also sponsored and organized a highly successful panel, "Rainmaking and Business Development: The Right Moves to Make it Rain," as part of AABANY's inaugural Fall Conference held on September 18, 2010. Panelists consisted of general counsels and senior partners at law firms that through a moderated conversational format imparted invaluable business development advice on attendants. The program was one of the most well-attended panels at the Fall Conference.

Finally, the Corporate Law Committee, together with AABANY's executive director, kicked off in the fall of 2010 a law firm roadshow where members of the Corporate Law Committee and AABANY's executive director travel to, and meet with, diversity committee members and other attorneys at the various New York City law firms. The law firm roadshow not only acts to help promote awareness, membership and participation amongst attorneys at law firms, but also seeks to engage with AABANY's law firm sponsors to commence a dialogue regarding how AABANY, and the Corporate Law Committee, can continue to improve and strengthen its relationship with these attorneys. The law firm roadshow and other events resulted in a number of individuals contacting the Corporate Law Committee and expressing their desire to receive more information and/or get more involved with the Corporate Law Committee and AABANY.

In 2011, the Corporate Law Committee looks forward to continuing the success of past events, such as the Annual Summer Wine-Tasting and Networking Reception for In-House Counsel and Attorneys and participation in the Fall Conference. In addition, the committee looks forward to incorporating new members who would like to become an active part of the Corporate Law Committee to help build on its past success.

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Government and Public Sector Committee

Co-Chairs: Lai Sun Yee and William Ng

AABANY's Government and Public Sector Committee sponsors career programs and networking events to assist APA lawyers working in the government and public sector.

In the summer of 2010, Lai Sun Yee, former AABANY President, and William Ng, co-chair of the Government and Public Sector Committee, co-authored an article in the AABANY Advocate entitled "NAPABA's Programs for Lawyers in Transition." The article provided job hunting strategies and tips for attorneys and recent law school graduates seeking employment in the public sector.

At the Inaugural AABANY Fall Conference: Rise to the Challenge, on September 18, 2010, the Government and Public Sector Committee contributed a program entitled "The Nuts and Bolts for APAs Thinking About Running for Elected Office." Moderated by co-chairs Lai Sun Yee and William Ng, the panel included Margaret Chin, Council Member, New York City Council, and the first Asian-American Council Member elected to represent District 1, which encompasses Manhattan's Chinatown; Kevin Kim, Democratic Nominee for City Council, and the first Asian-American candidate to win a primary election in the northeastern Queens district in which he was running; Grace Meng, Assembly Member in the New York State Assembly, and currently the only Asian-American in the state legislature; and Vincent J. Messina, Jr., Partner at Sinnreich Kosakoff and Messina, LLP, an expert in election law. The panelists addressed a large and attentive audience that came to hear about what motivated them to run for public office and the issues they faced in running for office, including the campaign and election law matters they encountered.

In November, 2010, AABANY's Government and Public Sector Committee and Pro Bono Committee, together with the MinKwon Center, co-sponsored "For the Public Good," a meet-and-greet event with public interest attorneys. It was held at B Flat, a bar and lounge in Tribeca. The following organizations were represented: the MinKwon Center for Community Action, The Door's Legal Services Center, the Legal Aid Society's Employment Unit, and the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund. AABANY co-Founder Rocky Chin, a lifelong supporter of public interest law and civil rights advocacy for the Asian American community, presented opening remarks and encouraged lawyers to work in the public sector.

In 2011, the Government and Public Sector Committee will continue to co-sponsor informative programs with other AABANY committees and looks forward to expanding its committee through quarterly meetings.

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Immigration and Nationality Law Committee

Co-chairs: Rio Guerrero and Tsui Yee

The Immigration and Nationality Law Committee promotes and advances the interests of APA attorneys who practice immigration and nationality law. Our goal is to provide support and professional development for immigration practitioners, many of whom are either in solo or small firm practice, by providing CLE seminars, networking opportunities, and other events.

On March 18, in response to a call from the New York State Attorney General's Office, Civil Rights Bureau, to help combat immigration fraud by assisting victims defrauded by certain agencies engaged in the unauthorized practice of law, members of the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee took part in a clinic sponsored by the Civil Rights Bureau which was held at the New York County Lawyers' Association. The committee helped to publicize a similar clinic held in June at the CUNY Graduate Center in midtown Manhattan, and co-chair Tsui Yee participated in that event.

On June 8, 2010, the committee presented a CLE entitled "Immigration Law: Hot Topics and Ethical Issues," which was hosted by TD Bank and was co-sponsored by the Network of Bar Leaders, a coalition of 46 member bar associations in the greater New York metropolitan area. Co-Chairs Rio Guerrero and Tsui Yee gave a presentation on recent developments and ethical issues in the practice of immigration law. The panel was well attended by 39 individuals, who received 1.0 CLE credits in professional practice and .5 credits in ethics and professionalism.

On September 18, 2010, the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee presented a CLE program entitled "Hot Topics, Hot Career: Forging a Path in US Immigration Law" as part of AABANY's 2010 Fall Conference: Rise to the Challenge. Moderated by Committee Co-Chair Rio Guerrero, the panel, which included Honorable George Chew, Immigration Judge at the Executive Office For Immigration Review, Committee Co-Chair Tsui Yee, and Midori Hills, Director, Legal Services of CUNY Citizenship Now!, discussed late-breaking developments in the constantly evolving field of immigration law. The panelists also provided their unique perspectives on the practice of immigration law, as practitioners in the private sector, public sector and public interest arena. Attendees were able to receive 1.0 CLE credits in professional practice.

On September 25, 2010, the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee, in collaboration with the Indochina Sino-American Community Center (ISACC), hosted a Law Day at ISACC's office in Manhattan's Chinatown to answer questions from the community about immigration law. Throughout the day, 16 attorneys recruited by the committee provided consultations to 88 members of the community, assisting them with their immigration questions. A presentation on the basics of immigration law was also given, followed by a Q&A. ISACC staff and volunteers processed the community members and provided translation assistance. The Law Day was a huge success. City Councilwoman Margaret Chin stopped by to lend her support, as did staff representatives from

Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez, who represents New York's 12th Congressional District. Law Day was covered in the media, including the *Sing Tao Daily*, *World Journal*, and *Sinovision*.

The committee is planning many exciting events, including a Brown Bag CLE Lunch Series that it hopes to launch in January 2011. The committee aims to provide a series of free hour-long CLEs to various law firms to inform and educate their attorneys on immigration topics that may arise in their representation of clients, such as: temporary and permanent employment options for foreign employees; avenues for lawful permanent residence for foreign professionals; and current trends in immigration and nationality law.

The committee is also planning future immigration seminars at the Philippine Consulate starting in January 2011. These seminars will discuss recent changes in immigration law affecting the immigrant community, including changes in the processing of applications for permanent residence in the healthcare industry as well as the trend towards enhanced enforcement of immigration laws and stepped-up efforts by Immigration & Customs Enforcements to remove individuals deemed to be in violation of immigration law.

Finally, the committee would like to pursue cross-networking events with other AABANY committees and other bar associations and is open to helpful suggestions or ideas.

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Judiciary Committee (formerly Judicial Affairs Committee)

Co-Chairs: Vincent T. Chang, James Chou, Lai Sun Yee

The Judiciary Committee leads AABANY's efforts to work towards increasing the number of qualified Asian Pacific American ("APA") attorneys in the federal, state, and local judiciary and to advocate for the interests of APA judges, including increasing judicial pay and preserving judicial independence.

The Judiciary Committee's work falls into four main categories:

1. Recruiting and preparing potential candidates for the judiciary, including currently sitting members of the bench who seek higher judicial office.
2. Evaluating judicial candidates to determine whether AABANY should formally endorse them. The policies and procedures for AABANY's endorsement process are posted on the AABANY website.
3. Lobbying on behalf of and otherwise supporting candidates for the judiciary whom AABANY has endorsed.
4. Formulating AABANY's positions and thereafter engaging in advocacy (e.g., speeches, legislative testimony, public fora, amicus briefs, and editorials) on issues related to judicial independence and judicial selection procedures.

Last year, the Judiciary Committee engaged in the following activities:

1. AABANY supported the elevation of the Honorable Denny Chin to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Judge Chin was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in April 2010 and is now the only active APA United States Circuit Judge in the country.
2. AABANY supported the nomination of the Honorable Jeffrey K. Oing to the New York State Supreme Court. Last fall, Judge Oing appeared on the ballot and was elected to that court in November 2010.
3. The Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Federal Courts (the "Subcommittee") formulated and finalized a formal judicial endorsement policy, which the AABANY Board adopted.
4. The Subcommittee also evaluated the qualifications and credentials of several candidates interested in being considered for a position as a United States District Judge, making recommendations to AABANY's Board on their endorsement. Based on these recommendations and the considered decisions of the President and Board of AABANY, the organization endorsed several of these candidates and urged their appointment to the federal judiciary. Additionally, the Subcommittee

counseled several other potential candidates, providing advice and guidance on their aspirations to seek a federal judgeship.

5. The Subcommittee further formulated draft judicial screening guidelines to be employed in future screening panels sponsored by the organization. Finally, the Subcommittee began planning another judicial clerkships information session to be co-sponsored with the South Asian Bar Association of New York.

6. AABANY also recruited and prepared a number of candidates for federal or state judgeships. The Judiciary Committee continues to encourage qualified candidates to seek judicial office and will lend assistance to those candidates.

7. Adopting a position urged by AABANY and other bar associations in amici briefs, the New York Court of Appeals ruled that the State's setting of judicial compensation violated principles of separation of powers.

This year, the Committee plans to continue the initiatives outlined above, but to also work on two new programs:

1. A reception for Asian American judges, possibly at NYCLA during APA heritage month.

2. Increased involvement in legislative and court administrative initiatives of interest to judges, such as (i) increasing the term for Housing Court judges from five years to ten years; (ii) supporting steps to improve the independence of the judiciary, including reforms relating to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct. These steps would be taken in consultation with judges and other bar associations.

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Litigation Committee

Co-chairs: James Yu and Hae Sung Nam

The Litigation Committee is dedicated to attorneys and law students who are interested in litigation. The committee provides a forum and resources for networking and learning, and sponsors events that are of interest to its members.

The Committee met periodically throughout 2010 to plan events geared toward current and prospective AABANY members and to discuss issues of relevance to the litigation practices of its members. Below are some of the events that the committee organized:

On September 18, 2010, AABANY hosted its first Fall Conference: Rise to the Challenge. The Litigation Committee presented a CLE program entitled “To Plead or Not to Plead: That is the Question Under Twombly and Iqbal.” The panelists included co-chair James Yu, partner at Seyfarth Shaw LLP, and Vincent Chang, past AABANY president and partner at Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch LLP, and Gordon Eng, Associate at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP. A large audience attended to hear a lively discussion about the new pleading standards set by these important Supreme Court decisions and the case law that has developed around them.

The Litigation Committee actively participated in the Thomas Tang Moot Court competition by helping law students prepare for it, both at the local, regional and national level. On September 17, 2010, the committee assisted with Thomas Tang Moot Court workshop at New York Law School, providing instruction and guidance on written and oral advocacy. On October 15 and 16, 2010, the committee assisted with the Regional Rounds of the Thomas Tang Moot Court at New York Law School by helping to recruit attorneys to serve as judges. Co-chair James Yu judged one of the finalist teams. In all, thirteen teams, representing eight schools -- Fordham, Drexel, Brooklyn, Northeastern, Boston, University of Pennsylvania, St. John’s and Syracuse -- took part in the preliminary rounds.

On December 9, 2010, the committee presented a CLE program entitled “An Attorneys’ Introduction to Complex Financial Instruments.” This program awarded 3 CLE credits to the attendees. The panelists included Gordon Eng, Associate, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP ; Emilie T. Hsu, Counsel, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP; Raymond P. Ko, Executive Director, U.S. Equity Derivatives, Nomura Securities International; Hiroko Matsumoto, Senior Manager, Financial Instrument Valuation & Securitization, Deloitte & Touche, LLP; and Timothy McAndrews, Manager, Financial Instrument Valuation & Securitization, Deloitte & Touche, LLP. More than 30 attendees received an introduction to the many types of complex financial instruments in use today and the legal issues associated with them.

The Litigation Committee looks forward to organizing similar events in 2010 and welcomes the input and participation of the many APA litigators in New York to expand and enrich the committee’s offerings.

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Pro Bono Committee

Chair: Glenn Magpantay

The AABANY Pro Bono Committee encourages pro bono legal service among Asian American attorneys, informs the community of their legal rights, and works with the indigent and non-profits to bring free/low cost legal services to them.

Throughout the year the committee receives requests for pro bono legal assistance from individuals and organizations. It reviews the requests and circulates appropriate pro bono opportunities.

For the seventh year, the committee worked on a joint election monitoring effort with AALDEF in which AABANY recruited volunteer attorneys to monitor poll sites for compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act. AABANY conducted 3 CLE trainings:

- Oct. 21, 2010, Noon at Shearman & Sterling LLP
- Oct. 21, 2010, evening at Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP
- Oct. 27, 2010, evening at White & Case LLP

AABANY awarded CLE credits to 60 attorneys, who also volunteered three hours of free legal assistance during the New York City General Election Days.

This upcoming year the committee will suspend this work since AALDEF will not be conducting an Election Protection effort, as there are no major elections this fall.

On November 30, 2010, working with AABANY's Government and Public Sector Committee and the MinKwon Center, the committee co-sponsored "For the Public Good," a meet-and-greet event with public interest attorneys. It was held at B Flat, a bar and lounge in Tribeca. The following organizations were represented: the MinKwon Center for Community Action, The Door's Legal Services Center, the Legal Aid Society's Employment Unit, and the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The committee again worked with NAPABA's Public Service Committee to develop a program to recognize attorneys who had participated in pro bono activities. At the NAPABA Convention in Los Angeles last November, attorneys who registered for the convention and stated that they had engaged in pro bono work were awarded with a "Pro Bono Advocate" ribbon on their name tags.

The Pro Bono Committee looks forward to continuing its work encouraging pro bono service among AABANY's members and attorneys interested in serving the APA community in New York.

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Prosecutors' Committee

Co-chairs: James Lin, Kin Ng, Cristina Park

The goals of the Prosecutors' Committee include the advancement and professional development of APA prosecutors, the establishment of a network between former and current APA prosecutors, the recruitment of APA law students to become prosecutors, and the cultivation of trust and communication between the APA community and the local prosecutors' offices. There are currently over one hundred APA prosecutors serving New York City.

Listed below are the activities organized and presented in 2010 by the Prosecutors' Committee:

May 3, 2010: The Prosecutors' Committee co-sponsored with the Kings County District Attorney's Office the annual APA Heritage Month Celebration. In the event, six distinguished APAs were honored with citations of honor: Naw Dorcus Moo of Karen Students' Network Group, Kasif Akhtar of the NY Taxi Workers' Alliance, Richard Kuo of Homecrest Community Services, Ahsan Chughtai of People's Community Center of USA, Deputy Chief Sophia Kwok of FDNY EMS, and Honorable Danny Chun of Brooklyn Supreme Court. The honors were given out by the Brooklyn District Attorney, the Honorable Charles J. Hynes.

May 19, 2010: Asian American Prosecutors' Reunion was held at Asia Roma Restaurant, in New York City. Between 25 and 30 current and former prosecutors from New York City's various D.A.'s offices and the N.Y. State Attorney General's office got together to socialize and catch up over food, drinks and refreshments.

July 1, 2010: The Prosecutors' Committee held its Second Anniversary Reception in the Rotunda of the New York State Supreme Court, Civil Term building, at 60 Centre Street, New York County. Preet Bharara, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, was honored for his distinguished record of public service and dedication to diversity.

Welcoming remarks were given by the Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler, the Chief Administrative Judge of the NYS Supreme Court – Civil Term, First Judicial District. She noted that the high turnout for the reception reflected the growing presence and influence of the APA community in the law. Also addressing the gathering were Cyrus Vance Jr., the District Attorney of New York County; Robert T. Johnson, the District Attorney of Bronx County; Richard A. Brown, the District Attorney of Queens County; Daniel M. Donovan, the District Attorney of Richmond County; Kathleen M. Rice, the District Attorney of Nassau County; and Bridget G. Brennan, the Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York.

The speakers commended AABANY for having a committee dedicated to prosecutors and expressed their support and appreciation for the Prosecutors' Committee's efforts towards increasing

the number of APA prosecutors, and enhancing the various DA's office's relations with the city's APA communities.

Also in attendance were Justice Jeffrey Oing (then Supervising Judge of the New York County Civil Court); Justice Doris Ling-Cohan (New York County Supreme Court, Civil Term); Justice Gilbert Hong (New York City Criminal Court, Kings County); and Justice Kevin McGrath (New York City Criminal Court, Kings County).

The event was covered by the APA media including The Korea Times, Korea Daily, Sing Tao Daily, and *The World Journal*.

August 6, 2010, Friday: The City-Wide Summer Intern Diversity Reception was held at the Rooftop Lounge of the Empire Hotel, 44 West 63rd Street. AABANY and the Prosecutors' Committee helped publicize this event which was planned and hosted by the Diversity Outreach Committee of the New York County District Attorney's Office. AABANY and the National Black Prosecutors' Association co-sponsored this event which was open to all summer legal interns throughout the city, not just participants in local District Attorney Summer Intern programs. The event was an opportunity for interns and the attorneys they worked for to sit back, relax, and meet and share their NYC summer experiences with their counter-parts from other offices throughout the city.

September 18, 2010: The Prosecutors' Committee co-sponsored with the Real Estate Committee, a morning CLE panel entitled "Fighting Real Estate and Mortgage Fraud in the Big Apple: Protecting The Good Guys" in AABANY's First Annual Fall Conference (2010 Fall Conference: Rise To The Challenge) that took place at the offices of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. The Prosecutors' Committee invited as its speaker Richard K. Farrell, Unit Chief of the Mortgage Fraud and Real Estate Crimes Division of the Kings County District Attorney's Office. His co-panelist was attorney-at-law, Mary Walsh, and the moderator was AABANY Real Estate Committee Chair Margaret Ling. The lecture focused on recognizing fraudulent behavior in real estate and/or mortgage transactions, including identity theft and forgery schemes.

November 4, 2010, Thursday: Roundtable Panel Discussion, "Life After the DA's Office – Part One," held at and co-sponsored by McCarter & English, LLP, which generously provided refreshments and a spacious conference room for the event.

This panel focused on how current prosecutors can explore private practice employment opportunities and, in particular, on how to market one's prosecutorial experience. The panelists were former prosecutors who had ultimately joined large- or medium-sized firms, or had started their own practices. Each panelist described their initial job search for post-DA's office employment and then described the process that led to their current positions. They highlighted how their current jobs differed from prosecutorial work and offered tips for job searching in the current economic climate. After a question and answer session, the panel broke up into a more informal gathering where the panelists were able to speak with attendees one-on-one. The panel participants were former AABANY President, John Flock, Partner, Kenyon & Kenyon; Anthony C. Hom, Principal, Jones Hirsch Connor

& Bull, P.C.; Chad Sjoquist, Associate, Gallo Vitucci and Klar LLP; and Matthew J. Santamauro, Matthew J. Santamauro, P.C.

November 19, 2010: AABANY, along with NYCLA and the ABA, hosted a panel discussion and meeting with the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) at NYCLA entitled “The Legal Issues Surrounding Trafficking In Persons.” AICHR’s goal is to promote and protect human rights throughout Southeast Asia. The Prosecutors’ Committee was able to recruit one of the lead prosecutors from the New York County District Attorney’s office on human trafficking issues, John Temple, to help lead the discussion. Another major participant was Assistant U.S. Attorney Licha Nyiendo from the U.S. Attorney’s office, Eastern District of New York. Representatives from the New York Asian Women’s Center and the ABA Rule of Law Project were also on hand.

December 10, 2010: Kin Ng, co-chair of the Prosecutor’s Committee and Director of Training of the Kings County DA’s Office joined Vincent Chang, Past President of AABANY, in the 3rd annual citywide high school conference, sponsored by the New York County Lawyers’ Association and hosted by Pace University. The two attorneys engaged in a lively discussion with a class of public high school students on the issues of how to become an attorney, working in the private and public sector, and the recent hot topic of Bullying and Cyberbullying.

The National Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition: Members of the Prosecutors’ Committee volunteered their time and energy to judge rounds at this year’s Northeast Regional Competition held at New York Law School this past October, or at the NAPABA Convention in Los Angeles this past November. Prosecutors’ Committee Co-Chair James Lin judged two rounds in New York and another two in Los Angeles. Two of the committee’s members, Maria Park and Samuel Yee, graded student briefs. Samuel Yee also judged at the Regionals and helped moot several teams. The members of the Prosecutors’ Committee have supported and will continue to support this rewarding and important competition.

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Real Estate Committee

Chair: Margaret Ling

The Real Estate Committee provides support and professional development to APA attorneys at all levels, including new and experienced attorneys. Specific attention has been focused on community outreach to the real estate attorneys within the APA community in the outer boroughs beyond Manhattan who are in solo practice or small firms in an effort to expand their membership and participation with AABANY. The Committee addresses topics of concern including transactional, management, development of real property and latest statutes and changes in New York's Real Property Law. The committee has accomplished this through CLE seminars, discussion and networking sessions with corporate and bank sponsorships.

The Real Estate Committee organized and presented several CLE events in 2010 as follows:

1. May 12, 2010: "Planning with the New Power of Attorney: with a focus on Medicaid and Estate Tax Planning," presented by Pauline Yueng-Ha, Esq. This CLE was sponsored by Citibank; The Rudder Group; First American Title Insurance Company of New York. It was well attended by 75 attorneys. Citibank provided its Flushing Branch as a venue and provided a buffet dinner. AABANY provided 1 CLE credit.

2. July 21, 2010: "Green Light Go -- Clearing Bank and Title Closing Issues of a Real Estate Transaction," presented by Margaret T. Ling, Esq. and Richard Lee, Esq. This CLE was sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank and First American Title Insurance Company of New York. Wells Fargo provided a \$4,000.00 sponsorship for the venue and dinner. Approximately 100 attorneys attended this networking and CLE event which took place at Mulan Banquet Hall, Flushing, New York. AABANY provided 1 CLE credit.

3. September 18, 2010: "Fighting Real Estate and Mortgage Fraud in the Big Apple: Protecting the Good Guys," presented by Richard Farrell, Esq and Mary E. Walsh, Esq., moderated by Margaret T. Ling, Esq. This CLE was given as part of the AABANY Fall Conference in collaboration with the Prosecutors' Committee. AABANY provided 1 CLE Credit. Margaret Ling was instrumental in obtaining Wells Fargo Sponsorship of \$4,000.00 for the Fall Conference luncheon.

4. October 20, 2010: "International Trade in China, Hong Kong, India and South Korea: Tax, Legal and Banking Implications," presented by Citibank Commercial Banking Group, in collaboration with AABANY Real Estate Committee and New York State Association of Certified Public Accountants. Citibank Commercial Banking provided their Long Island City headquarters as the venue with a breakfast buffet. The event was well attended and AABANY provided 1 CLE credit.

In 2010, the Real Estate Committee has been successful in presenting its CLE events at minimal cost with the assistance of corporate and bank sponsorships for venue and food.

For 2011, the Real Estate Committee will continue its partnerships with Wells Fargo and Citibank. Margaret Ling will also be approaching HSBC, Bank of America and Chase Home Mortgage for potential AABANY sponsorships.

Events planned for 2011 include:

1. Winter 2011: With Citibank and the Rudder Group a CLE and networking event on commercial office condominiums;

2. Winter 2011: Real Estate Committee is Co-Partnering with the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee for a CLE panel on Rainmaking for the Solo and Small Firm Attorney at the Philippine Consulate, with Citibank as a sponsor;

3. Spring 2011: Real Estate Committee plans to work with the Young Lawyer's Committee and Student Outreach Committee on a program entitled "Being a Real Estate Attorney: career experiences and finding employment for recent grads";

4. Spring 2011: Real Estate Committee and Wells Fargo: subject TBD;

5. Summer 2011: CLE on NYC Municipal Liens and Governmental Liens;

6. Summer 2011: CLE on Understanding the Real Estate Transaction.

The Real Estate Committee has also offered to work with MinKwon Center and KALAGNY on programs concerning real estate. The committee will also be cross-networking with the Asian Real Estate Association of America (New York Chapter) and the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals on joint real estate events. Both organizations have strong Fortune 500 corporate sponsorship and would provide strong opportunities for AABANY to network and connect with potential sponsors.

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Student Outreach Committee

Co-chairs: Benjamin Chan and William Ng

AABANY's Student Outreach Committee ("SOC") sponsors career programs, networking events, and social activities to assist APA law students with their academic and professional development. Currently, there are more than 300 APA law student members in AABANY, and the SOC works with approximately 18 law schools in the tri-state region. Upon graduation, many law student members become active attorney members, committee chairs, directors and officers of AABANY.

The success of the SOC can be attributed to reaching out and working directly with the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) of each law school to promote the benefits and networking opportunities available to law students who join AABANY. In 2010, the SOC remained one of the most active AABANY committees, and the SOC sponsored, organized, and participated in approximately 20 events throughout the year.

The SOC kicked off the 2010 year by helping to organize the student volunteers during AABANY's 21st Annual Banquet held at the Marriott Marquis on February 24, 2010. In April 2010, the SOC continued its commitment to visiting APA law students attending upstate law schools by organizing a career and networking program at Cornell University Law School. Law students from SUNY Buffalo and Syracuse University attended this upstate Inter-APALSA event.

In May 2010, the SOC organized its annual Post-Finals Reception at a downtown karaoke bar, which was aptly called "AABANY Idol," where APA law students socialized and celebrated the end of law school exams.

In June and July 2010, the SOC organized its annual Resume Writing Workshop at Seyfarth Shaw LLP followed by a Mock Interview Workshop held at New York Law School. The panelists and mock interviewers shared tips and pointers on crafting effective resumes while students participating in the mock interview program practiced their interview techniques and received invaluable feedback from attorney interviewers.

To start the new semester in September, the SOC made roadshow presentations during APALSA meetings at several law schools to introduce AABANY to new APA law students. The Inter-APALSA Council ("IAC") also held its second annual semester kick-off event at a rooftop bar and lounge in New York City on September 16, 2010. Moreover, on September 18, 2010, the SOC with the assistance of numerous APA law students, participated in and assisted with the organization of AABANY's highly successful 2010 Fall Conference: Rise to the Challenge, which featured eleven CLE programs held over the course of a day at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP.

October proved to be a busy month for the SOC. The SOC first presented former AABANY President Chris Chan's popular Exam Writing Workshops at several law schools including Cardozo, St. John's, Brooklyn, and Columbia. The SOC then helped to organize the Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition at New York Law School while NAPALSA and the IAC organized the after-party at a lounge in Tribeca. The SOC finished off the month by making a trip to Syracuse, New York. On Saturday, October 23, 2010, the SOC sponsored and participated in an Inter-APALSA event at Syracuse University College of Law. The SOC presented another series of Chris Chan's Final Exam Workshop, a Career Panel and a Networking Dinner with law students from SUNY Buffalo, Cornell and Syracuse and local upstate attorneys.

Finally, in November 2010, the SOC conducted its much anticipated Networking Workshop, and law students from St. John's, Hofstra, and CUNY participated in learning the basics of networking in an informative and interactive session presented by former AABANY President Chris Chan and Executive Director Yang Chen.

In 2011, the SOC looks forward to the opportunity to provide all APA law students in the tri-state region with new, informative and practical career development programs. The SOC will also continue to develop its informal mentoring program to help APA law students obtain internship positions and post-graduation employment.

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Women's Committee

Co-chairs: Anne Behk and Julie Kwon

This year, the Women's Committee's goals have been to foster the involvement of women in the law and to organize programs geared towards the APA female attorney.

On March 15th, 2010, Women's Committee members, Jean Lee, Karen Lim, Joanne Quinones, and Anne Behk, along with many volunteers, organized a Women of Color In Leadership Symposium entitled "We've Come A Long Way, Baby! Or Have We?: Winning as Women of Color," in conjunction with the Nigerian Bar Association, Puerto Rican Bar Association and NYSBA, among others. The keynote speaker was Carla Harris, Managing Director at Morgan Stanley Investment Management. Among the distinguished speakers were Sylvia Fung Chin, Partner at White & Case, LLP, Honorable Doris Ling-Cohan, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, and Michele Coleman Mayes, General Counsel of Allstate Insurance Company. It was held at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom LLP and over 100 people attended this inaugural event. Attendees were able to earn up to 3.5 CLE credits in the area of Professional Practice.

On July 27th, 2010, the Women's Committee held a Spa and Finance event at Queen Jane Spa. Attendees enjoyed an hour long massage, facial or body scrub followed by a group session with a financial advisor who provided general financial advice in a relaxing spa environment. It was both an educational and fun event.

On September 18th, 2010, the Women's Committee participated in AABANY's first Fall Conference: Rise to the Challenge and held a panel entitled, "For the Asian-American Woman Attorney: Custom making your career." This program featured distinguished speakers including Lai Sun Yee, director and former president of AABANY, Christine Chung, a partner at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP and Peggy Kuo, Chief Hearing Officer of the New York Stock Exchange. Speakers shared their personal stories of their paths to their current positions of success and provided insight on overcoming barriers they faced as "double minorities." This panel discussion was well-attended and highly successful.

Finally, on December 15th, 2010, the Women's Committee ended an exciting year with a holiday happy hour held at Restaurant i. Over 40 people attended this event and had the opportunity to gather, socialize and catch up in a relaxed and elegant setting.

Next year, the Women's Committee plans to organize and present more innovative programs which are open to all AABANY members.

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Young Lawyers' Committee

Co-chairs: Anting Wang and Brian Leung

The AABANY Young Lawyers' Committee ("YLC") focuses on the concerns of lawyers admitted to practice ten years or less but is open to all lawyers and law students. Activities include networking receptions, panel discussions and CLE courses of interest to newly-admitted attorneys. This year the YLC co-sponsored a number of successful events. Highlights include:

- Dinner at Darbar on May 18, 2010 (co-sponsored with the Society of Young Lawyer Entrepreneurs). Approximately twelve young lawyers and entrepreneurs gathered to socialize and network at a restaurant in Midtown East. Event photos may be viewed at: <http://societyofyounglawyers.wordpress.com/events/next-event-3/pictures/>
- AABANY Fall Conference on September 18, 2010. The YLC was honored to co-sponsor three CLEs at the Fall Conference:
 - "Is Asia Right for You? The Ins and Outs of Practicing in Asia," featuring speakers Jenik Radon, Meng Ru, Jie Xu and Stephanie Lin. The panel addressed issues of interest to attorneys looking into practicing law in Asia or becoming part of an Asia practice.
 - "Bankruptcy 101: Introduction to Bankruptcy Law for Corporate and Litigation Associates," featuring speakers Jeffrey Zawadzki and Anting J. Wang. This panel provided an introduction to the basics of bankruptcy law.
 - "The ABCs of Your New Practice: The Expectations of a Junior Associate and How to Exceed Them," featuring speakers Chang-Do Gong, Linda Lin, Devjani Mishra, Duane Morikawa and Clara Ohr. This panel was geared toward associates just starting out their careers and how they can best navigate their new work environment in a productive way.
- Meet and Mingle on November 9, 2010 (co-sponsored with the New York State Bar Association and Society of Young Lawyer Entrepreneurs). Approximately 60 young lawyers and entrepreneurs gathered to mix and mingle at The Hill in Midtown Manhattan. Event photos may be viewed at: <http://societyofyounglawyers.wordpress.com/events/next-event-nov-9-at-the-hill/pictures/>

The committee encourages all AABANY members to participate in the YLC and looks forward to 2011.

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We thank everyone who took part in AABANY's programs and events in 2010. It was a wonderful year, in which AABANY continued on its path to becoming an even stronger voice for Asian American legal professionals and the Asian American community. We hope you will continue to support AABANY in 2011 and in the coming years, and that you will consider volunteering your time, energy and talents to further AABANY's missions, as AABANY enters its next decade of expansion and growth.

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