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I welcome you to AABANY’s 8th Annual Fall Conference: “Take Charge. Lead Change.” AABANY is excited to present a full day of CLE and non-CLE programs, pitch sessions, networking opportunities, initiatives to increase APA representation on the bench, a plenary lunch session and our third annual Diversity Career Fair and Expo. Whether you are a law student or a seasoned practitioner, the Fall Conference has something for you.

This year marks an inflection point for the Fall Conference. For the first time, we are holding the Fall Conference at a law school, and we thank Fordham Law School for its hospitality and continuing commitment to diversity, inclusion and the Asian Pacific American community. The move was precipitated by the Fall Conference’s success. The Fall Conference now attracts over 400 attendees with over 20 programs and sessions, and even the largest law firms, which historically hosted our past conferences, confronted significant challenges in hosting an event of that size.

We thank you – our members, supporters, volunteers and practicing attorneys – for joining us and making the Fall Conference the success it is today. We thank our speakers, panelists and moderators for giving their time on a Saturday to share their knowledge and expertise. In particular, we thank our sponsors, whose support is critical to AABANY. AABANY’s Annual Fall Conference is now widely recognized as one of the most successful events of its kind, having been honored with a 2016 Bar Leaders Innovation Award by the New York State Bar Association for last year’s conference.

AABANY celebrates the accomplishments of its many members and supporters. While the list is too long to enumerate here, I highlight a few recent accomplishments:

- Parkin Lee, Senior Vice President & Chief Legal Officer of the Rockefeller Group, was named by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) as a recipient of NAPABA’s highest honor – the Daniel K. Inouye Trailblazer Award – which recognizes the outstanding achievements, commitment, and leadership of lawyers who have paved the way for the advancement of other Asian Pacific American (APA) attorneys and who have demonstrated vision, courage, and tenacity, and made substantial and lasting contributions to the APA legal profession and broader APA community.

- The Honorable Sanket Bulsara was appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, becoming the first South Asian American to serve as a judge on the Second Circuit.

- Andrew Hahn, a partner at Duane Morris LLP, was named a 2017 Distinguished Leadership honoree by the New York Law Journal.

- The Honorable Ona Wang was appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, becoming the first Asian American to be appointed a magistrate judge in the Southern District of New York.

- Lawrence Wee, a partner at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP and an AABANY board member, received a 2017 Outstanding 50 Asian Americans in Business award from the Asian American Business Development Center.
• Justice Jeffrey Oing and Justice Anil Singh were appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo to the Appellate Division, First Department of the Supreme Court of New York. With Justice Peter Tom, this marks the first time the First Department has three APA sitting judges.

• The Honorable Denny Chin, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, received the New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA) Outstanding Public Service Award.

• The Honorable Charles Y.J. Liu was appointed to the New York City Housing Court, the Honorable Phyllis Chu to the New York City Criminal Court, and the Honorable Frances Wang to the New York City Civil Court.

• Kin Ng was promoted to Chief of the Red Zone Trial Bureau in the Kings County District Attorney’s Office. We believe Kin is the first APA to serve as Bureau Chief at a major trial bureau in a prosecutors’ office in New York City.

• Steve Chung, Chief Counsel, Disney-ABC Media Networks of The Walt Disney Company, and Sonia Low, General Counsel of The ONE Group, were honored as Council of Urban Professionals (CUP) Catalysts Law Award recipients.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the 2017 NAPABA Convention in Washington, D.C. in November. We eagerly anticipate the rest of the AABANY year and our 2018 Annual Dinner on February 28, 2018 at Cipriani Wall Street. Save the date!

We have so much to celebrate, but APAs in the legal field remain disproportionately underrepresented in the judiciary, high government offices, law firm partnerships, and in-house counsel executive positions. AABANY continues to strive to do all we can – together – to help each other to advance, be vocal to effect change in our workplaces, and devote time to mentor APA talent. Thank you all for getting involved and we look forward to continuing to work with you on future initiatives.

Respectfully,

Dwight S. Yoo
Annual Dinner 2018

Save the date. Come celebrate with us.

Cipriani Wall Street
55 Wall Street
New York, NY

February 28, 2018
History of AABANY

In 1988, the New York State Judicial Commission on Minorities, headed by noted African American attorney Franklin Hall Williams, examined the treatment of minority litigants and court employees. Following hearings in New York City on June 29th and 30th of that year, Rockwell Chin approached Commissioner Serene K. Nakano to discuss the need for an organization for Asian American attorneys. While Chinese and Korean American lawyer associations existed, there had never been an association of Asian American lawyers in New York.

Further impetus came when the National Asian American Bar Association (later called NAPABA) Planning Committee invited various attorneys in New York City to Chicago in October 1988. A core group, including Rockwell Chin, Glenn Ikeda, Yat T. Man, Steve Min and Serene K. Nakano, worked to found a formal association of Asian American lawyers: drafting organizational documents, reaching out to New York and nationwide bar groups, and contacting other Asian American attorneys.

Announcing AABANY’s incorporation on October 20, 1989, the group invited attorneys to an inaugural reception at New York University Law School on November 9, 1989. Among the speakers were Judge Dorothy Chin Brandt, Judge Randall Eng, Judge Peter Tom, past president of the American Immigration Law Association Benjamin Gim, Professor Sharon Hom, AALDEF Program Director Stanley Mark, and former NYPD Deputy Commissioner Hugh Mo. All of the speakers emphasized the unfulfilled need for AABANY. The reception was a resounding success, with over 180 attorneys and law students attending. Before the meeting concluded, over 60 people had joined AABANY.

AABANY, operating under an interim board during its first year, hosted further receptions, including evening social events, as well as a meeting at Brooklyn Law School at which Hoyt Zia, then the first President of NAPABA, spoke. Newly formed committees also sprang into action. The Issues Committee, co-chaired by Rockwell Chin and Marilyn Go, began research on redistricting, assisted lobbying for bias crimes legislation and spoke out against bias incidents. The Business Law Committee, co-chaired by Ken Chin and Marilyn Go, established a speaker series of prominent Asian American attorneys. The Events Committee hosted a fall picnic. Prompted by concerns raised by law students at the picnic, Chin Fong and James Minamoto established a student mentor program, presenting a job skills workshop to help law students hone interviewing skills.

On January 12, 1991, AABANY held its first annual meeting, electing Serene Nakano, Doris Ling-Cohan, Steve Min, Glenn Ikeda and Marilyn Go as officers and Rockwell Chin, Sylvia Fung Chin, Merlin Liu, Stanley Mark, Qazi Moid and Judge Peter Tom as directors.

Now one of the most prominent and active minority bar associations in New York, AABANY has approximately 1,100 members, including practicing attorneys in the private and public sectors, in-house lawyers, judges, professors and law students.
Schedule

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM  
**REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM  
- Complying with the Immigration Laws as an Employer
- The Melting Impôt: The Intersection Between Immigration and Tax
- Adapting to Amazon: Strategies for the Changing Marketplace
- Bootcamp: Road to the Bench: Review of the Application, the Interview, and Getting Endorsements

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM  
- “Tomorrow’s Lawyer” – Evolving Legal/Technological Landscape
- Redefining Personal Jurisdiction post-Bristol-Myers
- Bootcamp: Road to the Bench: Mock Interview with Hon. Sanket Bulsara

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM  
**LUNCH & PLENARY SESSION: THE GOLDEN VENTURE: 25 YEARS LATER**

2:15 PM - 3:45 PM  
- Finding the Entrepreneurial Spirit
- Best Practices in Litigation Holds and Document Preservation
- Trailblazing APA Women in the Public Sector
- Pro Bono Primer, Part I: Wills/Trusts/Estates and Immigration

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM  
- GC Roundtable: Leading Change Through Example
- How to Find Jobs in Non-Traditional Ways
- Then They Came for Us: APA Immigration Law and Policy
- Pro Bono Primer, Part II: Housing and Family Law

5:45 PM - 7:30 PM  
**COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM  
**COMMITTEE DINNERS - OFFSITE**
Rainmaking For Women Lawyers – How to Get Business and Take Charge Of Your Destiny – Part I

IPOs for Dummies

Professional Development Coaching

In-House Counsel Forum

Professional Development Coaching +

Pitch Sessions Series

3rd Annual Diversity Career Fair & Expo

Financial Management for Young Attorneys - Or, How to Manage Your Money Even if There is Not a Lot of It
NORMAN LAU KEE TRAILBLAZER AWARD
The Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY) is proud to announce that Hon. Randall T. Eng, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, Second Department, is the recipient of the Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer Award this year at AABANY’s Eighth Annual Fall Conference on September 23, 2017, held at the Fordham University School of Law.

Named for Norman Lau Kee, a revered legal and community pillar of New York City’s Chinatown for decades, this Trailblazer Award honors an accomplished leader in the legal profession who is of Asian Pacific American (APA) descent or has demonstrated dedication to APA issues in the community. This award honors an individual who has carved a path for others to follow, served the community as a mentor and role model, and has made a lasting impact on the APA community through his or her dedication and commitment.

Hon. Randall T. Eng was a groundbreaker long before he was appointed by Governor Cuomo to be the first APA Presiding Justice of an Appellate Division in New York. A graduate of St. John’s University School of Law, Justice Eng served as New York’s first APA Assistant District Attorney in 1973. He later became the first APA judge in New York in 1983, when Mayor Edward Koch appointed him to the Criminal Court of the City of New York.

Justice Eng was elected to two terms as Justice of the New York Supreme Court in 1990 and 2004, and in 2007 became the first Asian American Administrative Judge of the Queens County Supreme Court, Criminal Term. A former colonel of the New York Army National Guard, adjunct professor of law at St. John’s University School of Law, and Inspector General of the New York City Correction Department, Justice Eng’s career shines brightly as an exemplar of both service and groundbreaking pioneering ability.

Born in China, Justice Eng moved to the United States with his family when he was just six months old. His father, an Air Force veteran of World War II, opened a laundry and cleaning store in Queens—one of the few options available for Asian and immigrant families during that time. Aware from an early age of the barriers that awaited him if he tried to pursue law, Justice Eng remained, in his own words, “undaunted...because that was the era of civil rights.” It is that undaunted spirit of Justice Eng’s that has made him a trailblazer and an inspiration for Asian Pacific Americans in the legal community and throughout the country.

Today, Justice Eng plays a key role in the development of jurisprudence and judicial policy in New York as Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department. The ten counties under its purview make Justice Eng’s Appellate Division one of the nation’s busiest. From supervising the court’s various agencies to being the Second Department’s Chief Administrator, Justice Eng has significant responsibilities at one of the highest levels of the state’s judiciary system. All the while, he has helped to pave the way for generations of APA lawyers in government, and remains an uplifting example for the APA community.

At a time when the obstacles that face APAs in the law seem innumerable, Justice Randall T. Eng through his career has blazed a trail toward a more promising future for APAs in the legal profession and inspired generations of lawyers.

AABANY is honored to present Justice Eng the Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer Award at its Eighth Annual Fall Conference.
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Past Presidents of AABANY

Serene K. Nakano  Denny Chin  Sylvia Fung Chin  Ben Q. Limb

1997-98  1999  2000  2001
Glenn Lau-Kee  John Flock  Paul D.Q. Nguyen  Alec Y. Chang

2002  2003  2004  2005
David Hom  Christopher W. Chan  Andrew T. Hahn  Pui Chi Cheng

2006  2007  2008  2009
Lai Sun Yee  Vincent T. Chang  Yang Chen  James P. Chou

2010  2011  2012  2013
Robert W. Leung  Linda S. Lin  Jean Lee  Mike F. Huang

2014  2015  2016
Clara J. Ohr  William Wang  Susan L. Shin
Complying with the Immigration Laws as an Employer

Hosted by the Immigration Committee and the Labor & Employment Committee

Program Chair
Bryan An

Speakers
• Susan Akina, Associate Attorney, Guerrero Law Firm
• Will Ng, Associate, Littler Mendelson P.C.
• Poonam Gupta, Director of Immigration Services, White & Case LLP / Co-Chair, AABANY Immigration Committee

Moderator
Brian Idehen, Esq., Associate, Mona Shah & Associates

Large or small, companies need consistent internal immigration policies. Unfortunately, immigration issues are often overlooked in the workplace, and employers must take the initiative to change that neglect in the current immigration climate. The experts on this intermediate-level panel will highlight key issues to focus upon when preparing and establishing policies with your corporate clients.

• Housekeeping: Tracking Expiration and Priority Dates, Maintaining Public Access Files, Tracking Movement of Nonimmigrant Visa Workers
• Drafting Corporate Immigration Policies on Initiating the Permanent Residence Process
• Repayment Agreements and Payment of Costs
• Ensuring Consistency and When to Make Exceptions: Job Descriptions, PERM Filings, and EB Categories

The Melting Impôt: Intersection Between Immigration and Tax

Hosted by the Immigration Committee and the Labor & Employment Committee

Program Chair
Rebecca M. Ulich-Balinskas

Speakers
• Eunkyong Choi, New York City's Tax Advocate, NYC Department of Finance Taxpayer Advocate’s Office
• Frank Agostino, President, Agostino & Associates, PC
• Brenda Stuart-Luke, Internal Revenue Service Tax Specialist, Communications & Liaison, Internal Revenue Service
• Darol Tucker, Brooklyn Local Taxpayer Advocate, Office of the National Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service

Moderator
Sunny Mangal, Student Attorney, The Office of the Taxpayer Advocate – NYC Department of Finance

Many immigrant and English as a Second Language (ESL) taxpayers are unaware of their taxpayer rights and responsibilities, different benefit programs that they may be entitled to, or how to pursue relief. Language and cultural barriers often exacerbate accessing these services. This panel discusses tax issues faced by many immigrant and ESL taxpayers so that they can take charge and lead change.
IPOs for Dummies

Hosted by the Corporate Law Committee and Summit Financial Disclosure, LLC

Program Chair
Lawrence G. Wee

Speakers
• Kenneth M. McClure, Co-Founder, Summit Financial Disclosure, LLC
• Lawrence G. Wee, Partner, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP

Moderator
Dwight Yoo, Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

This program will give you the information on the basic building blocks of an IPO, including timing, process, structural issues, parties involved, and the basic regulatory framework. We will also examine the incentives of the various parties in the IPO through a case study and a role-playing exercise. We will also present a practical workshop on working effectively at the financial printer in connection with an IPO or other securities issuance. This program is sponsored by AABANY’s Diamond Sponsor, Summit Financial Disclosure, and co-sponsored by the AABANY Corporate Law Committee.

Adapting to Amazon: Strategies for the Changing Marketplace

Hosted by the Commercial Bankruptcy & Restructuring Committee

Program Chair
Vincent J. Roldan

Speakers
• William Hao, Senior Attorney, Alston & Bird, AABANY Bankruptcy Committee Co-Chair
• Doug Greenspan, Manager, Keen-Summit Capital Partners
• Spencer Ware, Director, Alix Partners

Moderator
Teresa Li, Distressed Debt Legal Analyst, Reorg Research, Inc.

In the past year, retail store closures and bankruptcy filings have become commonplace, with no sign of abating. Shifting consumer shopping habits and competition from fast-fashion retailers and e-commerce have led to a more competitive marketplace and, in general, decreasing profit margins for retailers. To survive this market, retailers need to “take charge” and articulate a real estate strategy to use their footprint more effectively and to mitigate the cost and distraction of unproductive stores.

Our panel of experts will discuss these strategies from various perspectives, including the landlord, tenant, secured lender, and investor. This will be an informative program that will discuss well-known retailers in bankruptcy (such as the BCBG and The Limited), as well as closings at giants such as Sears and Macy’s. The program will necessarily touch on real estate, litigation strategy, private equity, and finance.
Bootcamp: Road to the Bench: Review of the Application, the Interview, and Getting Endorsements

Hosted by the Judiciary Committee

Program Chairs
Jennifer Chiang
Bryan An

Speakers
- Honorable Donald Leo, New York City Criminal Court Judge, Kings County
- Honorable Lillian Wan, New York City Family Court Judge, Kings County
- Honorable Judy H. Kim, New York City Criminal Court Judge, New York County

Moderator
Honorable Peggy Kuo, Magistrate Judge, Eastern District of New York

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Rainmaking for Women Attorneys - How to Get Business and Take Charge Of Your Destiny - Part I

Hosted by the AABANY Women’s Committee

Program Chairs
Yan Sin
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Jane Chuang

Speakers
• Judy Estes, Senior Vice President, Assistant General Counsel, Advisors at Mastercard International Incorporated
• Sapna Palla, Partner, Wiggin and Dana LLP
• Megan Rha, Partner, Rha & Kim, LLP
• Susan L. Shin, Partner, Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer
• Tsui Yee, Law Offices of Tsui H. Yee, P.C.
• Pauline Yeung-Ha, Partner, Grimaldi & Yeung LLP

Moderator
Jane Chuang (Partner, Lee Anav Chung White Kim Ruger & Richter LLP)

Learn how to get business and take charge of your career during this frank discussion about business development for women lawyers with our distinguished panel of female partners, who practice at both large and solo/small firms, and in-house counsel.

Although female attorneys have made up nearly 50% of graduating law school classes and new associate classes for the last 25 years, they only account for 21% of partners at major law firms. Women attorneys are less likely to be equity partners, and women partners generally earn 80% of what male partners do for comparable work, hours, and revenue generation. These figures are even worse for minority female lawyers, who account for only 2.55% of partners, and tend to have the highest attrition rates from large firms.

According to a 2014 survey by the National Association of Women Lawyers, the slow advancement of women in private practice has been due in large part to lack of business development. Female attorneys, particularly minorities, must start learning business development skills as early as possible to lead change in our profession.

This is a two-part program, with the first 75 minute session consisting of a panel presentation about business development skills and the second 75 minute session to consist of hands-on break-out groups led by panelists to guide attendees in developing their own business development strategies.

Description of Break-Out Session:
In this hands-on session, our panelists will guide attendees in small groups to develop their own individual business plan strategies and business development activity checklists. Learn the most effective strategies for business development as revealed in rainmaker studies, and come away with a tailored action plan to jumpstart your client base.

This program is not eligible for CLE credit in New York.
In-House Counsel Forum

Hosted by the In-House Counsel Committee

Program Chair
Duane Morikawa

By invitation only, an open discussion by participating in-house counsels on a variety of issues, as well as an opportunity to connect with other in-house attorneys.

Redefining Personal Jurisdiction post-Bristol-Myers

Hosted by the Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York (KALAGNY)

Program Chair
James Y. Lee

Speakers
• Sandra Leung, General Counsel, Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.
• Anand Agneshwar, Partner, Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP
• Mark Hsu, Partner, Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP
• Munir Meghjee, Partner, Robins Kaplan LLP

Moderator
James Y. Lee, Associate, Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP

In the recent decision of *Bristol-Myers Squibb v. Superior Court of California*, the U.S. Supreme Court recognized the limits imposed by the Fourteenth Amendment’s due process clause on a court’s authority to adjudicate matters where specific jurisdiction is contested. The case has already been redefining mass-tort, class action, and multi-defendant litigation from both plaintiff and defendant positions by limiting causes of actions to a defendant’s in-state conduct. The speakers on the panel stand as a prime examples of how Asian American attorneys have been taking charge and leading the way in redefining the field of litigation.

Areas of Professional Practice

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Transitional / Non-Transitional
Panels

Bootcamp: Road to the Bench: Mock Interview with Sanket Bulsara

Hosted by the Judiciary Committee
Program Chair
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Speakers
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• Robert Leung, Partner, Paul Hastings LLP
• James P. Chou, Partner, Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP
• Vincent T. Chang, Partner, Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch

Moderator
Linda S. Lin, Assistant General Counsel, QBE North America (QBE)

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Tomorrow’s Lawyer - Evolving Legal/Technological Landscape

Hosted by the Student Outreach Committee and the Career Placement Committee
Program Chair
Edwin Kim

Speakers
• Jeff Ikejiri, Vice President, Legal and Business Services, UnitedLex
• Tristan Loanzon, Principal, Loanzon LLP
• Irene Tan, Assistant General Counsel, AIG
• Monika Jedrzejowska, Counsel, Office Of General Counsel, Hearst Communications, Inc.

Moderator
Shan K. Thever, Director, Small Law Firm Center – New York City Bar Association

Clients’ need to cut costs down compels lawyers to deliver efficient results. While information technology currently offers lawyers the opportunities to do so, its effect on the legal marketplace is only beginning. What will technology and artificial intelligence enable lawyers to do in just 5 to 10 years? And, what does that mean for job opportunities in the legal profession? Join us for a highly informative panel discussion on this exciting topic.
Rainmaking for Women Attorneys - How to Get Business and Take Charge Of Your Destiny - Part II

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- Pauline Yeung-Ha, Partner, Grimaldi & Yeung LLP

Moderator
Jane Chuang (Partner, Lee Anav Chung White Kim Ruger & Richter LLP)

Learn how to get business and take charge of your career during this frank discussion about business development for women lawyers with our distinguished panel of female partners, who practice at both large and solo/small firms, and in-house counsel.

Although female attorneys have made up nearly 50% of graduating law school classes and new associate classes for the last 25 years, they only account for 21% of partners at major law firms. Women attorneys are less likely to be equity partners, and women partners generally earn 80% of what male partners do for comparable work, hours, and revenue generation. These figures are even worse for minority female lawyers, who account for only 2.55% of partners, and tend to have the highest attrition rates from large firms.

According to a 2014 survey by the National Association of Women Lawyers, the slow advancement of women in private practice has been due in large part to lack of business development. Female attorneys, particularly minorities, must start learning business development skills as early as possible to lead change in our profession.

This is a two-part program, with the first 75 minute session consisting of a panel presentation about business development skills and the second 75 minute session to consist of hands-on break-out groups led by panelists to guide attendees in developing their own business development strategies.

Description of Break-Out Session:
In this hands-on session, our panelists will guide attendees in small groups to develop their own individual business plan strategies and business development activity checklists. Learn the most effective strategies for business development as revealed in rainmaker studies, and come away with a tailored action plan to jumpstart your client base.

This program is not eligible for CLE credit in New York.
Golden Venture: 25 Years Later

Hosted by the Issues Committee

**Program Chair**
Song Kim

**Speakers**
- Amanda Bernardo, Attorney, Brandes & Associates LLC, Co-Chair, AABANY Immigration Committee
- Andrew Rebatta, Assistant Curator, Museum of Chinese in America (MOCA)
- Stanley Mark, Senior Staff Attorney, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)

**Moderator**
Song Kim, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF), Co-Chair, AABANY Issues Committee

The Golden Venture, a freighter transporting hundreds of undocumented migrants from China, crashed onto the Rockaways and into our collective memory in the early hours of June 6, 1993. As its passengers struggled onto the Queens shoreline, news cameras captured the dramatic scene: people dying as they struggled to swim to shore, helicopters and rescue boats buzzing in the darkness. For many who survived the harrowing journey and made it onto dry land, it wasn’t the American Dream, but detention and deportation that awaited. Only a small fraction would eventually receive asylum and a path to legal status, and some are still stuck in legal limbo to this day.

A formative moment in the Asian American immigrant identity, the plenary session delves into the Golden Venture to explore the shifting legal and political landscape of migration to the United States. Our speakers offer a historical perspective of the incident: a glimpse into the experiences of the passengers and of the Asian American legal community in New York City that rallied to provide legal assistance, as well as the tangible effects and implications of federal policies on immigrant communities then and now.

Although it has been almost 25 years since the Golden Venture incident, the complexities of the immigrant experience that existed then are still very much a part of the fabric of our nation today. Rather than allowing this moment in our history to become a distant memory, we are hopeful that this commemoration will remind us of the context of our place in the current political and cultural climate.
Best Practices in Litigation Holds and Document Preservation

Hosted by the Litigation Committee

Program Chair
James Shih

Speakers
- Brian Song, Partner, Baker Hostetler
- Concepcion Montoya, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson
- Vince Chang, Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch
- Lisa Chan, Associate, Ropes & Gray

Moderator
James Shih, Associate, Sullivan & Cromwell

The adage “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure” is no less true in the litigation arena. A proper and defensible litigation hold and preservation plan is the most critical part of discovery, and good litigators must know how to take charge of that process from the start in order to safeguard their clients’ interests throughout the lifespan of the litigation. Using hypotheticals, this program will explore some practical solutions to common document retention and production issues faced in civil and criminal investigations and litigation.

Trailblazing APA Women in the Public Sector

Hosted by the Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York (KALAGNY)

Program Chair
Karen Kim

Speakers
- The Honorable Judy H. Kim, Civil Court of the City of New York
- Professor Elaine M. Chiu, Director, Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development / Professor, St. John’s University School of Law
- Anju Malhotra, Senior Assistant District Attorney, Kings County District Attorney’s Office

Moderator
Eun Chong (E.J) Thorsen, Partner, Vishnick McGovern Milizio, LLP / Executive Vice President, KALAGNY

Women and minorities are still underrepresented at every level of government and in the public sector. This panel is composed of leading APA women in the public sector in New York. Through sharing their own paths and experiences, the panelists will discuss the barriers that APA women face working in government and the public sector, opportunities available within the public sector, and ways to empower APA women to fully participate in the public sector.

This program is not eligible for CLE credit in New York.
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Finding the Entrepreneurial Spirit

Hosted by the AABANY Intellectual Property Committee and the Women’s Committee of SABANY

Program Chair
Charles Chen
Malavika (Molly) Rao

Speakers
- Ashish Walia (Co-Founder, LawTrades)
- Chieh Huang (Co-Founder & CEO, Boxed)
- Mirra Levitt (Co-Founder, Priori Legal)
- Nehal Madhani (CEO, Alt-Legal)

Moderator
Shanti Hubbard (Attorney, Chan Hubbard PLLC)

This program is about finding the “entrepreneurial spirit” to effectively lead and make an impact. Many lawyers believe that the way to succeed is by walking a straight line, keeping one’s head down, and doing good work. However, those qualities may not be enough to meet all the business needs in the 21st century. You will hear from entrepreneurs with law degrees on what challenges they overcame, how they navigate the modern day entrepreneurial business, and how they developed their entrepreneurial mindset to take charge and lead change.

Financial Management for Young Attorneys

Hosted by Prosperian Wealth Management, the Corporate Law Committee, and the Young Lawyers Committee

Program Chair
Albert Suh

Speakers
- Marty Nachemson, Managing Partner, Prosperian Wealth Management
- Jonathan Rosenbaum, Financial Advisor, Prosperian Wealth Management

Do you give your financial situation a lot of thought? Do you know where to start? Are you afraid of your finances? Does your financial planning involve lottery tickets (kidding!)?
Financial planning is an essential aspect of your life, and it isn’t as complicated as it may seem. It is never too early to start! Hear from experts in the field, from Prosperian Wealth Management, an AABANY sponsor, on practical steps you can take to manage your finances as a young attorney. Hear also from AABANY members who have made their share of mistakes and eventually gotten a better handle on their finances.

This program is not eligible for CLE credit in New York.
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Pro Bono Primer, Part 1: Wills/Trusts/Estates & Immigration Law

Hosted by the Pro Bono Committee and the Government Services & Public Interest Committee

Program Chair
Ariana Pabalan

Speakers
• Pauline Yeung-Ha, Partner, Grimaldi & Yeung, LLP
• Tsui Yee, Partner, Tsui H. Yee, P.C.

Moderator
Samuel Lui, Staff Attorney, Manhattan Legal Services

Many attorneys want to volunteer, but are unsure how to help because they are unfamiliar with the areas of law. This course will focus on the common issues the Pro Bono Committee frequently encounters. Our goal is to educate and encourage the attorneys and let them feel confident that they are able to help. This session will cover basic law in Wills/Trusts/Estates and Immigration.

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Then They Came for Us: APA Immigration Law and Policy

Hosted by the Government Service and Public Interest Committee

Program Chair
Kevin Hsi, Co-Chair, AABANY Government Service and Public Interest Committee
Karen Kithan Yau

Speakers
• Annie Wang, Staff Attorney, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund
• Hasan Shafiqullah, Deputy Attorney-in-Charge, The Legal Aid Society
• Lee Wang, Staff Attorney, Immigration Defense Project
• Steven Choi, Executive Director, New York Immigration Coalition

Moderator
Karen Kithan Yau, Director of Membership and Capacity Building, New York Immigration Coalition

“This is the Trump era,” declared U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions on April 11, 2017 as he stood by the U.S.-Mexico border. How has federal immigration law been altered under the Trump Administration without Congressional legislative measures?

How should past immigration policies and treatment of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) inform the current debate and understanding? How did lawyers and non-lawyers alike work together and offer insights to defeat past anti-immigration measures (i.e., Proposition 187 in California (1994); H.R. 4437 (Sensenbrenner bill) in 2006)?
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What are the most pressing changes affecting immigrants, documented and otherwise? Why should APAs, immigrant and otherwise, be concerned with enhanced enforcement of immigration laws and “extreme vetting”? What are the biggest challenges facing immigration lawyers and advocates?

These questions evoke complex responses. And yet the voices of APAs have often been ignored in the current immigration debate, although APAs comprise the fastest growing racial group in New York State and the U.S. Nearly 1 in every 10 New Yorkers and 1 in 4 NYC residents is an APA, and more than 8% of all of the undocumented immigrants in NYS alone are Chinese. With the Chinese Exclusion Act and the internment of Japanese Americans – immigrants and citizens alike – in our collective history, APAs have a particular interest in, and deep insights into, today’s immigration debate. This panel will seek to answer these complex and challenging questions.

Moreover, this panel highlights the work of APA lawyers who are at the forefront of intersectional advocacy for, and organizing of, all immigrant groups. They will offer insights into how AABANY members can get involved in assisting immigrants and address ethical concerns for lawyers and law students when they represent or assist immigrants.

GC Roundtable: Leading Change Through Example

Hosted by the AABANY In-House Counsel Committee

Program Chair
Duane Morikawa

Speakers
• Courtney Browne, General Counsel, Birchbox
• Kelly Koyama, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Marc Jacobs International, LLC
• LaTanya Langley, General Counsel, BIC
• Michael J. Rhee, Vice President and General Counsel, The Durst Organization

Moderator
Lawrence G. Wee, Partner, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP

The GC panelists will discuss their roles within their organizations leading change by serving as a trusted adviser on major legal issues and strategic company decisions. The GCs lead their respective legal departments through establishing legal policy and developing the members of their legal team. The topics will focus on the GC’s role in taking charge on legal matters to lead change within their organization, as well as issues and challenges faced in accomplishing change.
Pro Bono Primer, Part 2: Housing and Family Law

Hosted by the Pro Bono Committee and the Government Services & Public Interest Committee

Program Chair
Ariana Pabalan

Speakers
• Anita Wu, Supervising Attorney, Legal Services NYC
• Beatrice Leong, Associate Attorney, Plaine & Katz, LLP

Moderator
Samuel Lui, Staff Attorney, Manhattan Legal Services

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# CLE Accreditation

## New York

AABANY is recognized by the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board as an Accredited CLE Provider.

Each CLE-eligible session is approved for a maximum of 1.5 NY CLE credits. Each program listing will indicate the category of credit and appropriateness for transitional New York attorneys.

New York CLE credits are accepted on a reciprocal basis by Alaska, California, Colorado*, Connecticut%, Florida*, Maine*, New Hampshire, New Jersey#, and North Dakota. Certain other states, such as Rhode Island, allow the participant to request individual approval for out-of-state CLE activities on their own behalf; we will assist you with your application. Please obtain a Uniform CLE certificate from us for these states. Certain programs may satisfy Law Society of Upper Canada CPD requirements in Ontario * ^.

## Pennsylvania

This course (265606) has been approved by the Pennsylvania CLE Board for a maximum of 6.0 PA CLE credits. Please request the Credit Request Form to be submitted to the PA CLE Board with the required fee ($1.50 per credit hour).

* Additional filing to your jurisdiction by the attendee may be required – please obtain a Uniform CLE Certificate from the conference.

% Under Connecticut Practice Book §2-27A(b) and §2-27A(c)(6), New York approved credits are accepted by Connecticut.

# Under New Jersey BCLE Rule 201:4, no additional filing is required – you may use the New York certificate toward your requirements. New Jersey awards double credit for presenters, rather than triple credit in New York.

^ Substantive, non-Professionalism CPD credit only – please consult the Law Society of Upper Canada website.

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3rd Annual Diversity Career Fair & Expo

AABANY’s Career Placement Committee is hosting its Third Annual Diversity Career Fair & Expo at the 2017 Fall Conference from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The Diversity Career Fair & Expo will feature selected public sector, corporate sector, and law firm employers who will host informational sessions, meet and greet interested applicants, and in some instances, conduct first round on-site interviews. In addition, attendees will have an opportunity to meet members of AABANY’s Career Placement Committee and receive career advice, as well as learn more about other job openings.

The following participants will attend this year’s Diversity Career Fair & Expo:

Employers Conducting First Round Interviews On Site:

- Bronx County District Attorney’s Office
- Kings County District Attorney’s Office
- Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.
- Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
- Nassau County District Attorney’s Office
- New York City Law Department
- New York County District Attorney’s Office
- Queens County District Attorney’s Office
- Richmond County District Attorney’s Office

Employers Attending and Hosting Informational Tables:

- American Express
- Dechert LLP
- Eastern District of New York, US Attorney’s Office
- Grimaldi & Yeung LLP
- Kings County District Attorney’s Office
- Kobre & Kim LLP
- Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York
- Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.
- Legal Services NYC
- Legal Services of the Hudson Valley
- Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
- New York State Attorney General’s Office
- Queens County District Attorney’s Office
- Sonia and Celina Sotomayor Judicial Internship Program
- Southern District of New York, US Attorney’s Office
- The Legal Aid Society
- US. Navy Judge Advocate General’s Corps
We Proudly Present the Following Employers
Professional Development Coaching

In 2015, former AABANY Board member Steve Chung began a series of group mentoring workshops designed to break down abstract concepts like “networking” and “branding” and translate them into concrete, actionable strategies to help AABANY members advance their careers. This year, we will be continuing Steve’s efforts by transforming the group mentoring workshops into a formal Professional Development Coaching Series led by Marianne Chow and Jeff Ikejiri (Co-Chairs), and Christina Nguyen (Vice Chair). We are proud to kick off this year-long Series with one-on-one or small group sessions that will take place throughout the day at the 2017 Fall Conference, in which a distinguished group of faculty members will meet with participants to troubleshoot specific professional and personal development issues that may be impeding your career advancement. The goal is to help you come up with a game plan to address such development issues and help you move forward and rise up in the legal profession. Based on feedback from these sessions at the Fall Conference, the Professional Development Coaching Series leadership team will design hands-on, practical workshops throughout the year to develop those skills that are most critical to the participants and the larger AABANY membership.

The following accomplished attorneys will serve as faculty members providing professional development advice at the 2017 Fall Conference (additional faculty members may be recruited for subsequent workshops):

- Jung Choi, AABANY Director; Senior Counsel at Bristol-Myers Squibb Company
- Marianne Chow, AABANY Director; Counsel at Hearst Corporation
- Diane Gujarati, AABANY Director; Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York
- Mike Huang, former AABANY Director; Partner at Paul Hastings LLP
- Jeff Ikejiri, AABANY Co-Vice President of Programs and Operations; Vice President, Legal & Business Services at UnitedLex Corporation
- Ed Lee, Co-Chair of AABANY Corporate Law Committee; Partner at Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz
- Katherine Loanzon, Division Director, Parker + Lynch Legal, Special Counsel’s Attorney Search Division
- Rob Leung, former AABANY Director; Judiciary Committee and Career Placement Committee Co-Chair; Partner at Paul Hastings LLP
- Sonia Low, AABANY Director; General Counsel at The ONE Group Hospitality, Inc.
- Brian Song, AABANY Director; Co-Chair of Military & Veteran Affairs Committee; Partner at Baker Hostetler LLP
- Larry Wee, AABANY Director; Corporate Law Committee Co-Chair; Partner at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP
Pitch Sessions

Presented by the In-House Counsel and Corporate Law Committees

During the 2017 AABANY Fall Conference, conference registrants, in-house counsel and Elite and Gold level sponsors will have an opportunity to participate in Pitch Sessions. The Pitch Sessions provide a platform for law firm attorneys/solo practitioners and legal service vendors to make meaningful connections with in-house counsels and other participants interested in legal services.

Participating Companies at This Year’s Pitch Session:

BIC
Citibank
Citizens Financial Group, Inc.
GreenOak Real Estate
Hubbell, Incorporated
Moelis & Company
Pearson PLC
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals
The One Group
Two Sigma Investments, LP
William Morris Endeavor Entertainment, LLC
Anand Agneshwar is a partner and co-chair of Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP’s Product Liability Litigation practice group. Anand represents pharmaceutical and consumer product companies as national, strategic, trial, and appellate counsel in product liability litigation and related litigation. His experience includes nearly a dozen bench and jury trials, numerous Daubert and Daubert-style hearings, and hundreds of significant arguments in state and federal trial and appellate courts across the country. He also counsels clients on litigation risks, US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulatory issues, and the litigation and compliance impact of potential legislation. Mr. Agneshwar writes frequently on product liability and FDA issues. He also maintains an active pro bono practice focusing on protecting civil liberties. Mr. Agneshwar graduated from New York University School of Law, magna cum laude, in 1992, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif, Developments Editor of the NYU Law Review, and published a note entitled “Rediscovering God In The Constitution.” Following law school, he clerked for the late Honorable Harold A. Ackerman, US District Judge for the District of New Jersey, and Morton I. Greenberg, US Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

Frank Agostino is the president of Agostino & Associates, P.C., a law firm in Hackensack, New Jersey, specializing in civil and white collar criminal litigation, tax controversies and tax planning. Prior to entering private practice, Frank was an attorney with the Internal Revenue Service's District Counsel in Springfield, Illinois, and Newark, New Jersey. He also served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney, where he prosecuted primarily criminal tax cases. As an adjunct professor, he taught tax controversy at Rutgers School of Law and served as the co-director of the Rutgers Federal Tax Law Clinic. Frank is a frequent speaker and author on tax controversy and litigation matters. He serves on the Advisory Board of the Journal of Tax Practice and Procedure and is actively involved with the American Bar Association and the New York County Lawyers’ Association. Mr. Agostino is also the President of the Taxpayers Assistance Corp., which provides tax and legal advice to low income taxpayers in the NY/NJ area.
Susan Akina is an Associate Attorney at Guerrero Law Firm. She counsels corporate and individual clients on a wide variety of immigration issues. Susan has successfully helped businesses and non-profits to obtain visas including H-1B, L-1, O-1, R-1, and EB-1 for their employees. Further, Susan has assisted individuals with their family-based petitions to reunite and keep families intact in the United States.

Prior to joining Guerrero Law Firm, Susan worked as an Associate Attorney at an international corporate immigration law firm with a focus on EB-5 Immigrant Investor visas.

She also has experience with humanitarian immigration law cases including T-visas, VAWA, and SIJS.

Susan is a Co-Chair of the Asian American Bar Association of New York’s (AABANY) Immigration Law Committee and a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). She is a graduate of Fordham University School of Law and Smith College.

Susan speaks Mandarin, Spanish, and Fujianese.

As an immigration attorney, Amanda J. Bernardo has won asylum for refugees, empowered victims of domestic violence, given hardworking men and women with criminal records a second chance, saved countless families from deportation, and legalized the status of even more. She has also helped ensure immigrant workers get the pay and position they deserve for their skills, expand businesses, and secure immigration benefits based on foreign investment. At Brandes & Associates, LLC, a boutique immigration firm in downtown Manhattan, Amanda specializes in complex immigration matters involving removal proceedings, criminal convictions, and fraud. Amanda sees first-hand how people of various nationalities experience the immigration system. She is committed to using her legal expertise to ensure that her clients are empowered and informed as she guides them through that system.

Amanda received her Juris Doctorate from Brooklyn Law School in 2012. She is a Co-Chair of the Immigration Committee of the Asian American Bar Association of New York and of the Public Relations Committee of the Filipino American Lawyers Association of New York. She is a speaker on immigration law, especially given her experience representing detained immigrants and immigrants with criminal issues. Recently, she collaborated with Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez and Filipino-American Pulitzer-winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas to educate immigrant communities on their rights under the Trump Administration. She graduated from American University summa cum laude with honors where she focused on Philippines and US migration.
Hon. Sanket Bulsara is a federal magistrate judge serving in the Eastern District of New York. He was appointed to the bench on August 28, 2017. Prior to his appointment, he worked at the Securities and Exchange Commission, serving as the Acting General Counsel and the Deputy General Counsel for Appellate Litigation, Adjudication and Enforcement. He spent 11 years at WilmerHale in New York. Judge Bulsara is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School.

Courtney Browne currently serves as General Counsel of Birchbox, Inc., the beauty company changing the way women and men discover and shop for beauty and grooming products in the U.S. and Europe. At Birchbox, Courtney oversees all legal matters for the company, including corporate governance, commercial contracts, regulatory compliance and litigation. Prior to joining Birchbox in 2014, Courtney was an associate in the Mergers and Acquisitions group of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP where she represented buyers and sellers in public and private mergers, acquisitions and bankruptcy proceedings. Courtney spent three years working as a financial analyst at Fifth Third Bancorp in her hometown of Cincinnati, Ohio before attending law school.

Courtney graduated cum laude from Vanderbilt University with a B.A. in Economics and minors in Spanish and Art History. She received her J.D. from Columbia Law School. While at Columbia she was very involved with the Black Law Students' Association, was a staff member of the Journal of Law and Social Problems and served as the Business Managing Editor of the National Black Law Journal.

When not at work, Courtney spends her time volunteering, traveling and enjoying her adoptive home of Harlem.
Lisa C. Chan is a litigation associate in the New York office of Ropes & Gray LLP, and a member of the firm’s business and securities litigation practice group. Lisa concentrates her practice on corporate governance matters, complex commercial litigation, and federal securities actions. She assists in representing corporations, directors and officers, and special committees in litigation involving mergers and acquisitions, hostile takeovers, tender offers, books and records demands, and class and derivative claims.

Before joining Ropes & Gray, Lisa practiced law at another top law firm, and clerked in both the Eastern District of New York and the Delaware Supreme Court. Prior to law school, Lisa lived in Beijing, Shanghai, and Hong Kong for two years, studying Mandarin and working at the United Nations.

Lisa received her B.A. from Yale University and her J.D. from Boston University School of Law, where she served as editor-in-chief of the Boston University International Law Journal.

Vincent T. Chang is a Partner at Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch, specializing in complex litigation in such areas as bankruptcy, real estate, insurance, mortgage securitizations, hedge funds, reinsurance, bondholder litigation, investment banking, antitrust, and securities. Mr. Chang is a graduate of Harvard College, magna cum laude, and Harvard Law School, cum laude. Mr. Chang clerked for the Hon. Robert B. Krupansky, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and was an associate and then counsel at Davis Polk & Wardwell. Mr. Chang is a past President of the Asian American Bar Association of New York (“AABANY”). He is the Vice President of the New York County Lawyers Association and serves on its Executive Committee, Nominating Committee, and Board of Directors. Mr. Chang has co-chaired NYCLA’s Federal Courts and Public Policy Committees, and has served as NYCLA’s Treasurer. He also serves on the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association, has served on its Nominating Committee, and serves on its Committee of Bar Leaders and Federal Legislative Priorities Committee. He has served on the Standing Committee on the American Judicial System of the American Bar Association, and has served as Vice Chair of two committees of the Antitrust Section of the American Bar Association. Mr. Chang is Vice President of the Asian American Law Fund of New York, and has served on the Board of Directors of the South Asian Bar Association of New York. Mr. Chang served on the Board of Directors of Legal Services NYC. Mr. Chang served on the Judiciary Committee of the New York City Bar Association, and is a recipient of its Diversity and Inclusion Champion Award. Mr. Chang serves as an adviser on the Second Circuit Judicial Council Committee on Civic Education & Public Engagement. Mr. Chang is a member of the Departmental Disciplinary Committee for the First Department, and a member of the New York Continuing Legal Education Board. Mr. Chang has been listed as a “Super Lawyer” in business litigation in New York.
Elaine M. Chiu

Professor Elaine M. Chiu is a full-time faculty member and the Director of The Ronald H. Brown Center of Civil Rights at St. John’s School of Law. She is a respected scholar who has written about some of the most difficult issues in contemporary criminal justice. Her articles have examined domestic violence laws, the intersection of cultural beliefs and criminal liability, and the continuing struggle to deal with drug addiction in the war on drugs.

In her work with the Center, Professor Chiu focuses on diversity and equality. The Center advances legal scholarship through the symposium issues and students notes of its Journal of Civil Rights and Economic Development. The center also works closely with law students on issues of racial, social and economic injustice through its Ron Brown Scholars program and the Coalition for Social Justice. The Center proudly runs the country’s best law school pipeline program for college students of disadvantaged backgrounds from across the country every summer.

Since 2007, Professor Chiu has been the chairperson of the Planning Committee of the Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, an annual event that gathers legal academics of color from across the country to discuss issues and topics of importance to communities of color.

Prior to coming to St. John’s, Professor Chiu was a Research Fellow at Columbia University School of Law from 2000-2001 and a Climenko-Thayer Teaching Fellow at Harvard Law School from 1999-2000. From 1994 to 1998, she was an Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan in the Trial Division where she specialized in both domestic violence and welfare fraud cases. Professor Chiu also taught as an Adjunct Professor at Yeshiva University’s Cardozo Law School.

Professor Chiu is a cum laude graduate of Cornell University (A.B. 1991) and Columbia University School of Law (J.D. 1994) where she was a Senior Editor of the Columbia Law Review and a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.

James R. Cho

James R. Cho is an Assistant United States Attorney with the Eastern District of New York in Brooklyn. He joined the office in 2008 and currently works in the office’s Civil Division. James has litigated dozens of cases across a wide subject area, including defending multi-million dollar medical malpractice and personal injury claims and challenges to federal statutes, regulatory schemes and administrative decisions, and prosecuting cases pursuant to the federal False Claims Act, health care regulations, environmental statutes and civil forfeiture statutes.

James has tried numerous cases to verdict and regularly represents the United States in appellate cases before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. He has represented the United States in nine cases on appeal and argued five cases before the Second Circuit.

James is also active in the recruitment and diversity efforts at the U.S. Attorney’s Office. He serves on the office’s hiring committee and actively recruits minority attorneys. He regularly mentors fellow assistants and interns in the office.

Prior to joining the government, James was an Associate at Seyfarth Shaw LLP, a national law firm, where he litigated labor and employment matters.

James is active in numerous local and national bar associations and non-profit organizations. He previously served as president of the KALAGNY, from 2010 to 2013 and co-chair of the NAPABA’s Labor and Employment Committee. Further, he served on the board of the Korean American Community Foundation since 2007, and recently joined the board of the AABANY in April 2016.
Eunkyong Choi joined the New York City Department of Finance to head the Office of the Taxpayer Advocate in June 2016. Prior to joining city government, she served as a Lecturer in Law and Supervising Attorney for the Washington University School of Law Low Income Taxpayer Clinic where she represented low income taxpayers in state and federal administrative and proceedings. Prior to that, she served as the Program Director and Supervising Attorney for the Nevada Legal Services Low Income Taxpayer Program.

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Founded by Huang and three others in 2013, Forbes Magazine recently named Boxed one of the next “billion dollar startups.” The company currently delivers anywhere in the Continental United States, offers free two-day shipping on most orders, has raised over $150 million in funding, and is known for its incredibly generous employee perks. In 2015, Huang, the son of Taiwanese immigrants, announced he would be personally paying for the college tuition of all of his employees’ children.

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Judge Kuo was born in Taiwan and moved to the United States at the age of three. She was awarded a German Chancellor Fellowship by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in 1993 to study the German criminal justice system. She was the former President of the Federal Bar Council American Inn of Court and former Vice-Chair of Manhattan Legal Services. Judge Kuo is an active member of the Asian American Bar Association of New York.

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Judge Wan earned her undergraduate degree from Binghamton University and her law degree from Albany Law School, where she served on the Albany Law Review. Judge Wan formerly chaired the Family Court and Family Law Committee at the City Bar, served on the City Bar’s Nominating Committee, and is now serving on the Encourage Judicial Service Committee. Earlier this year, Judge Wan was appointed to serve on the New York State Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics. Judge Wan also serves as a board member for the Brooklyn Women’s Bar Association and the New York State Family Court Judges Association. Judge Wan is currently the Secretary of the New York City Family Court Judges Association. Judge Wan has also been selected to serve on the Unified Court System’s Advisory Committee on Court Interpreting and the Appellate Division Second Department Mental Health Professional Certification Committee, a committee charged with assessing the qualifications of potential court appointed mental health experts. Judge Wan is a former Co-Chair of the Government and Public Sector Committee for the Asian American Bar Association of New York. Judge Wan has been an active participant in the National Association of Women Judges “Color of Justice” Program, which has been geared towards introducing NYC high school students to the legal profession. Judge Wan regularly participates in various “Meet the Judges” events in the community and has presented on career panels at various NYC schools.
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