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Dear AABANY Members and all attendees:

Welcome to AABANY’s Ninth Annual Fall Conference: “Serving Our Community, Advancing Our Profession.” AABANY is excited to present a full day of CLE programs, presentations, pitch sessions, networking opportunities, initiatives to increase APA representation on the bench, a plenary lunch session and our fourth annual Diversity Career Fair and Expo. Whether you are a law student or a seasoned practitioner, the Fall Conference has something for you.

We would like to thank our host, Fordham Law School, for its hospitality and continuing commitment to diversity, inclusion and the Asian Pacific American community.

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.

Today we also celebrate the accomplishments of many of our members and supporters. While the list is too long to enumerate here, I highlight a few recent accomplishments here:

• The New York City Bar Association awarded Susan L. Shin, Partner at Arnold & Porter LLP and former AABANY President, the prestigious 2018 Diversity and Inclusion Champion Award. The award recognized Susan’s efforts in creating and sustaining a more inclusive environment within her firm and the broader legal community. The Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York (“KALAGNY”) also honored Susan with its 2018 Trailblazer Award, and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (“NAPABA”) will honor Susan and her firm, Arnold & Porter, with the 2018 Law Firm Diversity Award at the upcoming national convention in Chicago. This is definitely the year of Susan!

• The New York State Senate confirmed the Honorable Lillian Wan to sit as a judge on the New York Court of Claims. Judge Wan will adjudicate cases involving claims against New York state and its agencies. Judge Wan made history by becoming the first Asian American woman to sit on the New York Court of Claims.

• The NAACP Mid-Manhattan Branch’s LGBTQ Committee awarded Justice Doris Ling-Cohan, Appellate Term, First Department, Its Ally Award at the NAACP’s LGBTQ Pride Ceremony. The committee recognized Justice Ling-Cohan, a lifetime member of the NAACP, for her outstanding public service and devotion to the interests of the community.

• Irene Tan, AABANY Board Director, and Karen Kim, president of KALAGNY and former AABANY Board Officer, received the Distinguished Alumni award at Brooklyn Law School’s annual APALSA Alumni Dinner.

• St. John’s University School of Law’s APALSA honored Pauline Yeung-Ha, co-chair of AABANY’s Pro Bono & Community Service Committee, at its annual Lunar New Year Reception. APALSA recognized Pauline for her work as an expert in the field of elder law and her tireless work in serving the local Asian American community through AABANY’s monthly pro bono clinic.

• Clara J. Ohr, General Counsel at East Coast Energy Group, and former AABANY President, received the 2018 First Chair Award - Top General Counsel. The annual First Chair Awards program recognizes in-house attorneys for their accomplishments and their contributions to the legal community.
• NAPABA will be honoring Joon H. Kim, Partner at Cleary Gottlieb and former Acting U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, with the Daniel K. Inouye Trailblazer Award, and Marianne Chow Newman, AABANY Board Director, with the Best Under 40 Award at its national convention.

We are also pleased to present Kin Ng, Bureau Chief in the Kings County District Attorney’s Office, with the Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer Award. Kin Ng is truly a trailblazer in his own right. As a leader in the Kings County DA’s Office, Kin has paved the road for many Asian American litigators seeking careers in public service. For years, Kin has recruited, trained and mentored many current and former Asian American prosecutors, and the success of these prosecutors is due in large part to Kin’s efforts.

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 suites. AABANY continues to strive to do all we can — together — to help each other advance, effect change in our workplaces, and mentor APA talent.

We eagerly anticipate the rest of the AABANY year and our 2019 Annual Dinner on February 27, 2019 at Cipriani Wall Street. Save the date! Thank you all for getting involved and we look forward to continuing to work with you on future initiatives.

Respectfully,

James R. Cho
AABANY President
AABANY Annual Dinner 2019

Save the Date

02/27/19
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 currently 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

10:45 AM | 12:15 PM
In-House Counsel in the #MeToo Era: Designing Systems and Processes to Establish a Corporate Culture of Respect | Pro Bono Refresher, Part II: Immigration Law, Medicaid and Asset Protection, and Family Law | Diversity and Inclusion and What it means to be Multicultural | Access to Justice: Ensuring Language Access in the New York Courts

12:30 PM | 2:00 PM
LUNCH & PLENARY SESSION: LESSONS AND LEGACY OF THE MY LAI MASSACRE

2:15 PM | 3:45 PM
GC Roundtable: Dealing with Challenges; Promoting the Legal Profession | There and Back Again: Asian Pacific Americans and Exclusion As A Policy in U.S. Immigration Framework | Public Speaking and Jury Consultant Workshop | Pursuing FLSA and Employment Discrimination Claims in the Wake of Epic Systems: Views from Arbitrator, Attorneys and In-House Counsel

4:00 PM | 5:30 PM
In-House Counsel Forum | Activism Through Advocacy: How Lawyers Can Fight For the Public Good | Public Company M&A: An Inside View Into the Practice and Year in Review | Examining the Student Loan Crisis

5:45 PM | 7:30 PM
COCKTAIL RECEPTION

7:30 PM | 9:30 PM
COMMITTEE DINNERS - OFFSITE
Perspectives on Effective Appellate Advocacy

From Silos to Teamwork: Importance of Collaborative Leadership for Lawyers

Road to the Bench: Mentoring Session

How to Network: Making and Cultivating Connections

Professional Development Coaching

Pitch Sessions

Diversity Career Fair and Expo

AABANY Trial Advocacy Program (TAP)
NORMAN LAU KEE TRAILBLAZER AWARD
The Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY) is proud to announce that Kin Ng, Bureau Chief of the Red Zone Trial Bureau, Kings County District Attorney’s Office, will be the recipient of the Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer Award at AABANY’s Ninth Annual Fall Conference on September 22, 2018, to be 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.

Kin Ng made history last year when he became the first Asian Pacific American to be promoted to serve as Bureau Chief at a major trial bureau in a prosecutors’ office in New York City. He supervises more than 40 Assistant District Attorneys in prosecuting crimes ranging from minor violations to burglaries and attempted murder. He is also responsible for closely coordinating with local precincts and community leaders to serve the people of Brooklyn.

In his former role as Chief of the Immigrant Fraud Unit, Kin was a tireless defender of Brooklyn’s immigrant population, bringing to justice countless offenders who preyed on vulnerable immigrants through scams and theft. Prior to that, Kin served as Felony Deputy Chief of the Orange Zone Trial Bureau, and, from 2007-13, as Director of Training for the Office’s Assistant District Attorneys. As Director, he was responsible for pioneering the “Felony Boot Camp” program for Assistant District Attorneys, organizing his office’s internship programs and training police officers in public integrity and ethics. Kin has also previously undertaken other prominent positions at the District Attorney’s Office, such as Deputy Bureau Chief in the Early Case Assessment Bureau, Deputy Bureau Chief in Criminal Court, and Bureau Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau. In his 25+ years of service at the King’s County District Attorney’s Office, during which he has tried countless serious felonies, Kin has provided an excellent example of an individual committed to justice and public service.

Outside of prosecution, Kin has also been an active educator, lecturing on and raising awareness of topics related to the criminal justice system, public service, diversity, immigrant community issues, and leadership in government. From 2013-14, Kin served as Adjunct Professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, where he lectured on the American Judiciary and Criminal Law in New York.

Kin is a co-founder of AABANY’s Prosecutors’ Committee which has grown to be among one of AABANY’s most active and vibrant committees. The Committee was honored in 2016 with an Event of the Year Award for their 7th Annual Reception in which they honored Deputy United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York Joon Kim and the family of fallen detective Wenjian Liu.

Kin also serves as the President of the New York Chapter of the National Asian Pacific Islander Prosecutors Association (NAPIPA), a national organization dedicated to representing and advancing the interests of prosecutors of Asian Pacific Islander heritage.

AABANY is proud to present the Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer Award to Kin Ng at its Ninth Annual Fall Conference.
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Past Presidents of AABANY

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Serene K. Nakano

1992-93
Denny Chin

1994-96
Sylvia Fung Chin

1996-97
Ben Q. Limb

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Glenn Lau-Kee

1999
John Flock

2000
Paul D.Q. Nguyen

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Alec Y. Chang

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David Hom

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Christopher W. Chan

2004
Andrew T. Hahn

2005
Pui Chi Cheng

2006
Lai Sun Yee

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Vincent T. Chang

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Yang Chen

2009
James P. Chou

2010
Robert W. Leung

2011
Linda S. Lin

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Jean Lee

2013
Mike F. Huang

2014
Clara J. Ohr

2015
William Wang

2016
Susan L. Shin

2017
Dwight Yoo
Advancement within the In-House Legal Profession

Hosted by the In-House Counsel Committee

Program Chair
Duane Morikawa, Co-Chair, In-House Counsel Committee

Speakers
• Stacey Alton, Managing Director, Major, Lindsey & Africa
• Ginny Kim, Vice President – Managing Counsel & Litigation Counsel, United Technologies Corporation
• LaTanya Langley, Vice President & General Counsel, BIC®

Moderator
Duane Morikawa, Senior Vice President & Senior Counsel, Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation

This program will address the skills necessary for an in-house counsel to advance in the in-house legal profession, as well as the challenges of obtaining the necessary training or knowledge and finding a sponsor or mentor from internal or external sources. The panel will also discuss the importance of developing a career plan and taking on leadership roles to provide greater visibility, ways to pursue internal opportunities or determine when it is time to seek opportunities outside of the company, and finally, market trends and areas of current and future demand.

This program is not eligible for CLE credit in New York.

Pro Bono Refresher, Part I: Housing and Employment Labor Law

Co-Hosted by the Pro Bono & Community Service Committee and the Government Service & Public Interest Committee

Program Chair
Pauline Yeung-Ha, Co-Chair, Pro Bono & Community Service Committee

Speakers
• Jonathan Hernandez, Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Society
• Karen Kithan Yau, Co-Chair, Pro Bono & Community Service Committee
• Chris M. Kwok, Mediator/Arbitrator, JAMS

Moderator
Pauline Yeung-Ha, Co-Chair, Pro Bono & Community Service Committee

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• Provide substantive volunteer opportunities for AABANY members; and,
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The Discharge Characterization and its Impact on Post-Military Life

Hosted by the Military and Veteran Affairs Committee

Program Co-Chairs
Jimmy Kang, Co-Chair, Military and Veteran Affairs Committee
Sung Hwang, Co-Chair, Military and Veteran Affairs Committee

Speakers
- Major Charles Horn, Staff Judge Advocate, 53rd Troop Command, New York Army National Guard (NYARNG)
- Gary Port, Esq., Lieutenant Colonel (retired), U.S. Army Reserve
- Captain Vincent Ku, U.S. Marine Corps (USMC)

Moderator
Major Joseph Conley, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 42nd Infantry Division, New York Army National Guard (NYARNG)

This program will educate attorneys on the characterization of discharge and its impact on service members in their post-military life (e.g., denial of public assistance) and the efforts involved to re-characterize the discharge. We feel the topic is important to the Asian-American community because there has been an incredible increase in Asian-American service members.

Stories after Tax Reform: True Winners and Losers

Hosted by the Tax Committee

Program Chair
Rebecca M. Balinskas, Associate, Morrison & Foerster

Speakers
- Sharon Kim, Partner, Ashurst
- JoonBeom Pae, Tax Counsel, Weil, Gotshal & Mannes LLP
- Rich Williams, Partner, Dentons
- Libin Zhang, Partner, Roberts & Holland LLP

Moderator
Rebecca M. Balinskas, Associate, Morrison & Foerster

Almost a year has passed since the 2017 tax reform. What is its impact, and did it achieve the goals of Congress? Our panel will discuss how the tax reform has changed taxpayers’ behavior and explore who the true winners and losers of this tax reform are. Our discussion will involve a series of Q&As with a focus on individuals, as well as the following business sectors: (a) real estate and REITs, (b) multinational companies, (c) capital markets and financial services, and (d) private equity. The discussion is expected to be enjoyable and understandable for both tax and non-tax lawyers alike. No prior knowledge of tax law is required.
In-House Counsel in the #MeToo Era: Designing Systems and Processes to Establish a Corporate Culture of Respect

Program Chair
Asako Aiba, Manager, Legal Division, MST America Inc.

Speakers
- Philip M. Berkowitz, Esq., Partner, Littler Mendelson P.C.
- Jil Galloway, Senior Vice President & Chief Administrative Officer, Mitsubishi International Corporation
- Erin Gleason, Principal, Gleason Alvarez ADR, LLC
- Mayumi Iijima, Principal, Law Offices of Mayumi Iijima P.C.
- George A. Pierce, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Toyota Tsusho America, Inc.

Moderator
Chris M. Kwok, Mediator/Arbitrator, JAMS

In many Asian communities, traditional social norms mean that many women and men fear speaking up due to the deeply-rooted social stigma associated with sexual abuse and harassment. Victims would rather stay silent, feeling ashamed and even discriminated against if their stories were exposed. In Japan, a culture of silence persists in every corner of the workplace when it comes to sexual assault and harassment, and raising the alarm often comes at a great cost, such as death threats through social media. Therefore, victims remain silent even if they only want a particular behavior to stop and do not wish to punish the alleged harasser. In effect, harassers do not have a chance to learn from their mistakes or make amends for the unintentional harm inflicted.

In the wake of #MeToo, many Asian Americans still think they are out of the loop of the movement because they cannot speak up. In addition to the indescribable fear of speaking up, the language barriers make many Asians feel further displaced.

Sexual harassment claims in the workplace involve (1) a complainant employee, (2) an accused employee,
and (3) an employer. In many cases, the complainant wants merely the unwelcome behavior to stop but does not want to put his or her career in jeopardy by speaking up. The complainant usually wants to avoid any further emotional trauma. On the other hand, the accused wishes to protect the confidentiality of the charges to the most significant extent possible and to keep his or her job. Although the accused’s voice needs to be heard as an employee, accused individuals are frequently treated as suspects under investigation because the employer wants to avoid liability. Due to fear of litigation, monetary cost becomes the employer’s first consideration, rather than cultivating a culture of respect in the workplace.

This panel seeks to propose, from an in-house counsel perspective, a collaborative approach which allows all involved to meet and discuss their feelings, perspectives, and values without fear. By designing an internal dispute resolution system, in-house counsel can take a proactive role to craft an amicable and mutually-acceptable solution that helps both employer and employee to maintain a professional and respectful relationship.

Pro Bono Refresher, Part II: Immigration Law, Medicaid and Asset Protection, and Family Law

Co-Hosted by the Pro Bono & Community Service Committee, and the Government Service & Public Interest Committee

Program Chair
Pauline Yeung-Ha, Co-Chair, Pro Bono & Community Service Committee

Speakers
- Beatrice Leong, Associate, Parmet and Zhou LLC
- Stephanie Yeh, Senior Associate, Grimaldi and Yeung LLP
- Rachel Ji-Young Yoo, Of Counsel, Spiegel Leffler PLLC

Moderator
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Diversity and Inclusion and What it Means to be Multicultural

Hosted by the AABANY Real Estate Committee

Program Chair
Margaret T. Ling, Co-Chair, Real Estate Committee

Speakers
- Mariko S. Carpenter, Vice President, Strategic Community Alliances, Nielsen
- Rockwell Chin, AARP: New York Executive Council Member; Board of Directors of Asian American Law Fund of New York
- Judy Ng, Senior Vice President, Asia Segment, Flushing Bank
- Asker Saeed, Director of Diversity, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson
- Simone Wilson-Brito, Partner, McCarter & English, LLP

Moderator
Margaret T. Ling, Co-Chair, Real Estate Committee

This panel will focus on the dynamics of how diversity and inclusion are defined within an organization, through a discussion highlighting how the term applies to the internal structure, executives, staff, and members of any corporation, law firm, or organization (both for-profit and not-for-profit). Furthermore, the panel will examine how the knowledge and application of diversity and inclusion rules extend to establishing a multicultural client base. For example, we will discuss how such rules can help attract Asian clients. These and many other issues within the realm of diversity and inclusion will be explored with the speakers on this panel, which include Law Firm and Corporate Diversity directors.

Access to Justice: Ensuring Language Access in the New York Courts

Hosted by the NYS Unified Court System Advisory Committee on Language Access

Program Chair
Hon. Raja Rajeswari, New York City Criminal Court Judge & Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Court Interpreting for the Office of Court Administration

Speakers
- Ann Ryan, Coordinator, Office of Language Access, Court Operations / Interpreting Services of the Unified Court System
- Dan Weitz, Director, Professional and Court Services of the Unified Court System

Moderator
Hon. Raja Rajeswari, New York City Criminal Court Judge & Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Court Interpreting for the Office of Court Administration

This program will explore the new initiatives implemented by the Office of Language Access (OLA) of the New York State Unified Court System of the Strategic Plan to address the growing needs of thousands of individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP), especially within our Asian American community. The panel will discuss changing technologies and the resources needed to facilitate court interpreting, as well as rising concerns about access to justice within immigrant communities. The need for interpreters who speak languages from Asia is growing exponentially, and it is important for us to reach a maximum number of attorneys who can learn about their clients’ rights to language access, as well as the plethora of services available to them. Through this panel and organizations like AABANY, we would like to spread the word about opportunities to become interpreters in the court system and increase our database of interpreters who speak languages from Asia. The LEP population would benefit immensely from faster resolutions in the courts, which will allow individuals to avoid unnecessary delays and obtain equal access to justice.
From Silos to Teamwork: Importance of Collaborative Leadership for Lawyers

Co-Hosted by the Academic Committee and the Professional Development Committee

Program Co-Chairs
Marianne Chow Newman, Co-Chair, Professional Development Committee
Suzanne Kim, Co-Chair, Academic Committee

Speakers
• Lisa J. Damon, Partner, Seyfarth Shaw LLP
• Ginny Kim, Vice President – Managing Counsel & Litigation Counsel, United Technologies Corporation
• Susan Sturm, George M. Jaffin Professor of Law and Social Responsibility, Columbia Law School
• An Trotter, Senior Director of Operations, The Hearst Corporation, Office of General Counsel

Co-Moderators
Suzanne Kim, Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School
Marianne Chow Newman, Counsel, The Hearst Corporation, Office of General Counsel

Many law firms and legal departments within companies are led by attorneys who have never been formally trained to manage and collaborate with others. This is in large part due to the fact that law school pedagogy fosters a culture of individualism and competition among students, and top-tier law firms have focused on breeding lawyers with expertise specialization who work within their disciplinary silos.

The past several years have witnessed increased attention on collaboration as a mode of doing work within various sectors, including law, business, and education. While working across silos is understood to produce better, more creative results, the means of doing so effectively are not obvious, on individual, team, or institutional levels. This panel gathers leaders from the business, legal, and educational worlds, to discuss strategies for building more effective collaboration within the legal practice. Discussion will focus on models of collaboration in legal and non-legal spaces; skills needed for collaborative work and leadership; effective institutional mechanisms for building collaborative teams and leaders; and new directions in education to support collaboration. By engaging in thought leadership work on this innovative aspect of legal and business practice, this panel will serve our legal community and advance our profession.
Plenary Session: Lessons and Legacy of the My Lai Massacre: 50th Year Commemoration

Program Chair
Brian Song, Partner, Baker Hostetler LLP & President-Elect, AABANY

Speakers
- Dr. Gary Solis, Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown University School of Law
- Thomas Lee, Leitner Family Professor of International Law, Fordham University School of Law
- Denis Durkin, Partner, Baker Hostetler LLP

Moderator
Brian Song, Partner, Baker Hostetler LLP & President-Elect, AABANY

On March 16, 1968, a group of American soldiers killed at least 350 South Vietnamese civilians in the village known as My Lai. The American people would not learn of what would become one of the most infamous war crimes of the Vietnam War for a year. After a thorough investigation by the Army, thirteen officers and enlisted men were charged with war crimes and twelve additional officers faced charges for covering up the massacre. Yet, only six soldiers ultimately faced a courts-martial. All were found not guilty, except for Second Lieutenant William “Rusty” Calley. He served three years of house arrest.

The My Lai massacre and the Army’s coverup are a dark moment in America’s history and a failure of the military justice system. Our distinguished panel will reflect upon the disaster that occurred at My Lai and the investigations and prosecutions that followed. We will discuss the important legacy and lessons of this tragedy and how it still resonates today.

GC Roundtable: Dealing with Challenges; Promoting the Legal Profession

Hosted by the In-House Counsel Committee

Program Chair
Duane Morikawa, Co-Chair, In-House Counsel Committee

Speakers
- Diane Brayton, Executive VP & General Counsel, The New York Times Company
- Djenaba Parker, General Counsel & Chief Talent Officer, New York Red Bulls
- Michael D. Fricklas, Chief Legal Officer, Advance Publications, Inc.
- Theresa K. Mohan, General Counsel & Secretary, Exela Technologies, Inc.

Moderator
Ben Hsing, Partner, Baker Hostetler LLP

The panel will discuss the difficulties that GCs may encounter in addressing the legal challenges faced by their respective companies and industries, such as information security, data privacy, reputational risks, technological developments, changes in laws and regulations, among others. The panel will also address efforts made by GCs to promote the legal profession within their respective legal department, through company-sponsored initiatives and through efforts outside of their companies. Finally, the panel will discuss qualities important for the advancement and development of future leaders within their respective departments.
There and Back Again: Asian Pacific Americans and Exclusion as a Policy in U.S. Immigration Framework

Hosted by the Government Service & Public Interest Committee

Program Chair
Kevin Hsi, Co-Chair, Government Service & Public Interest Committee

Speakers
• Anu Joshi, Director of Immigration Policy, New York Immigration Coalition
• Hasan Shafiquallah, Deputy Attorney-in-Charge, The Legal Aid Society
• Annie Wang, Senior Staff Attorney, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)
• Lee Wang, Senior Staff Attorney, Immigrant Defense Project

Moderator
Karen Kithan Yau, Co-Chair, Pro Bono & Community Service Committee

On June 26, 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court formally upheld the Trump Administration’s Muslim travel ban in Trump v. Hawaii while simultaneously stating that it was overruling its infamous decision on the Japanese-American internment in Korematsu v. United States. At the same time, mass protests were taking place across the country against the Trump Administration’s “zero tolerance” policy which resulted in the forced separation of thousands of migrant children from their parents at the U.S. border. Migrant families, whether reunited or separated, now face the prospect of indefinite detention in the U.S. immigration penal system. Given today’s political environment, has the legal rationale behind the Korematsu decision actually been overruled or has it been reshaped to justify newer government policies of exclusion and detention? This panel will seek to answer this and other challenging questions regarding current U.S. immigration policy.

The history of U.S. immigration policy has always revolved around the issues of inclusion versus exclusion. The U.S. has now returned to an exclusionary view of immigration policy that has targeted all immigrants. How should past immigration policies and treatment of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) inform the current debate and understanding? Why is there such a strong desire by the Trump Administration and its supporters to curtail all forms of immigration? This program continues our look at the court and government policy decisions that are radically changing the U.S. immigration policy-scape and their tremendous impact on immigrant and Asian American communities across the country. It will also discuss why all Asian Americans, regardless of origin and status, must understand and be concerned about these changes. Asian American lawyers can both serve our communities and enhance our profession by responding to these changes which threaten the future of our families and communities alike.

Furthermore, this panel highlights the work of Asian American lawyers and policy advocates 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.

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Public Speaking and Jury Consultant Workshop

Hosted by the Women’s Committee

Program Chair
Yan Sin, Co-Chair, Women’s Committee

Speakers
• Chiara Motley, Lead Executive Coach, GK Training and Communications
• David Weinberg, Chief Executive Officer, JURYGROUP

The Women’s Committee will be presenting a workshop on public speaking (Chiara Motley from GK Training and Communications) and legal strategy (David Weinberg from JURYGROUP). Learn how to increase your professional presence and refine your pitch and message whether it’s in front of an audience of one (in an elevator pitch) or an audience of many in a variety of professional settings. The public speaking portion will be followed by a jury consultant presentation. A jury consultant will speak on how to profile jurors, approaches to voir dire and how to maximize communications with the jury.

Pursuing FLSA and Employment Discrimination Claims in the Wake of Epic Systems: Views from Arbitrator, Attorneys and In-House Counsel

Hosted by the Labor and Employment Law Committee

Program Chair
Joane Wong, Co-Chair, Labor and Employment Law Committee

Speakers
• Eric Su, Esq., Managing Partner, FordHarrison LLP
• Kent Hirozawa, Partner, Gladstein, Reif & Meginnis LLP
• Theodore Cheng, Mediator/Arbitrator

Moderator
Joane Wong, Senior Attorney, National Labor Relations Board, Region 2 (Manhattan Office)

In Epic Systems Corp. v. Lewis, the Supreme Court of the United States gave a narrow reading to “protected concerted activities” in Section 7 of the National Labor Relations Act, limiting it to activities in the workplace and excluding it from “courtroom-bound” class actions and joint litigation. It also declined to conclude that the NLRA created a substantive workers’ right to engage in concerted activities, displacing the Federal Arbitration Act. Thus, in most contexts now, if an employee signs an agreement to engage in individual arbitration of employment-related disputes and the agreement contains a class action waiver, the employee is limited to presenting his or her claims as a single plaintiff in arbitration.

Are there still opportunities for workers to file class action claims despite having signed a class-action waiver? What are local and state governments doing in reaction to Epic Systems? What will employee-plaintiffs do in response to this decision? What strategies will plaintiff-side lawyers utilize to assert the rights of employees under the FLSA and similar worker-protection statutes going forward? How will management-side lawyers advise their clients on the use of mandatory arbitration agreements, which have repeatedly been endorsed by the Supreme Court? Join a panel of experienced experts in discussing these questions and the real implications of pursuing these claims after Epic Systems.
In-House Counsel Forum

Hosted by the In-House Counsel Committee

Program Chair
Duane Morikawa, Co-Chair, In-House Counsel Committee

This by-invitation-only forum is intended to offer senior level in-house counsel and general counsel an opportunity to discuss pressing issues of particular relevance for corporate counsel and to connect with other in-house attorneys.

*This program is not eligible for CLE credit in New York.*

Activism Through Advocacy: How Lawyers Can Fight For the Public Good

Hosted by the AABANY Community Response Task Force

Program Co-Chairs
Albert Suh, Assistant District Attorney, Kings County DA's Office
Jason Yee, Associate Counsel, New York City Campaign Finance Board

Speakers
• Elizabeth R. OuYang, Civil Rights Attorney & Community Activist
• Amol Sinha, Executive Director, ACLU-NJ
• Jo-Ann Yoo, Executive Director, Asian American Federation

Moderator
Theresa Lau, Counsel, Reproductive Rights and Health, National Women's Law Center

The AABANY Community Response Task Force (CRTF) is a new initiative where members coordinate and execute actions to address the rapidly changing legal landscape and imminent legal needs. The CRTF aims to help our community by creating a database of ready volunteers, coordinating volunteer actions, collaborating with other organizations, and actively researching both current and future issues.

This program will focus on the various ways in which lawyers can use their law degrees to serve the public need, both inside and outside of their day jobs. The panel will include attorneys who can speak on important topics such as legal observing at protests, position papers or comments on policy, clinics and community organizing, among others. These topics tie into the CRTF’s mission of leveraging AABANY’s legal talent to respond to emergency issues that affect our communities by hosting emergency DACA clinics, fighting back against immigration policy changes, and responding to protests, among other initiatives.
Panels

Public Company M&A: An Inside View Into the Practice and Year in Review

Hosted by the Corporate Law Committee

Program Chair
Edward J. Lee, Partner, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz LLP

Speakers
• Edward J. Lee, Partner, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz LLP
• Dohyun Kim, Associate, Skadden, Arps, Meagher & Flom LLP
• Ting Chen, Partner, Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP

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

Partners and Associates from Wachtell Lipton, Cravath, Swaine & Moore, and Skadden Arps will provide insights into their public company M&A practices, including an overview of how these transactions are structured and key legal considerations, as well as what being an M&A lawyer entails. The panel will also discuss the latest developments in the public company M&A space and what to expect going into 2019.

Sponsored by AABANY Diamond Sponsor, Summit Financial Disclosure.

Exposing the Student Loan Crisis

Hosted by the Commercial Bankruptcy and Restructuring Committee

Program Chair
William Hao, Co-Chair, Commercial Bankruptcy and Restructuring Committee

Speakers
• Karthik Bhavaraju, Senior Director, Goldin Associates LLC
• Carolyn Fast, Special Counsel, Consumer Frauds & Protection Bureau, New York State Office of the Attorney General
• William Hao, Senior Attorney, Alston & Bird LLP
• Jessica Liou, Senior Associate, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

Moderator
Vincent Roldan, Partner & Co-Chair of Bankruptcy and Restructuring Group, Ballon Stoll Bader & Nadler P.C.

The United States alone has approximately $1.2 trillion in outstanding student loan debt, 40 million borrowers and an average debt balance of $29,000. Lenders package these loans into student loan asset-backed securities (“SLABS”) for investors to purchase.

The number of student loan borrowers and the average balance per borrower is rising year after year. Evidence has shown that even in the current recovering economy, the majority of new college graduates have not been able to find jobs that allow them to pay back their student loans. Could the student loan industry be the next market implosion to trigger a financial crisis?

The Commercial Bankruptcy and Restructuring Committee has gathered a panel of finance, bankruptcy, and education law experts to discuss the motivations of various parties involved and provide practical advice on how to navigate the market pressure revolving around student loans, including its effects on other industries, the regulatory environment for student loans, and other issues arising from the current state of student loan borrowing in the United States.
How to Network: Making and Cultivating Connections

Hosted by the Student Outreach Committee

Program Chair
Jonathan Li, Co-Chair, Student Outreach Committee

Speakers
- Brian Yang, Judge Advocate General’s Corps, US Navy
- William H. Ng, Associate, Little Mendelson P.C.
- Tansy Woan, Litigation Associate, Skadden, Arps, Meagher & Flom LLP
- Pauline Yeung-Ha, Grimaldi & Yeung LLP
- Julie Huh, Counsel, Marvel Entertainment LLC

Networking is a skill needed to advance within the legal profession. How can you use networking to advance your career? How do you make connections, and how do you cultivate these connections after the initial meeting or email? This program will address why networking is essential and how to become comfortable doing it.

A panel comprised of individuals well-versed in the art of networking will discuss their individual approaches, the ways in which these approaches have helped them build lasting connections, and various tips on how to network effectively.

This program is not eligible for CLE credit in New York.
# CLE Accreditation

## New York

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

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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 Ontario CPD requirements in Canada*3.

## Pennsylvania

This program (286873) has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for a maximum of 7.50 CLE credit hours (1.50 E, 7.50 S). Please download the credit request form here and submit with the appropriate fee ($1.50 per credit) and a copy of your conference CLE certificate to receive Pennsylvania credit.

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

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

2 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.

3 Substantive, non-Professionalism CPD credit only — please consult the Law Society of Ontario website.

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The following participants are expected to attend this year’s Diversity Career Fair & Expo (list in formation):

**Employers Conducting First Round Interviews On Site:**
- Bronx County District Attorney’s Office
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- Queens County District Attorney’s Office
- Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
- Nassau County District Attorney’s Office
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We Proudly Present the Following Employers
Pitch Sessions

Presented by the In-House Counsel and Corporate Law Committees

During the 2018 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.

This year’s participating companies include:

- Barney’s
- GreenOak Real Estate
- Louis Vuitton
- MacKay Shields
- Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking
- Pearson
- Rockefeller Group
- TextIQ
- Tishman Speyer
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).

We are proud to host one-on-one or small group sessions that will take place throughout the day at the 2018 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. Our 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.

Our focus this year will be on personal branding. The goal is to create a safe space for our participants where they can ask for, and receive, honest feedback on “blind spots” that may be inhibiting their career advancement. To this end, our proposed format is to have the participants give a one-on-one self-pitch to the Professional Development Coach they are paired with, followed by a feedback discussion, and ending with the participant giving another self-pitch, incorporating the feedback. Each session will be 30 minutes, and scheduled based on availability of the participants and their respective Professional Development Coaches. Please note this is a one-time session and there is no expectation of an ongoing coaching or mentoring obligation.

The following accomplished attorneys will serve as faculty members providing professional development advice at the 2018 Fall Conference:

- Lawrence G. Wee, Corporate Partner, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP
- Katherine Loanzon, Associate Recruiter, Kinney Recruiting
- Marianne Chow Newman, Counsel, The Hearst Corporation
- Jeff Ikejiri, Vice President, Legal & Business Services, UnitedLex Corporation
- Jenny C. Wu, Senior Litigation Associate, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP
- Robert W. Leung, Corporate Partner, Paul Hastings LLP
- Susan L. Shin, Litigation Partner, Arnold & Porter LLP
Road to the Bench: Mentoring Session

Hosted by the Judiciary Committee

Program Chair
Rena Malik, Secretary & Co-Chair of Pipeline Development, Judiciary Committee

Mentors
- Vincent T. Chang, Partner, Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch
- James F. Chou, Partner, Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP
- Hon. James E. d’Auguste, Justice of the Supreme Court, New York County
- Dai Wai Chin Feman, Director of Commercial Litigation Strategies, Parabellum Capital
- Robert W. Leung, Partner, Paul Hastings LLP
- Linda S. Lin, Vice President, QBE North America
- Hon. Alexander M. Tisch, Acting Justice of the Supreme Court, New York County
- Hon. Lillian Wan, Judge of the New York State Court of Claims, Acting Justice of the Supreme Court, New York County
- Hon. John Z. Wang, Judge of the Housing Court, New York City Civil Court, Kings County

The AABANY Judiciary Committee seeks to promote diversity on the bench. The Vetting Subcommittee of AABANY’s Judiciary Committee will be conducting one-on-one mentoring sessions. Whether you’re just thinking about the bench as a possible career path or you’re knee-deep in interviews with screening panels, come ask the questions you’ve been wondering how to answer yourself. Get some tailored advice from veteran members of our Vetting Subcommittee. Figure out the path to the bench that works best for you.

This program is not eligible for CLE credit in New York.

Trial Advocacy Program (TAP)

Hosted by the Litigation Committee

Program Chair
Tristan Loanzon, Principal, Loanzon LLP

Keynote Speaker
- Hon. Lorna G. Schofield, District Court, Southern District of New York

Faculty
- Mark Berman, Partner, Ganfer Shore Leeds & Zauderer LLP
- Anna Mercado Clark, Partner, Phillips Lytle LLP
- Joe Gim, Senior Assistant District Attorney, Nassau County District Attorney’s Office
- Kenneth Lee, Partner, Levine Lee LLP
- Steve Madra, VP, Policy and Regulations, Global Dynamic Group
- David Mou, Counsel, Aircraft Lighting International, Inc.
- Kevin Murphy, Partner, Garson, Segal, Steinmetz, Fladgate LLP
- Victor Olds, Chief of the Professional Responsibility Bureau, Bronx District Attorney’s Office
- Yasuhiro Saito, Partner, Saito Law Group PLLC
- Vinoo Varghese, Principal, Varghese & Associates P.C.
- Rodney Villazor, Partner, Smith Villazor LLP
- Sam Yee, Attorney, New York City Police Department

Started in 2012, AABANY’s Trial Advocacy Program (TAP) provides participants with the chance to conduct their own opening statements, direct and cross-examinations, and closing statements, all while receiving personalized feedback from our experienced faculty members. Participants are assigned a partner and receive the course materials in advance of the program to prepare. TAP also includes morning and afternoon panels on effective trial advocacy featuring distinguished and experienced litigators. This year, TAP is honored to feature as its keynote speaker Judge Lorna G. Schofield of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

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Stacey Alton

Stacey Alton is a Managing Director with Major, Lindsey & Africa’s In-House Practice Group in New York. She is a seasoned executive legal recruiter who specializes in placing highly talented general counsel, senior attorneys and compliance officers with corporate clients across a variety of industries including: manufacturing, consumer products, healthcare, media & advertising, technology, real estate and financial services.

Over the last several years, Stacey has placed numerous General Counsel, Deputy General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officers and other senior-level attorneys with in-house legal departments at both public and private companies located in the New York metropolitan area and other U.S. regions. Prior to joining Major, Lindsey & Africa in 2011, Stacey was a commercial litigator in San Francisco, California. Stacey earned her J.D. from Golden Gate University School of Law and her B.A. from University of California, Santa Cruz.

Founded in 1982, Major, Lindsey & Africa (MLA) is the largest and most experienced legal search firm in the world. With more than 25 offices worldwide, MLA has earned recognition for its track record of successful general counsel, corporate counsel, partner, associate and law firm management placements. The firm also provides law firms and companies with highly specialized legal professionals on project, interim and temporary-to-permanent hire basis. Combining local market knowledge and a global recruiting network, MLA recruiters are dedicated to understanding and meeting client and candidate needs while maintaining the highest degree of professionalism and confidentiality. The firm considers every search a diversity search and has been committed to diversity in the law since its inception. For the past three years, MLA has been recognized as “Best National Legal Recruiter” by Corporate Counsel. In 2017, MLA’s In-House Practice Group placed 296 attorneys into various roles with our corporate clients - 52 of these placements were general counsel positions. To learn more about Major, Lindsey & Africa, visit www.mlaglobal.com

Rebecca M. Balinskas

Mrs. Balinskas’ practice focuses on state and local tax controversies at the audit, administrative, and judicial levels. Her practice encompasses matters regarding sales and use tax, property tax, franchise and income tax, gross receipts tax, insurance tax, and telecommunications tax, among others.

Mrs. Balinskas has written and spoken on various state and local tax issues. In addition, she is a Co-Editor of the firm’s newsletter State + Local Tax Insights.

Mrs. Balinskas obtained her LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law. She earned her J.D. from St. John’s University School of Law, where she served as an Articles Editor of the St. John’s Law Review. Mrs. Balinskas received her B.A. in Economics and Mathematics from Columbia University, Barnard College.
Biographies

Philip M. Berkowitz

Philip Berkowitz is Co-Chair of Littler’s Financial Services Practice Group and Co-Chair of its International Employment Law Practice. Mr. Berkowitz advises multinational and domestic companies in industries including financial services, oil and gas, pharmaceuticals and chemicals, manufacturing, publishing, and other sectors on employment-related matters. He has significant experience advising U.S., Asian, and European multinationals. He also represents prominent international law firms in their U.S. employment law matters.

Mr. Berkowitz has repeatedly been named in America’s Leading Lawyers for Business – Chambers USA; the Best Lawyers in America; and the International Who’s Who of Management Labour and Employment Lawyers – Who’s Who Legal. He is a regular lecturer, nationally and internationally, on labor and employment and HR issues, is a columnist for the New York Law Journal, and is the author of numerous legal publications.

Mr. Berkowitz is Co-Chair of the International Bar Association (IBA) Diversity & Equality Committee. He is former Chair of the American Bar Association Committee on International Law, and is former Chair of the New York State Bar Association International Law and Practice Section.

Mark Berman

Mr. Berman is a seasoned litigator whose practice focuses on representing domestic and international companies and individuals in complex commercial disputes in courts and in arbitrations on both the plaintiff and defendant’s side with an emphasis on real estate matters, as well as on electronic discovery disputes. Prior to joining Ganfer & Shore, he was an associate in the litigation department at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

Mr. Berman is on the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association as well as the Chair of its Committee on Technology and the Legal Profession. He is also a former Chair of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the State Bar and the founding former Co-Chair of its Social Media Committee.

Mark has written and spoken on electronic discovery and social media issues before the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the New York State Judicial Institute and the New York Appellate Divisions. He has been appointed by the Chief Administrative Judge as a member of New York State E-Discovery Working Group advising the New York State Unified Court System. Since 2005, Mr. Berman has had a column in The New York Law Journal addressing electronic discovery under New York State law.
Karthik Bhavaraju has more than 20 years of operating, investing, litigation support and restructuring advisory experience across a variety of industries. Karthik has led or played major roles in a variety of Goldin engagements including, notably, those involving the monoline insurers, Ambac, Syncora, Assured Guaranty and MBIA, as well as other high-profile matters, such as Platinum Funds, Fletcher International, Energy Future Holdings, and Caesars Gaming. In his monoline matters, Karthik has analyzed structured products portfolios, including those whose underlying assets were student loans, in order to determine optimal restructuring or litigation outcomes.

Karthik joined Goldin from Primus Asset Management, an alternative investment firm, where he made RMBS investments using derivatives. Prior to Primus, Karthik was an Associate Vice President at the National City Bank, where he helped manage a $20 billion portfolio of subprime mortgages.

Diane Brayton became executive vice president and general counsel of The New York Times Company in January 2017. Previously Ms. Brayton served as deputy general counsel since May 2016. In addition to these roles, Ms. Brayton has served as The Times Company's corporate secretary since 2011.

Ms. Brayton had previously served as assistant secretary and assistant general counsel beginning in 2009. Ms. Brayton joined the Times Company in 2004 as counsel and was promoted to senior counsel in 2007.

Previously, Ms. Brayton was vice president and counsel in the legal department of Credit Suisse First Boston from 2002 to 2004 and an associate at the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton in New York, Moscow and London from 1997 to 2002. From 1996 to 1997, she was a clerk for the Honorable W. Eugene Davis of the United States Court of Appeals, for the Fifth Circuit.

Ms. Brayton received a bachelor of journalism degree from the University of Nebraska in 1991 and a J.D. degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1996, where she graduated with honors.
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Mariko S. Carpenter

Mariko S. Carpenter is the Vice President, Strategic Community Alliances at Nielsen. In this role, Mariko serves as a thought leader on Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) consumer data, sharing valuable insights to help brands, marketers and community leaders understand the impact and influence of Asian American Pacific Islanders in this country. Mariko brings to light the important trends and narrative behind the data on AAPI consumers in our increasingly multicultural, ever-changing digital world.

Prior to joining Nielsen, Mariko was the Consumer Marketing lead at Condé Nast, responsible for driving consumer revenue for three iconic brands: GQ, Bon Appétit and Golf Digest. She holds a BA in Asian Studies and French from Vassar College and MS in Marketing from New York University.

Vincent T. Chang

Vincent T. Chang is a Partner at Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch, specializing in complex litigation in such areas as bankruptcy, real estate, insurance, bankruptcy, subprime 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”) and serves on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the New York County Lawyers Association and as Treasurer of NYCLA. He also serves on the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association and on the Standing Committee on the American Judicial System of the American Bar Association. Mr. Chang has served as Vice Chair of two committees of the Antitrust Section of the American Bar Association. Mr. Chang was a Co-Chair of the New York County Lawyers Federal Courts Committee. Mr. Chang has been listed as a “Super Lawyer” in business litigation in New York, a designation limited to 5% of the lawyers in a given state. Mr. Chang is a member of the Departmental Disciplinary Committee for the First Department.
Biographies

Ting S. Chen

Ting S. Chen is a partner in Cravath’s Corporate Department. Her practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and activism and takeover defense. Ms. Chen’s clients have included Avon, BDT Capital Partners, British American Tobacco, DHT, DreamWorks Animation, Goldman Sachs, Honeywell, IBM, InterMune, JPMorgan Chase, and Kraft.

Ms. Chen’s notable recent transactions include representing:

- BDT Capital Partners in its equity investments in Tory Burch, KIND, Marquette Transportation Company and Alliance Laundry Systems
- British American Tobacco in its $97 billion merger with Reynolds American, its $4.7 billion investment in Reynolds American as part of Reynolds American’s $27.6 billion acquisition of Lorillard, as well as in Reynolds American’s related $7.1 billion sale of the KOOL, Salem, Winston, Maverick and blu eCigs brands and other assets and liabilities to Imperial Tobacco Group
- DHT in an unsolicited acquisition proposal from Frontline
- DreamWorks Animation in its $4.1 billion sale to Comcast

Ms. Chen has been recognized for her work in mergers and acquisitions by the 2017 and 2018 editions of The Legal 500, the 2016 through 2018 editions of IFLR1000 and the 2015 through 2017 editions of Super Lawyers. In 2017 and 2018, she was named a “Next Generation Lawyer” in the media and entertainment arena by The Legal 500. In 2016 and 2018, Ms. Chen received Euromoney Legal Media Group’s Americas Women in Business Law Award for “Rising Star: Corporate,” and in 2016, she was recommended for her transactional work in the technology industry by The Legal 500. In 2015, Ms. Chen was named a “Rising Star” by Law360, recognizing her as one of eight outstanding merger and acquisition lawyers in the nation under the age of 40.

Ms. Chen was born in Taipei, Taiwan. She received an A.B. summa cum laude from Harvard University in 2003, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and a J.D. from Stanford Law School in 2006. Ms. Chen joined Cravath in 2006 and became a partner in 2014.

Theodore Cheng

Theo Cheng is an independent, full-time arbitrator and mediator, focusing on commercial, intellectual property (IP), technology, entertainment, and labor/employment disputes. He has conducted over 500 arbitrations and mediations, including business disputes, breach of contract and negligence actions, trade secret theft, employment discrimination claims, wage-and-hour disputes, and IP infringement contentions. Mr. Cheng has been appointed to the rosters of the American Arbitration Association, the CPR Institute, FINRA, Resolute Systems, the Silicon Valley Arbitration & Mediation Center’s List of the World’s Leading Technology Neutrals, and several federal and state courts. He writes a regular column called Resolution Alley in the NYSBA Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Journal, which addresses the use of ADR in those industries, and the quarterly column The ADR Mosaic in the Minority Corporate Counsel Association’s Diversity & the Bar Magazine, which addresses ADR and diversity. The National Law Journal named him a 2017 ADR Champion. Mr. Cheng has over 20 years of experience as an IP and general commercial litigator and has handled a broad array of business disputes, counseling high net-worth individuals and small to middle-market business entities in industries as varied as high-tech, telecommunications, entertainment, consumer products, fashion, food and hospitality, retail, and financial services. In 2007, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association named him one of the Best Lawyers Under 40. Mr. Cheng received his A.B. cum laude in Chemistry and Physics from Harvard University and his J.D. from New York University School of Law.
Biographies

Hon. Denny Chin

Denny Chin is a United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. Judge Chin graduated from Princeton University magna cum laude and received his law degree from Fordham Law School, where he was managing editor of the Law Review. After clerking for the Honorable Henry F. Werker, United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, he was associated with the law firm Davis Polk & Wardwell. He served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York from 1982 until 1986, when he and two of his colleagues from the U.S. Attorney’s Office started a law firm, Campbell, Patrick & Chin. In 1990, he joined Vladeck, Waldman, Elias & Engelhard, P.C., where he specialized in labor and employment law. From September 13, 1994, through April 23, 2010, Judge Chin served as a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. Judge Chin has taught legal writing at Fordham Law School since 1986. While in private practice, he provided extensive pro bono representation to the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund. He served as President of AABANY from January 1992 through January 1994. He has served on the boards of numerous non-profit organizations. Judge Chin was born in Hong Kong. He was the first Asian American appointed a United States District Judge outside the Ninth Circuit.

Rockwell Chin

Rockwell “Rocky” Chin is an attorney and government civil rights activist. He has extensive experience working with the Asian American community and civil rights issues.

His work in the Asian American community has included: creating and teaching some of the first Asian American studies courses in the country; creating bilingual childcare program for immigrant families; and coordinating the Asian Pacific American Heritage Festival in New York City.

Rocky was a founding member of AABANY’s Board of Directors in 1989. He has played an integral part in the early formation of organizations such as the Asian American Law Fund of New York where he is a Board Director and the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance. Rocky also served as President of the Asian American Arts Alliance.

Rocky’s experience as a government civil rights attorney has included leadership positions as Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Community Relations at the New York City Commission on Human Rights. From 2007-2015, Rocky served as Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at the New York State Division of Human Rights.

Rocky recently served on the Yale University Alumni Association Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force. In 2015, Rocky was awarded the AABANY Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer Award at the AABANY Fall Conference.

Rocky currently serves as an AARP-New York Executive Council Member.
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Ms. Clark leads the Cyber Security and Data Privacy and e-Discovery & Digital Forensics Practice Teams at Phillips Lytle LLP, a full service law firm in the U.S. and Canada. Her practice is focused on complex e-Discovery and digital forensics, cyber security and data privacy, and complex commercial litigation. As a former Assistant District Attorney, she also handles white collar criminal matters and investigations.

Ms. Clark obtained her B.A. in Biology from Rutgers University and J.D. from Fordham University School of Law. She has received the following recognitions: New York Metro Super Lawyers Rising Star from 2014 through 2018, Profiles in Diversity Journal’s 17th Annual Woman Worth Watching Award, 2018 Hon. Denny Chin Alumni Award for Excellence in the Legal Profession, and the 2010 Woman Achiever Award from the Pan American Concerned Citizens Action League.

She is a member of her firm’s Diversity & Inclusion Committee, where she helped launch and facilitates a pipeline diversity program called “Peace Out!” She is a founding member of the Filipino American Lawyers Association of New York (FALA-NY), for which she was the inaugural Vice President and former Board Member. She is a member of the Asian American Bar Association of New York’s trial reenactment team, as well as the National Filipino American Lawyers’ Association (NFALA).

**Major Joseph Conley**

Joseph Conley is the Attorney-in-Charge of the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office Tax Crimes Unit. In his fourteen-year career at the SCDAO, Mr. Conley served in several investigative bureaus including the Economic Crimes Bureau and the Labor, Insurance and Revenue Crimes Bureau. Mr. Conley helped create the Tax Crimes Unit in 2005 leading to the convictions of hundreds of defendants for wide-ranging violations of the New York State Tax Law resulting in the recovery of millions of dollars in lost revenue every year. Mr. Conley previously worked at the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance as the Deputy Attorney-in-Charge of the Manhattan Special Investigations Unit from 2010 until rejoining the SCDAO in 2011. Mr. Conley represented the Department at administrative hearings, helped lead a proactive unit in the investigation of criminal and civil violations of the Tax Laws and developed training programs for auditors and investigators. Mr. Conley was also cross-designated as an Assistant District Attorney for Queens County to prosecute preparer fraud cases.

Mr. Conley holds the rank of Major in the New York Army National Guard serving in the Judge Advocate General’s Corp. While deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, MAJ Conley served as the Command Judge Advocate to Training Assistance Group VII and Chief Legal Mentor & Trainer to Afghan National Security Forces at the Kabul Military Training Center. MAJ Conley is currently assigned to 42 Infantry Division as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Keuka College and a Juris Doctor degree from St. John’s University School of Law.
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Lisa J. Damon

A recognized pioneer in the transformation of the legal industry, Lisa was among the first in our country to break new ground in service model innovation. She played a critical role in Seyfarth’s earliest experiments with Lean Six Sigma, which have today evolved into SeyfarthLean, a disciplined approach to client service and law department transformation. Since then, she’s gone on to lead countless legal teams in the application of Lean principles to firm operations and client matters.

Lisa has been widely recognized for her work with innovation in the legal industry: she has been named one of the top 10 Agents of Change in the Financial Times U.S. Innovative Lawyer Report; she was featured among the 10 most innovative attorneys in the country by the ABA Journal’s “Legal Rebels: Big Change in Big Law”; and, she was recognized twice by the Association of Corporate Counsel as an ACC Value Champion.

Lisa currently serves as a member of the firm’s Executive Committee. Her legal practice has a particular emphasis on workplace counseling and litigation of discrimination and harassment claims.

She has been a tireless advocate for client value, helping the organization bring SeyfarthLean to clients across a broad platform of legal services such as real estate, litigation, employment, benefits and corporate transactions.

Lisa earned her law degree at Fordham University School of Law.

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Denis L. Durkin is a civil trial lawyer who practices in Baker Hostetler LLP’s Orlando office. He has acted as trial counsel in diverse matters, including a $53 million junk bond securities fraud class action, multimillion-dollar construction contract disputes, copyright, trademark and patent claims, federal and state employment discrimination claims, ad valorem tax assessment appeals, defamation claims, eminent domain claims, product liability defense, personal injury and wrongful death claims.

Mr. Durkin has extensive jury and non-jury experience in Florida state and federal courts and in jurisdictions throughout the United States. His trial experience includes the successful defense of numerous employment cases asserting age, race, disability and sex discrimination. He also has successfully tried a variety of construction contract claims, including a recent significant multimillion-dollar dispute before the Veterans Administration Board of contract Appeals. Mr. Durkin was lead trial and appellate counsel for the taxpayer in a landmark ad valorem tax assessment decision in Havill v. Scripps Howard Cable Company, 742 So. 2d 210 (Fla. 1998), which held that the Lake County property appraiser had employed an unconstitutional appraisal methodology in assessing the tangible personal property of a cable TV company. The client realized a multi-million dollar tax and interest savings. Mr. Durkin has successfully defended Florida newspapers, television stations and their reporters against defamation and invasion of privacy claims. He also advises clients on risk management issues and federal procurement and government contract matters.

Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Durkin was a captain in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps. His assignments included Labor Counsel and assistant procurement legal counsel at Fort Ord, California, and government appellate counsel at the U.S. Army Legal Services Agency in Washington, D.C. Mr. Durkin graduated from Emory Law School in 1973 where he was the executive research editor of the Journal of Public Law, which later became the Emory Law Journal.

Mr. Durkin is rated AV-preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell. He is a member of the Georgia, California and Florida Bars and of the trial bar of all Florida federal district courts, the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th and 11th Circuits and various other federal courts throughout the United States.
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Michael D. Fricklas

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Until April 2017, Michael D. Fricklas was one of the top executives at Viacom, reporting to Viacom’s CEO and COO. He served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Viacom’s most senior legal position, beginning in 1998. He joined Viacom in 1993 as Deputy General Counsel.

He is a frequent panelist and lecturer on corporate governance, cybersecurity and the law and business of entertainment.

Mr. Fricklas received a B.S.E.E. from the University of Colorado’s College of Engineering and Applied Sciences in 1981 and a J.D., magna cum laude, from Boston University School of Law in 1984. Prior to Viacom, Mr. Fricklas practiced law related to venture capital financing, technology, securities matters and mergers and acquisitions in private practice and was general counsel of the North American businesses of a global mining concern.

Mr. Fricklas was past president of the Association of General Counsel and has served in a variety of other professional and community activities, including as Secretary and a member of the Board of Jazz at Lincoln Center, as a member of the Board of Overseers of Boston University and as a member of the Board of Visitors of Boston University School of Law. He was named one of “America’s 50 Outstanding General Counsel” by the National Law Journal in 2016, and the Viacom Law Department was named as “Best Legal Department 2016” by Corporate Counsel Magazine. Mr. Fricklas has received numerous awards including being the recipient of the Raising the Bar Award from The Hollywood Reporter, the Counsel of the Year Award from the Association of Media and Entertainment Counsel, the Legal 500 2014 Entertainment Individual of the Year, and the top honor for general counsel, the “Excellence in Corporate Practice” award, from the Association of Corporate Counsel. He also serves as a member of New York’s Permanent Commission on Access to Justice.
Biographies

Ms. Jil Galloway serves as SVP and Chief Administration Officer for Mitsubishi International Corporation where she has worked for more than 30 years. She was promoted to lead the HR function in 2008 and expanded her area of responsibility to include general administration, facilities management & security in early 2013. Throughout her career, she has become an expert in labor law, organizational development, cross-cultural management, immigration law and employee benefits. She currently provides strategic direction for organizational change, compensation & benefits, employee relations, talent management, etc. for all offices throughout North America, totaling approximately 6000 employees.

Ms. Galloway graduated from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas with a Bachelor’s degree in Education. She is a member of SHRM, the Council for Global Immigration, and International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans. She is also a certified employee benefits specialist.

Joe Gim, a Senior Assistant District Attorney in the Public Corruption Bureau of the Nassau County District Attorney’s Office, has been a prosecutor for almost fourteen years. Beginning his career in Staten Island prosecuting narcotics, gangs, and violent crimes, he now investigates and prosecutes crimes committed by public servants and officials in Nassau County. ADA Gim’s extensive litigation experience includes over twenty jury trials and over a hundred Grand Jury presentations.
Biographies

Erin Gleason

Erin Gleason, Principal at Gleason Alvarez ADR, LLC, is an independent arbitrator and mediator. She has 18 years of experience in commercial, insurance and employment disputes. Highlights of Ms. Gleason’s accomplishments include:

- American Arbitration Association Commercial Arbitration Panel
- American Arbitration Association Higginbotham Fellow
- CPR Institute Panel of Distinguished Neutrals
- CPR Institute Accredited Mediator
- CPR Institute Mediation Committee Chair
- LLM in International Arbitration, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University

Ms. Gleason has served as an arbitrator in matters relating to insurance, shareholders, commercial and consumer contracts, corporate dissolution and in emergency arbitration proceedings. She also has experience in arbitrations relating to employment, financial services, and international commercial transactions.

As a mediator, Ms. Gleason has facilitated negotiations relating to insurance coverage, personal injury, construction defect and contract disputes. She participated in sexual harassment, race discrimination, class action, mass tort, and insurance related mediations as an advocate and in-house.

Ms. Gleason formerly served as the Global Head of ADR Programs for AIG, where she was responsible for overseeing mediation and arbitration best practices and strategies across the organization. Prior to her work in-house, she served as a litigator for both the plaintiff and defense bar, representing hundreds of clients in direct negotiation and mediation of employment and commercial disputes. She also served as an advocate in class actions relating to securities, corporate governance, banking, and labor and employment.

William Hao

William Hao is a senior attorney in Alston & Bird’s Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring Group. William is experienced in a wide range of bankruptcy, litigation, and out-of-court restructuring matters. He has represented secured creditors, trade creditors, lessors and lessees, and other parties-in-interest in all aspects of bankruptcy proceedings such as avoidance actions, claims litigation, and the assumption and rejection of contracts and leases. William also has extensive experience representing parties in securitizations and other structured finance products in distressed situations and in commercial litigation. William regularly advises clients on bankruptcy issues in connection with finance and M&A transactions.

William is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, Turnaround Management Association, New York City Bar Association, and National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. William is also a Co-Chair of the Commercial Bankruptcy and Restructuring Committee for the Asian American Bar Association of New York.
Biographies

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Kent Y. Hirozawa is a member of the New York City law firm of Gladstein, Reif & Meginniss LLP, where he has represented workers, unions and employee benefit funds for over twenty years. He left the firm during the Obama administration to serve at the National Labor Relations Board, where he was appointed by President Obama as a Board Member. Following the expiration of his term on the Board and before his return to the firm, he was a Visiting Scholar at New York University School of Law and taught Labor Law at the City University of New York School of Law. He received his B.A. from Yale University and his J.D. from New York University School of Law.
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Major Charles Horn

Charles Horn is a partner at The Russell Friedman Law Group, LLP with more than 100 verdicts to his credit. Beginning his legal career as a Deputy County Attorney for Nassau County, Mr. Horn went on to supervise the County’s federal litigation unit. There he and his unit aggressively defended allegations of constitutional deprivations ranging from discrimination to the unlawful use of deadly force. After leaving the County to enter private practice, Mr. Horn was personally solicited by various municipalities to handle some of their most complicated matters.

During his 21 year career, Mr. Horn has developed an extensive practice representing individuals who have been subject to false arrest, malicious prosecution and excessive force. As trial counsel, Mr. Horn has secured verdicts as high as $5 million for his clients. With his foundation in the federal and state trial courts, he went on to expand his civil practice to include complex commercial litigation, RICO, health care related controversies and has been handling high profile litigation since that time.

While practicing in the private sector, Mr. Horn joined the United States Army as a commissioned officer in the Army National Guard Judge Advocate Corps in 2004. Shortly thereafter, he volunteered for active duty in Iraq. In recognition of his service in Iraq, he was awarded the Bronze Star, the Combat Action Badge, and the Army Achievement Medal. MAJ Horn is presently the Staff Judge Advocate for the 53 Troop Command with the New York Army National Guard. In addition to his private practice and military service, he is also the Deputy Village Attorney performing prosecutorial and general legal services for the Village of Lynbrook since 1998. Mr. Horn earned his J.D. from St. John’s University School of Law in 1996 after earning two undergraduate degrees from Lehigh University in 1992.

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Ben received a B.A. and B.S. and M.S. in Chemical Engineering from Columbia University. He received his J.D. from the George Washington University Law School.
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Mayumi Iijima is highly knowledgeable in both American and Japanese cultures and business practices. Upon graduation from CUNY Law School, she worked for the Compliance Division at Mizuho Corporate Bank (currently Mizuho Bank) New York Branch before establishing her own firm, Law Offices of Mayumi Iijima.
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Dohyun Kim focuses on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, private equity, securities and general corporate law matters. Ms. Kim regularly advises public and private companies in a variety of U.S. and cross-border corporate matters, including acquisitions and dispositions, investments, joint ventures, restructurings and financings. Ms. Kim has represented clients across a wide variety of industries, including consumer products, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, technology and communications.

Examples of Ms. Kim’s representations include:

- JAB Holding Company in its $18.7 billion acquisition of a controlling stake in Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc., the acquisitions of Einstein Noah Restaurant Group and Peet’s Coffee & Tea, Inc.; and the formation of Jacobs Douwe Egberts (JDE), a coffee products joint venture, combining the coffee businesses of D.E Master Blenders B.V. 1753 and Mondelēz International, Inc.
- Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. in its $2.8 billion pending sale to Penn National Gaming, Inc.
- Capgemini S.E. in its $4 billion acquisition of iGATE Corporation
- ASML Holding N.V. in its $2.5 billion acquisition of Cymer, Inc.
- Fintrax Group in its $257 million acquisition of Planet Payment, Inc.

Ms. Kim is actively involved in Skadden’s training and recruiting programs. She serves on the firm’s summer associate committee and the steering committee for the Asian & Middle Eastern Affinity Network, and provides pro bono legal services to nonprofit organizations in the arts, including The DreamYard Project, Inc.
Ginny Kim manages the career rotational program for UTC attorneys worldwide. In addition, Ginny advances UTC’s recruitment of legal talent, provides individual career guidance and coaching, and develops skills training and professional development programs. As Litigation Counsel, Ginny oversees litigation strategies on significant litigation matters involving UTC businesses. Ginny joined UTC in 2000, as a Pratt & Whitney staff attorney, and has since held legal management roles of increasing responsibility at various UTC business units (Sikorsky, UTC Aerospace Systems, Otis, and back at Pratt). Prior to joining UTC, Ginny practiced corporate law at Dewey Ballantine and LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene and MacRae. She received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and her B.A. in Sociology from Harvard University. Until recently, Ginny served on the Board of Directors for Foodshare, Inc., the regional food bank for Hartford and Tolland Counties in Connecticut. Ginny’s current community project is the establishment of a community-owned, multi-generational health and wellness aquatic center in her hometown.

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Suzanne A. Kim is Professor of Law and Judge Denny Chin Scholar at Rutgers University Law School. A recipient of the Dream Professor Award from the Association of Black Law Students at Rutgers Law, Professor Kim has been a visiting scholar at Emory University, Columbia Law School, and Cardozo School of Law and has also taught at Fordham Law School. She has served on the Rutgers University – Newark Chancellor’s Commission on Diversity and Transformation. A member of the Executive Committee of the Institute for Research on Women at Rutgers University, Professor Kim also serves on the Advisory Committee of the Rutgers University – Newark P3 Collaboratory for Pedagogy, Professional Development, and Publicly-Engaged Scholarship. Professor Kim is an elected fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She serves on the Board Directors of the Asian American Bar Association of New York and on the Board of Advisors of the nonprofit organization Unchained at Last. She has served on the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Minority Concerns. Professor Kim has practiced law with Weil, Gotshal & Manges in New York and received the firm’s Pro Bono Service Award. She served as a law clerk to the Honorable Denny Chin, then of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and now of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Prior to joining Rutgers, Professor Kim was a lecturer at Stanford Law School in what is now the Thomas C. Grey Fellowship. Professor Kim earned a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.

Captain Vincent W. Ku

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Prior to his current billet, Capt. Ku served as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate at Marine Corps Recruiting Command, Quantico, Virginia, and as a Defense Counsel at LSSS-E, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. During his time as a Defense Counsel, Capt. Ku represented over 50 service members at General and Special Courts-Martial, 10 officers at Boards of Inquiry, and over 210 Marines and Sailors at Administrative Separation Boards.
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Christopher M. Kwok is a mediator with JAMS. Formerly, he was the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Coordinator at the U.S. Equal Employment Commission in the New York District office. Mr. Kwok oversaw approximately 800 employment law mediations per year and managed mediators in the Newark, Buffalo and Boston offices. He has personally mediated over 1000 matters so far in his career. Mr. Kwok is active in the Labor & Employment field as a trainer, lecturer and writer. Mr. Kwok has participated in speaking engagements for organizations including the American Bar Association, Practising Law Institute, New York City Bar, New York County Lawyers Association, Brooklyn Bar Association, Asian American Bar Association of New York, Metropolitan Black Bar Association, NYU Law School, Brooklyn Law School and many others.

He was the founding Co-Chair of the Labor & Employment Law Committee at the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY). Currently, Mr. Kwok is Co-Chair of the Asia Practice Committee and Issues Committee at AABANY. He is also the founding Co-Chair of the Dispute Resolution Committee at the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA).

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Mr. Lee is a graduate of Harvard College, where he received the LeBaron Russell Briggs Prize for oratory and the Charles Eliot Thesis Prize, and the University of Chicago Law School, where he received the Thomas Mulroy Prize for oral advocacy and the Tony Patiño Fellowship. After graduating from law school, he joined Cravath, Swaine & Moore. He has been recognized as a Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation and served as a Trustee of the Museum of the City of New York.

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Ms. Liou has been a regular contributor to the Weil Bankruptcy Blog, has served on the Firm’s task force focused on Dodd-Frank financial legislation, and practices pro bono in the areas of family law and criminal appeals, where she successfully argued before the New York State Appellate Division to uphold an order of protection and was part of a team that successfully overturned a death penalty conviction for a mentally impaired defendant after 19 years. She has been recognized for her pro bono contributions by Sanctuary for Families Center for Battered Women’s Legal Services as a recipient of its 2012 Pro Bono Achievement Award.

Ms. Liou earned her J.D. from Boston College Law School, where she served as a legal writing teaching assistant and articles editor of the Third World Law Journal and was awarded the inaugural Commitment to Change Award. She obtained her B.A. from New York University, where she graduated magna cum laude and was awarded the Albert Gallatin Scholarship and Founder’s Day Award.
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He was a moderator and panelist for a discussion titled “Law and Disruptive Technologies”, for the NAPABA Northeast Regional Conference. The panel discussed the implications of government action/inaction on emerging technologies. He was also a panelist on Policy Issues relating to Connected Vehicles for the 5th Automated and Connected Vehicles Conference, held at NYU Tandon School of Engineering. In addition to his legal practice, he provides pro bono legal services to numerous charitable institutions. For example, he drafted by-laws for various South Asian organizations and aided a Cantonese only speaker victimized in a Ponzi scheme. Additionally, he guided advocacy organizations in the aftermath of the Oak Creek shooting.

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Judy Ng

Judy Ng joined Flushing Bank in April 2014 as Vice President, Area Manager – Asian Market. Judy was promoted to Senior Vice President, Area Manager – Queens overseeing nine Flushing Bank branches in Queens, New York in 2016. She was recently promoted to Director of the Asian Segment engaging the Asian communities with the Flushing Bank brand. She is responsible for developing and managing the sales efforts and growth of this segment.

Judy has extensive experience in the financial services industry in a variety of roles at HSBC and Chase including First Vice-President of the Metro NY Personal Financial Services Learning & Development Team, Premier Segment Leader, and District Sales Leader for the Queens and Bronx Districts. She has also held positions as an Administrative Officer and Financial Advisor. During her career, Judy has distinguished herself and received numerous recognition awards by consistently producing results above goal. She is passionate about delivering an exceptional experience to her customers while successfully developing and mentoring her team.

Judy is actively involved in community and charitable organizations including as a board member of Queens Botanical Garden, the Treasurer of Queens Chamber of Commerce Foundation, and Vice President of Jiangmen Wuyi Youth Association of Eastern USA. She graduated at Hong Kong Polytechnic and immigrated to the States in April 1989. Judy is dedicated to helping new Asian immigrants assimilate into the United States, and is fluent in English, Cantonese, and Mandarin.
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In addition to his active litigation practice, William regularly counsels employers on their workplace policies and practices for compliance with federal, state and local employment laws. William works with a broad range of clients, including companies of all sizes in the manufacturing, hospitality, health care, retail, financial services, construction, and transportation industries.

Prior to joining Littler, William was as an Assistant Corporation Counsel and Senior Counsel in the Tort and Labor & Employment Law Divisions of the New York City Law Department.

William is an active member of the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY) and has served in numerous leadership positions including Vice President of Finance & Development, Recording Secretary, and Director. He is the founding Co-Chair of AABANY’s Labor & Employment Law Committee and served three consecutive years as the Co-Chair of AABANY’s Fall Conference Sponsorship Committee. William has also served as the Co-Chair of the Communications, Government Service & Public Interest, Student Outreach, and Young Lawyer Committees.

William was selected as a Diversity Fellow of the New York State Bar Association’s Labor and Employment Law Section in 2013-2014 and has been named to the New York Metro Super Lawyers Rising Stars List from 2014-2018. William received his B.A. from Binghamton University, cum laude, in 2004 and his J.D. from St. John’s University School of Law in 2007.

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Aside from the Bronx DA’s Office, Mr. Olds has served in numerous capacities of the New York City Department of Investigation including as First Deputy Commissioner and Acting Commissioner. From 1988 through 2000, Mr. Olds served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York in both the Civil and Criminal Divisions in, among other units, the Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force. Mr. Olds’ prior experiences have also included numerous other positions in both private, and public sector settings where he has handled criminal and civil trial and appellate advocacy.

Currently, Mr. Olds serves on the New York City Bar’s Judiciary Committee and is involved in the City Bar’s subcommittee to assess the qualifications of United States Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. Mr. Olds was a Mayoral appointee as a Commissioner of the Civilian Complaint Review Board where he served from 2002 through 2008. He is a member of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association (“MBBA”) and the Asian American Bar Association of New York (“AABANY”). Mr. Olds is also a Harvard Law School Wasserstein Public Interest Law Fellow.
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Mr. Pierce joined Toyota Tsusho America in 1993 and established the company’s Legal Department. He oversees legal matters concerning the company’s operations in the United States, Canada and Mexico. He has continuously served on Toyota Tsusho America’s board of directors since 2000, and also serves on the boards of directors of several subsidiary companies.

Before joining Toyota Tsusho America, Mr. Pierce was associated with Mudge Rose Guthrie Alexander and Ferdon where he had extensive experience in various litigation matters including environmental insurance coverage, white collar defense, internal investigations, and trade and regulatory compliance.

Mr. Pierce was admitted to the bar of the State of New York in 1982 and has spoken on labor and employment issues at meetings of the American Bar Association, the International Section of the New York State Bar Association and the International Bar Association, as well as the Practicing Law Institute, the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of New York, and the Japan Society. He received his law degree from the University of Denver College of Law in 1981. He also holds a Master’s Degree in Sociology from the University of Northern Colorado and a Bachelor’s Degree with majors in Psychology and Japanese Language from the University of Colorado, Boulder.
Gary Port retired as Lieutenant Colonel, Judge Advocate General’s Corps., in 2015, after more than 30 years of service in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Army Reserve. During his military career, Mr. Port served as the Staff Judge Advocate for the 78th Training Division (TPU), Chief of Administrative Boards 77th ARCOM/RRC (TPU), Defense Counsel, Trial Defense Service (AD), among others.

After leaving active duty in 1990 Mr. Port was an assistant district attorney in New York City during the crack cocaine crisis. He presented over 700 indictments to the grand jury, while the “on-call” district attorney took numerous homicide confessions, as a complaint room supervisor would process on average 75 to 100 arrests per shift, and managed a case load of approximately 200 matters at any given time. After leaving the District Attorney’s Office in 1993, Mr. Port worked for Kanterman, Taub and Breitner, a New York City based insurance defense firm. He later worked at Schneider Harris, a Long Island boutique law firm specializing in representation of medical professionals. Mr. Port founded his own firm in 2002, and in 2006 was joined by Captain George Sava to create Port and Sava. This is a general practice firm with a concentration in assisting service members, veterans and dependents.

Mr. Port was recently appointed as the Army Reserve Ambassador for New York. This position carries the courtesies of a Two-Star officer. Established in April 1998, the Army Reserve Ambassador (ARA) Program is one of the Army Reserve’s key outreach programs. ARAs are influential volunteers with significant ties to their communities who operate at state and local levels and voluntarily represent the Chief of the Army Reserve (CAR) without salary, wages or other benefits. They develop awareness and advocacy for the Army Reserve and are vitally important bridges to communities across the Nation. Army Reserve Ambassadors are a powerful means of message delivery to the American people and they provide invaluable connections for our own centers of influence to engage local stakeholders. ARAs have the advantage of strategic timing, long-term relationships, and continued dialogue with persons of influence to achieve the desired outcomes we need to stay relevant in today’s challenging operating environment.

Mr. Port is also a Visiting Assistant Professor of Law at Hofstra University Law School, where he runs, under the auspices of the Gittenstein Institute for Health, a pro bono legal services program for Veterans.

Mr. Port was also a member of Former Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley’s Veterans policy committee and with Mr. Sava drafted several sections of the Governor’s white paper on Veteran’s issues.

Mr. Port holds a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School, 1986 and B.A. with a double major in History and Psychology from New York University.

Judge Rajeswari made history when she was sworn in by Mayor Bill de Blasio in April of 2015 as the first South Asian woman and the first Indian-American woman to be appointed to Criminal Court in the history of New York. She was born in Chennai in Southern India and migrated to the United States at the age of sixteen and is a renowned Indian classical dancer and instructor. Judge Rajeswari was awarded the Belle Zeller Merit Scholarship and graduated summa cum laude from the College of Staten Island, with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1994. She graduated with honors from Brooklyn Law School with a law degree in 1998. She began her career at the Richmond County District Attorney’s Office in 1998 where she served for over sixteen years in various bureaus. She was promoted to the position of Deputy Bureau Chief of the Sex Crimes Special Victims Bureau and Senior Trial Counsel for the Supreme Court Bureau. She wants to improve access to justice in the court system for immigrants and provide more access to services for women and children who are victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Judge Rajeswari is honored to serve as the co-chair on the Advisory Committee on Court Interpreting for the Office of Court Administration. She understands the special challenges faced by individuals with limited English proficiency and wants to provide a better court environment for thousands of immigrants who participate in our judicial system regardless of the language they speak.
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After working with the courts as a per diem interpreter, she joined the court system in 1990 as a Spanish language court interpreter serving in the New York County Family Court. Since then, she was first promoted to Senior Interpreter for the Kings County Family Court, where she won the Quality Service Award for the 2nd Judicial District in 2007. She later became Principal Court Interpreter, supervising interpreting operations for the NYC Family Court in all five boroughs. She also supervised and coordinated the scheduling of all NYC-based ASL Interpreters.

From 2008-2013, she worked with the OCA Office of Court Interpreting Services as a Principal Court Interpreter. Her responsibilities focused on interpreter training, outreach and investigating complaints regarding per diem court interpreter performance. She assisted with the development/translation of the bi-lingual Family Court Temporary and Final Orders of Protection (English/Spanish) which is currently being used in several courts around the State.
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Yasuhiro Saito

For over 20 years, Mr. Saito has guided some of the world’s largest corporations and their executives through their toughest problems. A partner and practice-group leader at prominent Wall Street law firms prior to founding his own firm, Mr. Saito serves regularly as lead counsel for large businesses faced with corporate scandals and commercial disputes.

A skilled advocate and trusted adviser, Mr. Saito has lead the defense of financial institutions and accounting firms in some of the largest financial and accounting scandals in the last two decades. Mr. Saito’s most recent cases include white-collar criminal and civil litigation matters representing major banks and their senior executives (some subject of national press coverage), a white-collar criminal defense matter involving FCPA and kick-back allegation against a major medical device manufacturer (settled with federal authorities for over $600 million), and a white-collar criminal defense matter involving allegations of OFAC violation and money laundering connected to the US-Iran nuclear deal and President Obama’s pardoning of several defendants (subject of intense press coverage).

Mr. Saito’s clients include large banks, investment banks, major accounting firms, multinational trading firms, and manufacturers in various industries such as chemical, pharmaceutical, medical device and automotive. Some of the world’s largest law firms also call on him to represent their clients on special engagements.
Lorna G. Schofield is a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. She was nominated in 2012 by President Obama and confirmed by a unanimous vote of the US Senate. For 20 years previously, Judge Schofield was a litigation partner at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP in its New York office. Her practice focused on litigation in complex commercial matters, including regulatory and white collar criminal investigations, class actions, corporate bankruptcies, and other business disputes. Her trials included the successful defense of Rosie O’Donnell in her contract claim against the publisher of *Rosie Magazine*, and of a big four accounting firm in a class action in which the jury returned a defense verdict after only 30 minutes. Judge Schofield previously served as a federal prosecutor and worked on cases involving arms dealing, domestic terrorism and white collar crime. She began her legal career as an associate at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton. She is a former Chair of the Section of Litigation of the American Bar Association. Judge Schofield has written and spoken frequently about trial tactics and women in the legal profession.

Hasan Shafiqullah is the Attorney-in-Charge of the Legal Aid Society’s Immigration Law Unit, one of the largest not-for-profit immigration practices in the country. Over the past two decades, he has represented clients in a range of civil legal services matters, and since 2008 has specialized in immigration law. He currently serves on the immigration committees of both the New York State and New York City Bar Associations and on Judge Robert Katzmann’s Second Circuit Study Group on Immigrant Representation. He is a graduate of the University of California Hastings School of Law and of the University of Arizona, and holds a certificate in French to English legal translation from New York University.
Manisha M. Sheth serves as the Executive Deputy Attorney General for Economic Justice for the State of New York. She leads five litigation bureaus, including Investor Protection, Antitrust, Internet and Technology, Consumer Frauds, and Real Estate Finance. Prior to joining the Attorney General’s office, Ms. Sheth was a partner at the law firm of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP where she focused on a wide range of complex commercial litigation, including securities litigation, structured finance and derivatives litigation, healthcare litigation, and government investigations and white collar. Previously, she served for five years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and was based in the Philadelphia office. In that position, she secured indictments in more than 35 cases and brought eleven cases to trial. She prosecuted a wide range of misconduct, including health care fraud, financial institution fraud, money laundering, tax fraud, and regulatory crimes. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the Georgetown University Law Center, Ms. Sheth was a law clerk for the Hon. William H. Pauley III in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Ms. Sheth was named to Crain’s New York Business “40 Under 40” list in 2013, and to The National Law Journal’s “Minority 40 Under 40” list in 2011.

Amol Sinha is the Executive Director of the ACLU-NJ, having taken the helm in 2017. He brings to the ACLU-NJ a vision to make the organization a more collaborative, accessible resource for all of New Jersey, and he strives to create an even better, even more welcoming Garden State.

Prior to joining the ACLU-NJ, Amol was a policy advocate at the Innocence Project, where he led state-level policy campaigns nationwide to address wrongful convictions. From 2010-2015, Amol was the director of the Suffolk County Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union, where he led efforts to defend and promote the constitutional rights of all Suffolk County residents, particularly around policing and criminal justice, immigrants’ rights, and education reform.

At the NYCLU, Amol worked on legislation, litigation, and community-based advocacy, and gained a deep understanding of the need to work collaboratively with community members, advocates, and government officials in order to advance policy.

Amol is also an adjunct professor at Marymount Manhattan College, where he has taught courses on constitutional law, civil rights, media law, and criminal justice. Additionally, Amol is the president of the South Asian Bar Association of New York and co-chair of the public interest committee of the South Asian Bar Association of North America.

Amol holds a B.A. in journalism and economics from New York University, and a law degree from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law where he was a Public Service Scholar. Most importantly, Amol grew up in Lawrenceville, NJ, and is a proud product of Lawrence Township Public Schools. His role at the ACLU-NJ merges two central passions: advocating for constitutional rights and New Jersey.
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Dr. Gary Solis

Dr. Gary Solis is a retired Marine with 26 years active duty, twice serving in Vietnam as an armor officer. His J.D. is from the University of California, Davis (Distinguished Graduate), after which he was a Marine judge advocate and court-martial judge for 18 years. His LL.M. (criminal law) is from George Washington Law School, his Ph.D. (law of war) from The London School of Economics & Political Science. He taught law at the LSE for three years, moving to the United States Military Academy in 1996, where he eventually directed West Point’s law of war program for six years. He received the 2006 Apgar Award as the Military Academy’s outstanding professor. He was a 2007-2008 Library of Congress scholar in residence, and currently is an adjunct professor of law at West Point, and Georgetown Law, teaching the law of war. He was on the editorial board of the ICRC’s International Review of the Red Cross (2010-15) and is an elected member of the American Law Institute. His books are Marines and Military Law in Vietnam, Son Thang: An American War Crime, and “The Law of Armed Conflict,” 2nd ed. (American Society of International Law 2011 Certificate of Merit). He is a member of the bars of Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Texas, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Brian W. Song

Brian W. Song is a Partner in the New York office of Baker Hostetler LLP. Brian has broad experience as a general commercial litigator, but focuses his practice on securities litigation and white collar criminal defense. Brian began his legal career in the U. S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps and served on active duty from 2003 to 2007. Brian has continued his military career and serves as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Brian is currently the President-Elect of AABANY and has previously served on AABANY’s board. In 2014, Brian founded AABANY’s Military & Veterans Affairs Committee. He is also a co-chair for NAPABA’s Military & Veterans Network Committee. Brian serves on the New York City Bar Association’s Committee to Enhance Diversity in the Profession. Brian is also actively involved with the Council of Urban Professionals, completing their ten-month fellowship program in 2014, and serving on the Fellows’ Board. Brian was presented with the “Best Under 40 Award” by NAPABA in 2016.

Brian leads the Diversity and Inclusion Committee in New York as a co-chair and is a member of the Recruiting and Hiring Committee. Brian also sits on the Firmwide Diversity Committee.

Brian received his B.S. from the Johns Hopkins University and his J.D., cum laude, from Boston University School of Law. Brian also received an L.L.M. in Securities Law and Financial Regulation with distinction from Georgetown University Law Center.
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Susan P. Sturm

Susan P. Sturm is the George M. Jaffin Professor of Law and Social Responsibility and the founding director of the Center for Institutional and Social Change at Columbia Law School. She has published numerous articles, case studies and books on “the architecture of inclusion,” institutional change, transformative leadership, workplace equality, legal education, and inclusion and diversity in higher education. Her recent publications include: Scaling Up (2010); Negotiating Workplace Equality (2008); Conflict Resolution and Systemic Change (with Howard Gadlin, 2007); The Architecture of Inclusion: Advancing Workplace Equity in Higher Education (2006); Law’s Role in Addressing Complex Discrimination (2005); Equality and the Forms of Justice (2004); Lawyers and the Practice of Workplace Equity (2002); Second Generation Employment Discrimination: A Structural Approach, (2001); and Who’s Qualified? (with Lani Guinier, 2001). “The Architecture of Inclusion” was the focus of a symposium issue published in the June 2007 issue of the Harvard Journal of Law and Gender.

Sturm is the principal investigator for a Ford Foundation grant awarded to develop the architecture of inclusion in higher education. She has worked with numerous research and educational organizations and networks seeking to build the knowledge and capacity needed to advance full participation and exercise leadership in addressing important problems. She is currently co-chairing a working group on Transformative Leadership, as part of a Ford Foundation funded project on Building Knowledge for Social Justice. Her research on strategies for facilitating constructive multi-racial interaction in police training is featured on the Racetalks website, www.racetalks.org. Professor Sturm was one of the architects of the national conference on The Future of Diversity and Opportunity in Higher Education. In 2007, she received the Presidential Teaching Award for Outstanding Teaching at Columbia.

Eric Su

Eric Su is the Managing Partner of FordHarrison’s New York office and he represents employers in employment disputes before federal and state courts, administrative agencies as well as in arbitrations. He is also the co-chair of the firm’s Construction practice group. Eric often defends employers in class and collective litigation involving alleged underpayment of minimum wage, overtime and other wage claims. Eric’s practice mainly involves representing management in all aspects of labor and employment law, including counseling management in all facets of workplace fraud investigations, including but not limited to, forensic accounting and IT investigations concerning employee embezzlement, workplace harassment, disloyal conduct and other employee misconduct.

Eric also advises employers on litigation prevention and counsels them on all aspects of the employment relationship. His emphasis and insistence on compliance with wage and hour and other labor and employment laws and regulations have led to many successful results for his clients before federal and state administrative investigations and in federal and state courts. Eric has obtained numerous favorable results for his clients in dealing with investigations by the federal and state departments of labor and has successfully resolved labor department investigations in lieu of criminal charges being brought by prosecutorial authorities.

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An Trotter

An Trotter is Senior Director of Operations in the Office of General Counsel at Hearst. In this role she focuses on creating more efficient and productive processes. Previously she served in similar senior director positions at Harman and at Viacom.

Successful projects include redesigning supplier due diligence processes; driving post-acquisition legal integrations; automating buy and sell side contracts processes; implementing electronic signatures; managing entity/subsidiary system implementation; instituting global outside counsel programs and matter management systems, fair and consistent rate review and RFP processes, global town hall calls, and an attorney licensing certification process; extending document management systems, portals and CLE accreditation; and negotiating a number of alternative fee arrangements.

Before Viacom, An was Chief Operating Officer for Executive Education at Columbia Business School. For ten years prior Ms. Trotter worked at The Rockefeller Foundation, initially in human capital on the Africa program, and subsequently managing processes supporting strategic planning and program implementation in the Office of the Executive Vice President. She began her career at the Institute of International Education as a program manager on the Fulbright, EMDAP and SACI accounts.

An holds an MBA in Finance and Management and an MA in Performance Studies from New York University and a BA from Brown University. She is also a Certified Six Sigma Greenbelt (CSSGB) and Certified Legal Manager (CLM).

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Since then, Varghese and his team have won a complete acquittal for a client in a tax trial against the IRS and DOJ Tax Division. He has tried nearly 40 cases to verdict and has won multiple appeals including before the Second Circuit. Varghese graduated from Brooklyn Law School, New York University, and Chaminade High School. Finally, he is a long-suffering Mets fan.

Rodney Villazor

Rodney is a trial lawyer representing companies, executives, and other professionals in white collar criminal cases and high-stakes complex civil litigation disputes. He has extensive courtroom experience, having tried 14 jury trials to verdict as a federal prosecutor and as a partner at a global law firm.

His most recent victories include a complete jury defense verdict in federal court in August 2015 for a global financial institution accused of fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, and aiding and abetting a commodities brokerage house engaged in a massive fraud. Immediately prior to leaving government service, he secured trial convictions in November 2014 and January 2015 in police corruption cases involving honest services fraud, wire fraud, and civil rights violations in San Francisco.

Rodney’s recent experience includes counseling clients in federal grand jury investigations involving insider trading, market manipulation, FCPA violations, export control violations, fraud, and cybercrimes. He has also led several internal corporate investigations of alleged misconduct, delivering results under strict time constraints.
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Annie Wang

Annie is the director of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund’s Immigrant Justice Project, overseeing and coordinating its Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals pro bono representation project. She monitors and analyzes immigration policy developments relating to the DACA program, and advocates for policies that advance immigrants’ rights. Before joining AALDEF, she was a legal fellow and Associate Counsel at The Opportunity Agenda, a nonprofit social justice communication lab, where she developed messaging guidance used in advocacy for pro-immigration policy solutions and coordinated communications strategy with immigrant rights and civil rights groups. For close to 20 years, Annie was a partner at a mid-sized general practice law firm, focusing on business and family immigration issues. Annie is an active member of the immigration bar, having served on the Board of Governors of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and chaired the New York City Bar Association’s Immigration and Nationality Law Committee. She has been a member of and co-chaired the Media and Advocacy Committee of AILA’s NYC chapter. Annie served as a trustee of the American Immigration Council. She also is a member of the Asian American Bar Association of New York’s Pro Bono & Community Service and Immigration Law Committees. As a volunteer with AABANY’s Community Response Taskforce, she has helped to plan and organize DACA renewal clinics, including know your rights presentations.

Annie has a J.D. from Columbia Law School, an M.A. in Chinese Studies from Yale University, and a B.A. in Asian Studies from Northwestern University.

Lee Wang

Lee focuses on the impact of the criminal-immigration enforcement system on families. She regularly trains assigned counsel, court staff, and judges in New York City’s Family Courts and is a member of the Office of Court Administration’s Advisory Council on Immigration Issues in Family Courts. Lee also helps to coordinate the statewide ICE Out of Courts coalition, which aims to stop ICE enforcement in New York state courthouses.

She earned her J.D. and a certificate in Refugee and Humanitarian Studies from Georgetown University Law Center. Lee also has a B.A. from Yale University.
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Larry’s practice includes public and private equity offerings, high-yield and investment-grade debt offerings, convertible debt offerings and offerings of asset-backed securities. He also represents public companies in connection with their ongoing securities law and corporate governance matters and advises in connection with public mergers and acquisitions transactions. Larry also has extensive experience in debt consent solicitations, debt restructurings and exchange offers.

Larry is a Co-Chair of the Corporate Law Committee of the Asian American Bar Association of New York and is also a member of the Board of Regents of Trinity International University. Larry is the author of An Illustrated Guide to High-Yield Debt Standard Covenants which he has presented at the Practising Law Institute’s “Understanding the Securities Laws” program. He graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School and summa cum laude from Yale College.

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Dan serves on UCS Advisory Committees on Language Access, ADR, and Access for People with Disabilities as well as the NYSBA Committee on Families and the Law. Dan has also served on the NYC Bar Domestic Violence Committee and Science and Law Committee.

He is an Adjunct Clinical Professor of Mediation at Cardozo School of Law, an Adjunct Professor of Clinical Law at NYU School of Law and has taught ADR and conflict resolution related courses at Vermont Law School, Mitchell Hamline School of Law, Pepperdine School of Law, Idaho College of Law, John Jay College of Criminal Justice and Long Island University. Dan is an international ADR speaker having presented across the United States and beyond including Japan, China, Thailand and South Africa.

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Ms. Wilson-Brito’s leasing practice includes the representation of both landlords and tenants in the preparation and negotiation of office and retail leases. In her finance practice, Ms. Wilson-Brito represents both lenders and borrowers in connection with commercial and construction loans. She also represents purchasers and sellers in all aspects of the acquisition and disposition of real estate.

Prior to rejoining McCarter & English, Ms. Wilson-Brito was real estate counsel for The Rockefeller Group Development Corporation where she handled financing and real estate transactions for the company and its subsidiaries. Her responsibilities included negotiating leases, building contracts, licenses and other transaction documents relative to the company’s development, management and ownership operations in New York, Florida, South Carolina and New Jersey.

Ms. Wilson-Brito is a member of McCarter’s Women’s Initiative Steering Committee, which presides over the policies that have led to McCarter receiving Gold Standard Certification from the Women in Law Empowerment Forum for five consecutive years. Additionally, Ms. Wilson-Brito is a member of McCarter’s Diversity Committee. She is recognized as a New Jersey Super Lawyers “Rising Star” for 2016-2018.

Vince Wiscovitch

Vince Wiscovitch specializes in assisting Counsel Press clients in their matters within the New York State appellate courts, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit Court, and other federal appellate courts nationwide. Mr. Wiscovitch is a seasoned litigation attorney, having tried and managed cases heard within New York State and Federal Courts. During his litigation career, Mr. Wiscovitch handled appellate matters in the New York State appellate courts and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Vince was a member of the litigation and intellectual property practice groups of the international law firm of Hunton & Williams. His area of expertise was complex commercial litigation for Fortune 100 companies such as Philip Morris and Kraft Foods. Mr. Wiscovitch also practiced with the law firms of Ruskin, Moscou & Faltischek, P.C., in Uniondale, New York, and Gursky & Ederer, LLP in New York City where he assisted world-renowned fashion companies such as Tommy Hilfiger, Ralph Lauren, Adidas, Nike, and Fubu, among others, in trademark and copyright infringement litigation and enforcement. Mr. Wiscovitch’s private practice appellate background includes participation in both interlocutory and final decision appeals in the New York State Court of Appeals; the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; and the New York Appellate Division – First Department.

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Ms. Woan is a litigation associate at Skadden. She has experience in a broad range of regulatory investigations and complex litigation matters involving securities, antitrust, shareholder derivative, breach of contract, and breach of fiduciary duty claims. Select representations include her representation of JPMorgan in several federal antitrust class actions alleging that foreign currency dealers conspired to manipulate benchmark currency exchange rates, a biotechnology company in a federal securities purported class action, a major New York hospital in a class action alleging fraud and breach of contract claims, and a financial services corporation in connection with high-frequency trading.

She also has an active pro bono practice representing survivors of domestic violence in obtaining orders of protection and assisting with related custody disputes. In 2016, she was honored at Sanctuary for Families’ “Above & Beyond Pro Bono Achievement Awards and Benefit” for obtaining a 5-year order of protection on behalf of a client after an extensive trial and much motion practice. She also has an active amicus practice, including on behalf of a coalition of businesses in *Texas v. United States* in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in 2015 (executive action on undocumented immigrants), on behalf of the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program in *Darweesh v. Trump* in the Eastern District of New York in 2017 (executive action on immigration restrictions), and on behalf of members of Congress in the Southern District of New York, District of Oregon, and Eastern District of Washington in 2018 (administration of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program).

Ms. Woan clerked for the Honorable A. Richard Caputo of the Middle District of Pennsylvania and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Joane S. Wong

Joane Si Ian Wong has been an attorney at the Manhattan office of the National Labor Relations Board since 2000. She has accumulated significant litigation experience in the area of labor law as lead counsel in cases dealing with the diverse industries in New York City, from mom-and-pop restaurants to four star hotels and national news broadcasting companies. Ms. Wong is currently the government co-chair of the ABA Labor and Employment Law Section Webinar Committee. From 2012 to 2015, she was a Government Fellow in the Committee on the Development of the Law under the NLRA. She is currently continuing her participation in the ABA as a Development Fund Fellow and she is also a graduate of the Leadership Development Program. In 2014, she co-founded AABANY’s Labor and Employment Law Committee and currently serves as a Co-Chair of the committee. In 2015, Ms. Wong became a certified mediator. She received her B.A. in economics and history from Binghamton University in 1996 and her J.D. from the University of Buffalo, School of Law, in 1999.

Besides the practice of law, she is a mother of two children, a jewelry artist, a painter, and an activist who, in 2013, founded a grassroots movement to empower children in impoverished communities through partnering with local groups in those communities to conduct art contests and other community activities. This project completed its sixth annual art contest on August 3, 2018, in Leogane, Haiti, which fed over 200 participants a healthy meal; distributed basic needs such as solar energy lamps, BPA free water bottles and toothpastes and toothbrushes; and awarded full-year school tuition to the top 12 winners.
Lieutenant Brian Yang was born in Los Angeles, California, and grew up in Orange County, California. He attended the University of California of San Diego in 2006 and graduated in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. After graduating from undergraduate school, he went overseas to Beijing, China for one year through a non-profit organization, where he spent the year working in an orphanage, building shelters, and teaching English.

LT Yang earned a Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School of Los Angeles in 2015, where he served as a Staff Member and Technical Editor on the *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review*, and as a Social Chair for the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association. LT Yang also worked as a judicial extern for the Honorable Gary A. Feess in 2013, and a law clerk for the Los Angeles District Attorney’s Office Appellate Division in 2015. He is licensed to practice law in California.

LT Yang was commissioned in June 2015 under the Student Program. He graduated from Officer Development School in November 2015 and graduated from Naval Justice School in March 2016. From March 2016 to April 2018, LT Yang served as a trial counsel at Region Legal Service Office Naval District Washington, Staff Judge Advocate at Office of Naval Intelligence.

Karen K. Yau has over two decades of experience working with immigrants, workers, and other poor and working people. Karen began her career as a community organizer for tenants and garment workers and became a long-time workers’ rights lawyer. She served for over nine years as an Assistant Attorney General in the Labor Bureau of the State Attorney General’s Office and led investigations into labor violations in numerous Industries. She was also the recipient of a Skadden Fellowship at the National Employment Law Project and a Robert M. Cover Teaching Fellowship at Yale Law School, and held an assistant professorship at Syracuse University College of Law. Most recently, Karen worked in not-for-profit advocacy organizations, and served as the Executive Director of the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families, a pan-Asian advocacy organization, and the Director of Membership and Capacity Building at New York Immigration Coalition, a state-wide coalition of immigrant-serving and advocacy organizations, and oversaw its membership program and capacity building initiatives, including the Immigration Navigator trainings for non-lawyer advocates for immigrants.

Karen is active in bar associations and community organizations. As the Co-Chair of the Pro Bono & Community Service Committee, she coordinates the Monthly Pro Bono Legal Advice and Referral Clinic with her co-chairs and oversees AABANY’s ever-expanding pro bono activities.

Karen received a J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law and a B.A. from Stony Brook University, and graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School. She emigrated from Hong Kong and speaks fluent Cantonese Chinese.
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Sam Yee

Sam has been a lawyer in government or public service for almost his entire two-decade career. His experience includes tenures at the Office of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City, where he specialized in homicide prosecutions, and at the Office of the New York State Attorney General, where he investigated and prosecuted Medicaid fraud. During his career, aside from handling complex investigations, Sam tried approximately eighty jury trials to completion: over fifty as felonies as well over thirty first-degree murders. Sam also has conducted dozens of grand jury presentations, motion hearings, or court trials.

Before his legal career, he graduated from the law school at American University and the undergraduate business school at NYU, where he majored in Economics and Accounting. After seeing his Accounting grades, Sam declined to take any CPA exam and instead chose to take several bar examinations, which, in his view, had to be much, much easier.

Stephenie Yeh

Stephenie Yeh is a senior associate attorney with the law firm of Grimaldi & Yeung LLP. She leads the firm’s Estate Planning department and dedicates her practice to the fields of Elder Law and Trusts and Estates.

Ms. Yeh was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, and studied at New York University for her Bachelor of Arts degree. She continued her studies at St. John’s University School of Law, where she held the positions of Articles Editor of the New York International Law Review and Journal of International and Comparative Law, and Vice President of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA). During her third year of law school, she worked as a student attorney for the Securities Arbitration Clinic at St. John’s, where she counseled and represented an indigent client in mediation before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).

Ms. Yeh is fluent in English and conversational in Cantonese and Mandarin.
Pauline Yeung-Ha is a Partner in the law firm of Grimaldi & Yeung LLP, concentrating in the practice areas of Trusts, Wills and Estates, Elder Law as well as Special Needs Planning, and is admitted to practice in both New York and New Jersey.

Ms. Yeung-Ha is currently a member of New York State Bar Association’s Elder Law Section Executive Committee, and Vice-Chair of both the Diversity Committee and Membership Services. She is also a member of the Estate Planning Committee of the Trusts & Estates Law Section. Ms. Yeung-Ha serves on the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Bar Association and is a Co-Chair of the Pro Bono & Community Service Committee of AABANY. She serves as Secretary on the Board of CaringKind, a non-profit organization in New York City. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, NY Chapter, and a former member of NYSBA’s House of Delegates.

Ms. Yeung-Ha has been named one of New York’s Women Leaders in the Law (2012), New York Magazine’s Best Lawyer (2012 to 2018), Super Lawyers Rising Star (2011 to 2014), Super Lawyer (2015 to 2018) and NAPABA’s Best Under 40 Award (2011). In 2017, Ms. Yeung-Ha was honored by General Human Outreach in the Community, Inc. for advocating for the special needs and senior population in the Asian community, and named 2018 Honoree of the Year by St. John’s University School of Law chapter of the Asian-Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA).

Jo-Ann Yoo is the executive director of the Asian American Federation, a pan-Asian nonprofit leadership organization that works to raise the influence and well-being of the pan-Asian American community through research, policy advocacy, public awareness, and organizational development. In her role, she oversees the organization’s program operations and policy advocacy efforts.

Jo-Ann has nearly 20 years of experience in program management and operations, community development, and immigrant rights advocacy. Since taking the helm at the Asian American Federation, she has established AAF as a leader of the Asian American community at the community, city, and state levels through strategic programming, leadership convenings, and increased funding opportunities for Asian-led social service agencies.

In the past, she organized 200 small businesses in Flushing to advocate for increased city resources, a six-month advocacy effort that resulted in a funding increase of $1.4 million. She also managed a $227 million Lower Manhattan Development Corporation project in the aftermath of 9/11 to provide financial assistance to residents impacted by the event. Currently, she serves on the boards of the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York and Robert Sterling Clark Foundation, and has also served on the board of the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development.
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