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Dear members, distinguished guests, sponsors and friends:

I am delighted to welcome you to the 2019 NAPABA Northeast Regional Conference and AABANY’s Tenth Annual Fall Conference. We are excited to offer you a full day of CLE programs and presentations reflecting our theme “United in Action and Vision: Towards 2020 Together.” In addition to the diverse slate of 22 panels, we hope that you join us for the special screening of “And Then They Came for Us” during our plenary lunch session, take advantage of the networking opportunities throughout the day, and visit with our sponsors or the more than 30 employers at our Fifth Annual Diversity Career Fair. We are also proud to offer our annual Trial Advocacy Program, our Professional Development Coaching, and our Pitch Sessions for private practitioners to connect with in-house counsel.

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. This is the third year of our partnership with Fordham Law School. As our conference continues to attract more than 400 attendees, we are grateful that we have a venue that can comfortably meet the challenge of our growth.

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. We thank the program chairs and the planning committee for the countless hours they spent leading up to today. Finally, we thank our sponsors, whose support is critical to AABANY.

Today we also celebrate the accomplishments of many of our members and supporters. This past year, I was honored to receive the Minority Lawyer of the Year Award from Chambers and Partners, largely due to the support of AABANY. While the list is too long to enumerate here, I highlight a few recent accomplishments here:

- Hon. Michael H. Park was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Judge Park becomes the second Asian Pacific American and first Korean-American to serve as a Circuit Judge for the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.
- William Ng, one of the founding co-chairs of AABANY Labor & Employment Law Committee, was elevated to Shareholder at Littler Mendelson. He was also recognized as a Top 40 Young Lawyer by the American Bar Association (ABA) Young Lawyers Division.
- Michael J. Rhee, Vice President and General Counsel of The Durst Organization, was the 2019 Honoree of the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA) at St. John’s University School of Law at their Lunar New Year Reception at China Blue-Tribeca.
- Hon. Kiyo Matsumoto, District Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, was the recipient of the Conner Inn Excellence Award. The mission of the Hon. William C. Conner Inn of Court is to promote excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills for judges, lawyers, academicians, and students of law and to advance the education of the members of the Inn, the members of the bench and bar, and the public in the fields of intellectual property law.
- Hon. Ushir Pandit-Durant, NY Supreme Court, made history as the first South Asian female judge elected in New York State.
- Glenn Magpantay, Executive Director of the National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance (NQAPIA) received Brooklyn Law School’s Faculty Award for Excellence in Public Service, in recognition of his incredible devotion to educating and fighting for LGBT equality, racial justice and immigrant rights.
- Sylvia Chin, at White & Case, received the Women’s World Banking Pro Bono award at its 40th Anniversary celebration in New York.
- Hon. Lillian Wan, New York State Court of Claims, received the Brooklyn Bar Association’s Diversity Award.
- James Cho, AABANY Immediate Past President, was promoted to the Chief of Bankruptcy Litigation in the Civil Division, U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York.
- Hon. Pamela Chen, U.S. District Court Judge at the Eastern District of New York was honored by the Brooklyn Women’s Bar Association and the Asian American Judges Association of New York during an Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Celebration at the Brooklyn Bar Association.
- Joon Kim, Partner at Cleary Gottlieb and AABANY member, was presented with the Hon. George Bundy Smith Pioneer Award at the New York State Bar Association’s “Smooth Moves: Career Strategies for Attorneys of Color” program at Lincoln Center. The Hon. George Bundy Smith Pioneer Award recognizes lawyers who demonstrate commitment to legal excellence,
community service and mentoring.

• Kenneth Chin, Partner at Kramer Levin, was elected as a member of The American Law Institute (ALI). ALI is an academic and intellectual group that clarifies the law through Restatements, Principles, and Model Codes. The Institute’s mission is “to promote the clarification and simplification of the law and its better adaptation to social needs, to secure the better administration of justice, and to encourage and carry on scholarly and scientific legal work.”

We are also pleased to present Parkin Lee, Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer of The Rockefeller Group, with the Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer Award. Parkin has been a long-standing leader in our community and a tireless mentor for so many APA attorneys.

I encourage everyone to join us and get more involved in AABANY. This conference is a testament to our many accomplishments, but APAs 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 2020 Annual Dinner on February 26, 2020 at Cipriani Wall Street. Thank you all for getting involved and we look forward to continuing to work with you on future initiatives.

Respectfully,

Brian Song
AABANY President
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 NA-PABA) 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 T. Eng, Judge Peter Tom, past president of the American Immigration Law Association Benjamin Gim, Professor Sharon Hom, AALDEF Program Director Stanley Mark, and former NYPD Deputy Commissioner Hugh Mo. All of the speakers emphasized the unfulfilled need for AABANY. The reception was a resounding success, with over 180 attorneys and law students attending. Before the meeting concluded, over 60 people had joined AABANY.

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

On January 12, 1991, AABANY held its first annual meeting, electing Serene Nakano, Doris Ling-Cohan, Steve Min, Glenn Ikeda and Marilyn Go as officers and Rockwell Chin, Sylvia Fung Chin, Merlin Liu, Stanley Mark, Qazi Moid and Judge Peter Tom as directors. Now one of the most prominent and active minority bar associations in New York, AABANY has well over 1,200 active members, including practicing attorneys in the private and public sectors, in-house lawyers, judges, professors and law students.
Schedule

8:00 AM
REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

9:00 AM

10:30 AM
Art and Science of Interviewing Pro Bono Clients
Emerging Technology 101: Adapting to This Brave New World
Cybersecurity and Privacy Trends, Opportunities and Challenges
From Border Wall to Courtroom: The Judge Shelley Joseph Indictment

10:45 AM
Then They Came For Us - Through the Back Door: U.S. Immigration Policy & Practice Changes
Qualified Opportunity Zones: Developing Communities Over the Long Run
Asian American Voter Protection
In The Room Where It Happens: Diversity, Inclusion & Leadership

12:30 PM
PLENARY LUNCH
NAPABA President Address
Special Screening "And Then They Came for Us"

2:30 PM
Count Us All! Fighting Disenfranchisement of AAPIs in the 2020 Census
#MeToo Developments in 2019 – Flourishing or Floundering?
Asian American Women Corporate Counsel in Television

4:15 PM
Rights of Students with Disabilities in Immigrant APA Communities
Financial Regulatory Reform – Looking Back to the Dodd-Frank Act
Can They Do That?: Congressional Oversight & Investigations
Pathways to Public Executive Appointments

6:00 PM
COCKTAIL RECEPTION
Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer Award Presentation
NORMAN LAU KEE TRAILBLAZER AWARD
The Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY) is proud to announce that Parkin Lee, Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, Rockefeller Group, will be the recipient of the Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer Award at AABANY’s Tenth Annual Fall Conference on September 21, 2019, 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, the 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.

In 2008, Parkin Lee became the first APA Chief Legal Officer of the Rockefeller Group. The Rockefeller Group, for more than 90 years, has been a leading developer, owner and operator of commercial real estate, including the iconic Rockefeller Center in New York City, with an eye towards not only economic value but of civic value as well. As the Chief Legal Officer, and the final authority on legal matters, Parkin mentors, teaches, guides and shares his insight whenever he can. He led the legal team in the acquisition of majority stakes in TA Realty and Europa Capital, real estate investment management platforms based in Boston and London, respectively, with over $15 billion of AUM, and in the successful launch of the Rockefeller Group’s first US real estate private equity fund.

Prior to joining the Rockefeller Group, Parkin spent over 20 years working for the New York Life Insurance Company where he rose to head the legal team supporting the Corporate Securities Finance Group; his responsibilities over the years included investment management, distressed investments, restructurings and bankruptcies, mergers and acquisitions, derivatives, private equity, venture capital, insurance regulation, and real estate, where he headed the legal team for seven years (including the recession years of the early 1990s). He also led New York Life’s first Asian Pacific American Employee Resource Group, which brought in speakers and sponsored cultural events. Parkin’s commitment to his career at both the Rockefeller Group and New York Life demonstrate his skills and acumen in corporate and real estate law.

Yet as experienced as he is, Parkin has admitted that the secret to his lengthy career has been his willingness to master new skills. During his career at New York Life, he rarely turned down the opportunity to address new challenges and experiences in his career. He became the go-to person when no one else was willing or capable. With respect to his decision to accept his current role as Chief Legal Officer of Rockefeller Group, Parkin recalled, “Several mentors reminded me how rare these opportunities are and that I could learn anything I didn’t already know. And they were right. It’s the same advice I give others I mentor. Don’t be afraid to stretch and try something new. If someone is asking you to do something, it’s because they believe in you.”

Outside of Rockefeller Group, Parkin works tirelessly with organizations, such as NAPABA and AABANY, that aim to advance the careers of APA lawyers through mentoring programs, advocacy, scholarships and fellowships. Parkin is on the Leadership Advisory Committee of NAPABA, the Board of Directors for the NAPABA Law Foundation, the Advisory Committee for AABANY, and is Board Chair of AAAJ-Asian American Justice Center in Washington, D.C. — a testament to his dedicated and committed leadership among his peers and within the Asian American community.

“Parkin Lee is a pillar in the community, and his influence has helped develop the people around him. He instills confidence because he leads with confidence,” states AABANY President Brian Song. “He inspires because he was inspired by those before him. He is well-known and highly admired in the APA legal community. He has taught others to bring about positive change not only through his words but through his actions. As a trailblazer exemplifying the very definition of the word, AABANY is thrilled to honor Parkin with the Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer Award.”
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- Serene K. Nakano

1992-93
- Denny Chin

1994-96
- Sylvia Fung Chin

1996-97
- Ben O. Limb

1997-98
- Glenn Lau-Kee

1999
- John Flock

2000
- Paul D.Q. Nguyen

2001
- Alec Y. Chang

2002
- David Hom

2003
- Christopher W. Chan

2004
- Andrew T. Hahn

2005
- Pui Chi Cheng

2006
- Lai Sun Yee

2007
- Vincent T. Chang

2008
- Yang Chen

2009
- James P. Chou

2010
- Robert W. Leung

2011
- Linda S. Lin

2012
- Jean Lee

2013
- Mike F. Huang

2014
- Clara J. Ohr

2015
- William Wang

2016
- Susan L. Shin

2017
- Dwight Yoo

2018
- James R. Cho
#MeToo Developments in 2019 - Is It Flourishing or Floundering?

Hosted by O’Prey & Wen LLP

NY CLE: 1.5 Credits in Diversity and Inclusion, Elimination of Bias

Program Chair
Grace Wen, Founding Partner, O’Prey Wen LLP

Speakers
- David Caves, Shareholder, Bradley Riley Jacobs PC
- Tanya K. Hernández, Professor of Law, Fordham Law School, Center on Race, Law & Justice
- Justin Lerer, Counsel, Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP
- Devjani H. Mishra, Shareholder Attorney, Littler Mendelson P.C.
- Anjana Samant, Senior Attorney, ACLU Women’s Rights Project

Moderator
Patricia O’Prey, Founding Partner, O’Prey Wen LLP

Gender discrimination and sexual harassment are not new, but the consequences of the #MeToo movement that grew out of the Harvey Weinstein sexual abuse scandal have influenced companies to re-examine and address their management of employee complaints, workplace policies and corporate culture. Recent developments stemming from #MeToo include the rise of claims against corporations based on improper workplace conduct brought not only by victims, but also by shareholders or enforcement agencies. Notably, in recent high profile cases, some suggest that the #MeToo movement caused prosecutors to revisit the cases against R. Kelly and Epstein.

Recently, #MeToo has contributed to an overall increase in “events driven” securities litigation, such as derivative claims alleging that corporate mismanagement of #MeToo issues caused a decrease of corporate value, or securities fraud claims alleging that the company’s stock price dropped due to how it handled #MeToo allegations and the accompanying negative publicity. Moreover, state and local governments are reforming anti-harassment and anti-discrimination legislation to strengthen employee protections and hold employers accountable, such as providing for punitive damages.

This program will explore how the #MeToo movement has resulted in internal investigations of sexual harassment claims, which move beyond the conduct of the alleged perpetrator to analyzing whether a culture of cover-up exists in the highest levels of an organization, including C-Suite executives and Board of Directors. The panel will discuss how corporations are responding to repercussions that go beyond the original harassment claims, such as shareholder derivative suits and civil rights actions, by retaining outside counsel to investigate and root out malfeasance, and experienced employment law experts to revamp workplace policies and procedures. Finally, the panelists will discuss the interplay between the #MeToo movement with race that perpetuated a culture of “open secrets” where the bad behavior of powerful, likeable, or important but abusive “high-performers” have been tolerated historically.
Art and Science of Interviewing Pro Bono Clients

Hosted by the Pro Bono Committee

NY CLE: 1.5 Credits in Skills

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

Speakers
• Jonathan D. Hernandez, The Legal Aid Society
• Beatrice Leong, Associate, Kleyman Law Firm
• Kwok Kei Ng, Chair, Pro Bono Committee
• Karen Kithan Yau, Of Counsel, Kakalec Law

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

The goal of this course is to introduce, teach, and encourage attorneys to participate in pro bono service. Since its inception, AABANY's Pro Bono Clinic has given attorneys the opportunity to gain meaningful and invaluable experience serving the Asian Pacific American community. Attorney advocacy is vital in providing access to justice. The clinic has provided hundreds of low-income clients with free legal advice and referrals.

This course will address the following:
• how to meet and communicate effectively with a client;
• how to educate the client about the legal process and make informed choices; how to collect information and manage client frustration;
• how to work with non-lawyer volunteers (interpreters, paralegal, and mental health professionals).

Panel speakers will also share their experiences at the clinic and provide case studies.

Asian American Voter Protection

Hosted by Perkins Coie LLP

NY CLE: 1.5 Credits in Areas of Professional Practice

Program Chair
Evelyn Gong, Senior Attorney, Perkins Coie LLP

Speakers
• Monica Guardiola, Attorney, Guardiola Law Office
• Jiny Kim, Vice President, Policy & Programs, Asian Americans Advancing Justice
• Sophia Lakin, Staff Attorney, ACLU Voting Rights Project
• Michael J Ryan Esq, Executive Director, Board of Elections in the City of New York
• Sandra Ung, Special Assistant, Office of U.S. Congresswoman Grace Meng
• Jerry Vattamala, Director, Democracy Program, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund

Moderator
Evelyn Gong, Senior Attorney, Perkins Coie LLP

This program will provide thoughtful panel discussion on voter protection issues as they affect the Asian American community in the Northeast Regional area and beyond, which will be relevant for the 2020 elections. The first part of this panel discussion will cover:
• A brief historical overview of voting laws;
• The current landscape of voting rights;
• Voter protection issues that arise on election day; and
• Systemic issues in the administration of voting laws.

The second part of this program will feature a discussion on voting rights litigation.
Asian American Women Corporate Counsel in Television

Hosted by Lattice
NY CLE: This program does not provide CLE credits

Program Chair
Madhu Southworth, Senior Vice President, Business & Legal Affairs, AMC Networks

Speakers
- Meeka Bondy, Senior Vice President, Legal Affairs, HBO
- Iris Jun, Counsel, Legal & Business Affairs, A+E Networks
- Divya Jayachandran, Vice President and Deputy Head of Marketing Legal, NBCUniversal Media
- Sumathi Subbiah, Vice President & Senior Counsel, HBO

Moderator
Madhu Southworth, Senior Vice President, Business & Legal Affairs, AMC Networks

Come hear from Asian American women corporate counsel from companies like HBO, AMC, NBC Universal, and others talk through their career paths, their current jobs, work/life balance issues, and how they have navigated their careers in the wake of the #MeToo movement.

Can They Do That?: Congressional Oversight & Investigations

Hosted by Wiley Rein LLP

NY CLE: 1.5 Credits in Areas of Professional Practice

Program Chair
Peter Hyun, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP

Speakers
- Peter Hyun, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP
- John Lin, Professional Staff for Technology and Telecom, U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
- Jessica Vu, Chief Counsel to Senator Marsha Blackburn, U.S. Senate

Moderator
Sandeep Prasanna, Counsel, House Committee on Homeland Security

When the new Congress gavelled in at the beginning of this year, it ushered in a wave of energy with the election of the most diverse Congress in history. Indeed, during the 2018 election cycle, a number of candidates ran on a platform that included promises to conduct aggressive oversight and investigations. But what does that mean? How does congressional oversight – and investigations that flow from oversight – work? This panel will examine the who, what, where, when, and how of congressional investigations, and how it is incumbent on every industry to know what to do when Congress comes knocking.
Count Us All! Fighting the Disenfranchisement of AAPIs in the 2020 Census

Hosted by the Government Service & Public Interest, Pro Bono & Community Service, Issues, LGBT & Immigration Committees

NY CLE: 1.0 Credit in Areas of Professional Practice and 0.5 in Ethics

Program Chairs
Kevin Hsi, Agency Attorney, City of New York
Annie J. Wang, Director of Immigrant Justice Project, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund
Karen Kithan Yau, Of Counsel, Kakalec Law PLLC

Speakers
• Meeta Anand, Senior Fellow, New York Immigration Coalition
• Perry Grossman, Voting Rights Project Attorney, NYCLU
• Glenn D. Magpantay, Executive Director, Asian American Studies, National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance
• Howard Shih, Director of Research and Policy, Asian American Foundation
• Steven Wu, Deputy Solicitor General, New York State Office of the Attorney General

Moderator
Jerry Vattamala, Director, Democracy Program, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund

The importance of an accurate count for the 2020 US Census cannot be understated. For the first time in 70 years, the US Department of Commerce sought to include a citizenship question on the US Census despite a broad array of opposition from community advocates, census experts and local governments across the nation. This opposition led to litigation culminating in the recent United States Supreme Court decision in Department of Commerce v. New York which blocked the proposed citizenship question from the US Census over concerns about the actual motives of the Trump administration.

This program will bring together some of the leading advocates in the fight to achieve a fair and accurate census in 2020. The panelists will discuss how they were able to achieve their victory in the Supreme Court and what steps remain to ensure the most accurate and complete census in 2020. This program will also discuss the ethical issues raised by the US government’s decision to conceal from the courts the circumstances surrounding Department of Commerce officials’ efforts to include the citizenship question with the specific political goal of deterring full participation by certain groups.

Cybersecurity and Privacy Trends, Opportunities and Challenges

Hosted by Morgan Stanley

NY CLE: 1.5 Credits in Areas of Professional Practice

Program Chairs
Xinping Zhu, Legal and Compliance, Morgan Stanley

Speakers
• Devin Alavian, Counsel, Privacy and Technology, Morgan Stanley
• Una A. Dean, Partner, Fried Frank LLP
• Matthew Goldberg, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP
• Nathan Park, Kobre & Kim LLP

Moderator
Xinping Zhu, Legal and Compliance, Morgan Stanley

This program will discuss recent trends and developments in cybersecurity and privacy laws, both domestically and internationally. The panelists include leaders in this area and will touch upon practices, tips, and opportunities for our members to excel in this area. This practice area has huge growth potential and it will only become even more important given the increasing cybersecurity and privacy challenges.
Cybersecurity: 20/20 Hindsight
Not Good Enough in 2020

Hosted by the Commercial Restructuring & Bankruptcy Committee

NY CLE: 1.0 Credit in Areas of Professional Practice, 0.5 in Ethics, Transitional/Non-Transitional

Program Chair
Vincent J. Roldan, Partner, Ballon Stoll Bader & Nadler, P.C.

Speakers
• Anna Mercado Clark, Partner, Phillips Lytle LLP
• Jay Prabhu, Chief - Cybercrime Unit; Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Virginia
• Michael Riela, Partner, Tannenbaum Helpern Syracuse & Hirschtritt LLP
• Paul Tiao, Partner, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

Moderator
Vincent J. Roldan, Partner, Ballon Stoll Bader & Nadler, P.C.

The cybersecurity industry is rapidly growing every day. As technology evolves, so do hackers (approximately 230,000 new malware samples/day) and so do methods of providing security. As more business infrastructure gets connected, one study suggests that cybercrime will cost businesses over $2 trillion total in 2019.

We have gathered experts in the field to discuss matters relevant to the cybersecurity industry to assist attorneys in staying ahead of these technological developments, such as:

• Pre-breach planning, including updating your incident response plan, identifying your incident response team, training your team and conducting tabletop exercises, designing network infrastructure with redundancies;
• Potential issues that you have to address after a data breach (notice requirements, PR management, government inquiry, litigation, preservation of evidence), including ethical concerns;
• Liaising with law enforcement and other federal and state agencies, and understanding the roles and responsibilities of the FBI, DHS and other agencies;
• M&A opportunities and diligence issues with respect to privacy and security practices of a bankrupt company

Emerging Technology 101:
Adapting to This Brave New World

Hosted by the In-House Counsel Committee

NY CLE: 1.5 Credits in Law Practice Management, Transitional/Non-Transitional

Program Chair
Duane Morikawa, Senior Vice President and Senior Counsel, Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation

Speakers
• Kate Broderick, Law Clerk, AIG Global Legal Team
• Aaron Fischer, Commercial Counsel, Datadog

Moderator
Ariel Risinger, Legal Counsel of Technology and Commercial Transactions, AXA XL

Blockchain. Artificial Intelligence (AI). Smart contracts. Distributed ledger technology. These terms are now part of business nomenclature, driven by the desire to implement these emerging technologies to achieve operational and financial efficiency. Adoption and implementation of Emerging Tech spans across all areas of practice and business sectors, from insurance and banking transactions to hiring practices. In-house lawyers are on the front lines of these discussions and a more-than-basic understanding of Emerging Tech and its legal implications has become a necessity. Our distinguished panelists will cover the nuts-and-bolts of Emerging Tech, recommend skills in-house lawyers can develop to stay relevant (e.g., do lawyers really have to become coders?) and the risks and rewards of adoption. The aim is to provide a better understanding of Emerging Tech and practical guidance to in-house counsel as their businesses forge new roads into the future and give outside counsel insight into the in-house concerns raised by Emerging Tech.
Far From Home: Cultural & Legal Considerations in Bringing Brands to New Territories

Hosted by the Intellectual Property Committee

NY CLE: 1.5 Credits in Areas of Professional Practice, Transitional/Non-Transitional

Program Chair
Greg Pan, Head of Legal and Business Affairs, (RED)

Speakers
• Benjamin Hsing, Partner, McGuireWoods, LLP
• Ying Mu, Vice GM, Labbrand
• Greg Pan, Head of Legal and Business Affairs, (RED
• Stacy Wu, Attorney, Stacy L. Wu, P.C.

Moderator
Jeffrey Mok, Associate, Fish & Richardson P.C

So you want to grow your brand and intellectual property in another country? Several intellectual property and brand experts will walk you through the steps it takes to properly protect your brand when you bring it into a new territory while also explaining why you will need to know more than just the local laws to make sure your brand communicates itself they way you want it to in new territories. We’ll discuss why having a cultural understanding of where you are going can be vital and what you can do to make sure your brand doesn’t get lost in translation.

Financial Regulatory Reform – Looking Back to the Dodd-Frank Act

Hosted by NAPABA Financial Services Network

NY CLE: 1.5 Credits in Areas of Professional Practice, Transitional/Non-Transitional

Program Chair
Eric Ng, Assistant General Counsel, Apple Bank

Speakers
• Tom Scanlon, Of Counsel, Dorsey & Whitney LLP
• Quyen T. Troung, Partner, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP
• Charles Yi, Partner, Arnold & Porter LLP

Moderator
Eric Ng, Assistant General Counsel, Apple Bank

The global financial crisis of 2008 led to a series of reforms in the financial services sector. Most notable of these is the Dodd-Frank Act of 2010. This legislation resulted in a re-ordering of the financial system in ways that were unprecedented since the reforms of the 1930s and 1940s in the United States. We invite you to hear from former regulators and legislative staff who were “in the room when it happened" to discuss: the key events of the financial crisis, the creation of legislation to address the possibility of imminent global financial collapse, enacted components of the Dodd-Frank Act, as well as efforts to roll back the Dodd-Frank Act.
From Border Wall to Courtroom: The Judge Shelley Joseph Indictment

Hosted by Asian American Lawyers Association of MA

NY CLE: 1.5 Credits in Ethics and Professionalism, Transitional/Non-Transitional

Program Chair
Michelle Rhee, Assistant General Counsel, Wells Fargo & Company

Speakers
- Angel Feng, Special Counsel, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.
- Djung Tran, Attorney, Tran Law Associates
- Hon. Stella Tsai, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas

Moderator
Barbara O’Toole, Associate, Sherin and Lodgen LLP

The Panel will discuss the recent indictment of Judge Shelley Joseph, a district court judge in Massachusetts, on federal charges. Judge Joseph is accused of obstruction of justice for allegedly assisting an undocumented immigrant defendant who appeared in her courtroom evade ICE custody. The panel will discuss the current state of immigration laws in the U.S. and the limits of judicial authority.

GC Roundtable: Challenges in Unity Among Diverse Future Visions

Hosted by the In-House Counsel Committee

NY CLE: 1.5 Credits in Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias - Non-Transitional only

Program Chair
Duane Morikawa, Senior Vice President and Senior Counsel, Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation

Speakers
- Sedi Doobay, General Counsel for ISC, Honeywell/Performance Materials and Technologies
- Thomas S. Kim, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Thomson Reuters
- Karen Leu, SVP, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary of Burlington Stores, Inc.
- Don H. Liu, Executive Vice President, Chief Legal and Risk Officer, Target Corporation
- David Warren, Vice President, General Counsel, PRADA – North America

Moderator
Una A. Dean, Partner, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP

The GC panelists will discuss the challenges of advocating for the organization in its quest to achieve unity in its actions among diverse interests and visions for the future. Topics will include the political environment, regulatory matters and issues concerning compliance with extra-territorial reach of local regulations, social issues, trade policies, sanctions and economic pressures globally. The panel will also discuss the paths taken to the position of GC and advice for becoming a GC.
**In The Room Where It Happens:**

**Diversity, Inclusion & Leadership**

Hosted by the Academic, Professional Development, and Real Estate Committees

**NY CLE:** 1.5 Credits in Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias - Non-Transitional only

**Program Chairs**

Suzanne Kim, Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School; Elaine Chiu, Professor of Law, St. John’s University; Margaret Ling, Senior Counsel, Big Apple Abstract Corp.; Rose Cuison-Villazor, Vice Dean & Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School

**Speakers**

- Marina Lao, Professor of Law, Seton Hall Law School
- Brant Lee, Professor of Law and Director of Diversity and Social Justice Initiatives, Akron Law School
- Jeffrey Lee, Senior Vice President, Capalino and Company
- Ajay K. Mehrota, Executive Director, American Bar Foundation
- Tommy Shi, Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Day Pitney LLP

**Moderator**

Margaret Ling, Senior Counsel, Big Apple Abstract Corp.

In the last several years, many have called for diversifying the legal profession. Diversity ratings and scorecards, including those from *U.S. News, American Lawyer,* and National Association for Law Placement, have highlighted the importance of increasing diversity and inclusion in law schools, law firms and in-house legal departments. Although law schools in general have made progress, some continue to struggle with diversity and inclusion issues. Meanwhile, law firms and in-house legal departments have lagged behind in attracting, retaining and promoting diverse attorneys. Inclusion programs also remain a challenge, particularly in light of the complicated and continually evolving legal landscape governing these issues.

How have law professors, administrators, law firms and in-house legal departments addressed the ongoing need for diversity in the legal profession and persistent bias? What are the implications for Asian American lawyers, law professors, administrators and students? This panel, comprised of professors, in-house and law firm counsel, as well as a legal recruitment officer, explores some of the initiatives and programs that have been undertaken to address the call for diversifying the legal profession. They will discuss best practices and initiatives as well as ongoing challenges to diversifying the legal profession. By focusing on building common ground in bolstering diversity in the legal profession, this program aligns with the theme of “United in Action and Vision: Towards 2020 Together.”

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**In-House Counsel Forum**

Hosted by the In-House Counsel Committee

**Program Chair**

Duane Morikawa

**NY CLE:** This program does not provide CLE credits

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.
Opioids and the Courts

Hosted by Connecticut Asian Pacific American Bar Association (CAPABA™)

NY CLE: 1.5 Credits in Areas of Professional Practice, Transitional/Non-Transitional

Program Chair
Carolyn Ikari, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Civil Division, District of Connecticut

Speakers
• Sandra Leung, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company
• William Tong, Attorney General, State of Connecticut
• Quyen Truong, Outreach and Evaluation Manager, Amplify, Inc. and UConn Law 2020

Moderator
Michelle Querijero, Esq., Senior Claims Analyst– Health Care Management Liability, Allied World Insurance Company

The opioid crisis will be a key issue in the 2020 presidential race. Polls show that more Americans view drug addiction and abuse, including opioids, as the biggest problem facing their local community, ahead of economic concerns. Dozens of states are suing opioid manufacturers and distributors, and some – including New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts – are going after individuals. Oklahoma’s case against one manufacturer has already gone to trial, and the massive multi-district litigation in Ohio is scheduled for trial in October 2019.

Pathways to Public Executive Appointments

Hosted by SABANY and AABANY’s Government Service & Public Interest Committee

NY CLE: This program does not provide CLE credits

Program Chair
Beesham A. Seecharan

Speakers
• Madhuri Kommareddi, Director of Workforce Development, New York State
• Kapil Longani, Chief Counsel, Mayor of New York City
• Sonia C. Park, Executive Director, Diverse Charter Schools Coalition
• Manisha Sheth, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP

Moderator
Kevin Kim, Partner, Yoon LLP

Learn about some of the many ways to get a job working in the public sector through executive appointments at various levels of government service from the pathways of those who have done it in various capacities.
Plenary Lunch Session: Special Screening “And Then They Came for Us”

Hosted by Connecticut Asian Pacific American Bar Association (CAPABA™)

NY CLE: 0.5 Credits in Areas of Professional Practice, Transitional/Non-Transitional

Program Chair
Carolyn Ikari, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Civil Division, District of Connecticut

Speakers
• Abby Ginzberg, Director, Ginzberg Productions
• Dale Minami, Senior Counsel, Minami Tamaki

Moderator
Carolyn Ikari, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Civil Division, District of Connecticut

Looking towards 2020 requires a sharp appreciation of our civil rights – past, present, and future – so that we can be united in our voices and actions. This documentary by Peabody Award-winning filmmakers retells the story of Executive Order 9066 and the internment of 120,000 Japanese-Americans during World War II. It also follows APA activists as they speak out against the Muslim registry and travel ban. The screening will be followed by a special discussion with NAPABA Trailblazer Dale Minami, who was Fred Korematsu’s lawyer, and the filmmaker, Abby Ginzberg.

Qualified Opportunity Zones: Developing Communities Over the Long Run

Hosted by the AABANY Tax Committee

NY CLE: 1.5 Credits in Areas of Professional Practice, Transitional/Non-Transitional

Program Chair: Libin Zhang, Tax Partner, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP

Speakers:
• Sharon Kim, Partner, Ashurst LLP
• Rich Williams, Partner, Dentons
• Libin Zhang, Tax Partner, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP

Moderator
Shiukay Hung, Senior Director, Tishman Speyer

Do you or someone you know have capital gains and don’t know what to do? Do you see a low-income neighborhood like Flushing, New York, and wish to help revitalize it? Then consider the newly created qualified opportunity zone (QOZ) program, which provides certain tax benefits for qualified opportunity fund (QOF) investments in designated low-income census tracts. QOZs have generated a huge amount of public attention for a tax code provision, due to the potential to deploy possibly trillions of dollars to the affected communities through 2026. Even after several sets of IRS regulations, a large number of questions remain about how individuals, property owners, and other constituencies may benefit from the program.

The panel consists of veteran tax practitioners with representative experience in all aspects of the QOZ program, ranging from retail and institutional investors to fund organizers, property developers, startup entrepreneurs, and other groups. Discussion topics will include (i) the major areas of tax and regulatory uncertainties for the QOZ program, (ii) the important tax and business considerations in selecting a QOF investment, and (iii) creative strategies for property owners and business owners to obtain the tax benefits.
Rights of Students with Disabilities in Immigrant APA Communities

Hosted by Bronx Legal Services

NY CLE: 1.5 Credits in Areas of Professional Practice, Transitional/Non-Transitional

Program Chair
Nelson Mar, Senior Staff Attorney, Bronx Legal Services

Speakers
- Angela Chang, Associate, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP
- Amy Leipziger, Senior Staff Attorney, Queens Legal Services

Moderator
Nelson Mar, Senior Staff Attorney, Bronx Legal Services

Most people in the United States implicitly think of Asian Pacific Americans (APA) as overachieving students who excel academically. However, this is a common and incorrect stereotype, but more pointedly, it greatly diminishes the challenges and difficulties facing APA students with disabilities. All students with disabilities in the United States are entitled to a free and appropriate public education that allows the child to make meaningful progress. However, APA students with limited English proficiency face greater obstacles in accessing those services and programs.

Come learn about how one project spearheaded by veteran education practitioners are tackling this issue through a unique pro bono initiative in New York City’s immigrant Chinese American community. An overview of the substantive legal topics of special education law and language access will be provided in addition to a discussion about how to leverage pro bono attorneys to meet the needs of the underserved APA community.

State and Federal Clerkships: A Primer on Seeking, Landing, and Succeeding in the Right Clerkship for You

Hosted by the AABANY Judiciary Committee

NY CLE: This program does not provide CLE credits

Program Chair
William Wang, Assistant Attorney General, Charities Bureau of the Office of the New York State Attorney General

Speakers
- Dong Joo Lee, Judicial Law Clerk, United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- Rena Malik, Principal Law Clerk, Honorable Alexander M. Tisch, Justice of the Supreme Court, New York County
- Hon. Michael H. Park, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- Andrea Saavedra, Assistant Dean and Dean of Judicial Clerkships, Columbia University Law School

Moderator
William Wang, Assistant Attorney General, Charities Bureau of the Office of the New York State Attorney General

This panel will feature speakers from both federal and state clerkships, both current and former clerks, and a career services representative to discuss tips on how to seek, obtain, and succeed in clerkships at different levels. With practices different across states, we will attempt to shed light on the state court clerkship hiring process. With a new practice and schedule recently put into place with federal clerkships, we will demystify the process and discuss approaches to landing an interview and the best ways to prepare for one. Finally, we will provide tips on how to make your clerkship experience both valuable to your professional development and assist you with becoming an asset in chambers.
The Role of In-house Counsel in Corporate Venture Capital

Hosted by Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

NY CLE: 1.5 Credits in Areas of Professional Practice, Transitional/Non-Transitional

Program Chair
Tony Chan, Partner, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

Speakers
• Audrey Jean, VP, Privacy Officer and Associate General Counsel, AARP
• Kenneth Wang, Senior Tax Counsel, Siemens Corporation
• Dan Wu, Privacy Counsel & Legal Engineer, Immuta

Moderator
Tony Chan, Partner, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

No longer just the province of angel investors and institutional VC’s, large corporations have been jumping into the venture capital world, to both participate in potential investment upside, as well as diversify their innovation and R&D efforts. In Corporate Venture Capital (or CVC), established companies directly invest corporate funds into external startup companies, and CVC has increased dramatically with over $31 billion invested across nearly 1,800 deals in 2017 and more than 425 active CVC groups today. Unlike typical outside VC firms, these investments are run by business teams within the company and span a myriad of industries and sectors, with some of the most active CVCs involved in technology, life sciences/healthcare, telecommunications, fintech/financial services, energy/oil and gas and CPG deals. In-house counsel play an instrumental role in supporting their company’s CVC strategy and our panelists will be speaking about their experiences in working on these transactions, what it’s like to advise on venture capital from the inside, and how counsel can be better partners to their business teams.

Then They Came For Us - Through the Back Door: U.S. Immigration Policy & Practice Changes

Hosted by the AABANY Immigration, GSPI & Pro Bono Committees

NY CLE: 1.5 Credits in Areas of Professional Practice, Transitional/Non-Transitional

Program Chairs
Karen Kithan Yau, Poonam Gupta, Kevin Hsi

Speakers
• Amanda Bernardo, Supervising Attorney, New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) Immigrant Protection Unit
• Poonam Gupta, Counsel and Director of Immigration Services, White & Case LLP
• Deborah Lee, Supervising Attorney, Immigration Law Unit of the Legal Aid Society
• Jane Shim, Advocacy Staff Attorney, Immigrant Defense Project
• Tsui Yee, Founder, Law Offices of Tsui H. Yee P.C.

Moderator
Annie Wang, Director of Immigrant Justice Project, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund

The Trump Administration, like previous ones, has been unsuccessful in reaching a legislative solution to reforming the immigration laws that would address the painful reality of having 11 million undocumented persons in the U.S. This administration, however, has increasingly been successful in altering the U.S. immigration policy-scape by changing administrative rules that affect all immigrants. This program will examine the changes in agency rules that have radically shifted the existing paradigms, including, but not limited to, changes at DOJ, HUD, and USCIS, including inadmissibility and deportation grounds based on public charge and sponsorship of petitioners in applications for immigration benefits, and work authorization for dependents of H-1B professionals. In addition, we will look at how Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) enforcement actions in and around state courts have been exacerbating the strain that has been placed on judges and other officers of the courts in NYC and Boston. As in the past two years, this program will discuss why all Asian Americans, regardless of origin and status, must understand and be concerned about these changes. Asian American lawyers can unite in taking action by responding to those changes that threaten the future of our families and communities alike while advocating for a vision of a more fair and humane immigration system.
CLE Accreditation

New York

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

Each CLE-eligible program is approved for a maximum of 1.5 NY CLE credits. Each program listing will indicate the category of credit and appropriateness for transitional New York attorneys. Please be aware that not every program carries CLE credit.

New York CLE credits are accepted on a reciprocal basis by Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut [1], Florida, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey [2], 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 (Course 308253) has been approved by the Pennsylvania CLE Board for a total of 6.00 credit hours (3.00 Ethics 6.00, Substantive). You may find the PA credit request form here: https://conference2019.aabany.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/PA-Course.pdf Please return to the PA CLE Board with a copy of your CLE certificate and the $9.00 credit fee.

* 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. Financial aid is available for eligible attendees. Please write to cle@aabany.org to request an application before registering.
Diversity Career Fair & Expo

AABANY’s Career Placement Committee is hosting its Annual Diversity Career Fair & Expo at the 2019 Northeast Regional/Fall Conference from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The Diversity Career Fair & Expo will feature selected public sector, corporate sector, and law firm employers who will host informational sessions, meet and greet interested applicants, and/or conduct first round on-site interviews. In addition, attendees can meet members of AABANY’s Career Placement Committee and receive career advice, as well as learn more about other job openings.

Please see this year’s participants from the Diversity Career Fair & Expo (current as of printing):

Employers Conducting First Round On-Site Interviews:
- Bronx County District Attorney’s Office
- Communities Resist
- Kings County District Attorney’s Office
- Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
- NYC Administration for Children’s Services
- New York City Law Department
- New York County District Attorney’s Office
- Queens County District Attorney’s Office
- Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office

Employers Hosting Informational Tables:
- Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP
- U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia
- Debevoise & Plimpton LLP
- New York State Department of Financial Services
- U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York
- Guru & Yeung
- Investment Property Exchange Service, Inc. (IPX 1031)
- Kings County District Attorney’s Office
- Legal Aid Society
- Mobilization for Justice, Inc.
- Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP
- Nassau County District Attorney’s Office
- National Labor Relations Board
- New York County District Attorney’s Office
- New York State Attorney General’s Office
- Queens County District Attorney’s Office
- Richmond County District Attorney’s Office
- The Sonia & Celina Sotomayor Judicial Internship Program, Inc.
- Southern District of New York, US Attorney’s Office
- Suffolk County DA’s Office
- US Navy JAG
- USAA

Employers Collecting Resumes:
- Investment Property Exchange Service, Inc. (IPX 1031)
- Kings County District Attorney’s Office
- Law Office of Hugh H. Mo, P.C.
- Lee Anav Chung White Kim Ruger & Richter LLP
- Legal Assistance of Western NY
- Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP
- Nassau County District Attorney’s Office
- National Labor Relations Board
- Queens County District Attorney’s Office
- Richmond County District Attorney’s Office
- Suffolk County DA’s Office
- US Navy JAG
- U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia
- Westchester District Attorney’s Office
We Proudly Present the Following Employers
Pitch Sessions

*Presented by the In-House Counsel and Corporate Law Committees*

During the 2019 NE Regional/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:

Barneys
Moelis & Company
Morgan Stanley
Parabellum Capital
Pearson
Rockefeller Group
Professional Development Coaching Sessions: “Developing the Ability to Influence Others”

Professional Development Coaching (“PDC”) Sessions are one-on-one sessions in which a distinguished group of faculty members meet with participants to troubleshoot specific professional and personal development issues that may be impeding career advancement. Our goal is to help you develop a game plan to address such issues and help you move forward and rise up in the legal profession.

PDC Sessions began in 2015 as a series of group mentoring sessions designed by former AABANY Board member Steven Chung to help break down abstract concepts like “networking” and “branding” and translate them into concrete, actionable strategies to help AABANY members advance their careers. We are proud to continue Steve’s mission.

PDC Sessions are a safe space where participants can seek and receive honest feedback on “blind spots” that may be inhibiting their career advancement. This year’s theme is developing the ability to influence others. This skill is an important one to cultivate at any stage of one’s career, whether you are a junior attorney seeking to be staffed on a certain matter, a seasoned attorney with your eye on partnership or the c-suite, or in transition planning your next career move. To this end, participants should be prepared to discuss (1) whom they want to influence, (2) under what scenario(s) do they want to influence this person, and (3) how they plan to influence this person. Please note that this is a one-time session and there is no expectation of an ongoing coaching or mentoring relationship.

This year’s faculty includes:

**Jasmine Ball**, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP
**James Cho**, Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of New York
**Diane Gujarati**, Deputy Chief, Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York
**William Hao**, Counsel, Alston & Bird LLP
**Naf Kwun**, Partner, Lee Anav Chung White Kim Ruger & Richter LLP
**Katherine Loanzon**, Managing Director, Kinney Recruiting LLC
**Judy Mok**, Of Counsel, Ballard Spahr LLP
**Will Ng**, Shareholder, Littler Mendelson P.C.
**Sapna W. Palla**, Partner, Wiggin and Dana LLP
**Terry Shen**, Partner, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
**Manisha Sheth**, Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP
**Brian Song**, Partner, Baker & Hostetler LLP
**Will Wang**, Assistant Attorney General, Office of NYS Attorney General

Trial Advocacy Program

Hosted by the Litigation Committee

**NY CLE:** 6 Credits in Skills, Transitional/Non-Transitional

**Program Chairs**
David Choi, Associate, Baker Hostetler, LLP
Jenny C. Wu, Counsel, Paul Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, LLP
James Y. Lee, Associate, Hawkins Parnell & Young, LLP

**Keynote Speaker**
Hon. Denny Chin, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

**Faculty**
- Joe Gim, Senior Assistant District Attorney, Nassau County District Attorney’s Office
- David Mou, Counsel, Aircraft Lighting International, Inc.
- Rodney Villazor, Partner, Smith Villazor LLP
- Sam Yee, Attorney, New York City Police Department
- Peter Polchinski, Partner, Hawkins Parnell & Young, LLP
- Manisha Sheth, Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP
- Yasuhiro Saito, Managing Partner, Saito Law Group PLLC

NAPABA and AABANY are proud to present the 2019 Trial Advocacy Program (“TAP”). TAP offers junior lawyers a unique opportunity to hone their trial skills under the care of experienced faculty. Participants will be assigned to teams of two to conduct opening statements, examine witnesses (direct and cross), and closing arguments. They will also learn directly from various trial veterans through morning and afternoon sessions. Course materials will be provided in advance.
Biographies

Meeta Anand

Meeta Anand is the New York Immigration Coalition’s Census 2020 Senior Fellow, spearheading the organization’s efforts to ensure a complete and accurate count of New Yorkers in the 2020 Census. Meeta has been actively involved in New York’s mission-driven community for more than a decade, most recently serving as Board Chair for Sakhi for South Asian Women. Meeta spent over 10 years working at the law firm White & Case LLP, where she was an associate in the project and asset finance group and headed business development for the same group. Prior to that, she clerked at the Court of International Trade, interned at the Division of Appeals and Opinions at the New York State Office of the Attorney General, worked as a commercial banker at Banco Santander, interned at the Bureau of Human Rights at the State Department, and assisted research in economics at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. She received a J.D. from Harvard Law School, an M.A from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and a B.A. from Tufts University in Political Science and Economics, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa.

Devin Alavian

Devin Alavian serves as North America Privacy and Data Protection Legal within the Global Technology and Data Group within Morgan Stanley. In that role, Devin advises on privacy and data protection laws and regulations related to the collection, use, disclosure and safeguarding of personal information. Prior to joining Morgan Stanley in April 2017, Devin was an associate at O’Melveny & Myers LLP. He earned a B.A., magna cum laude, from Duke University and a J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.
Amanda Bernardo is a Supervising Attorney at the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) Immigrant Protection Unit, where she oversees the case work of staff attorneys representing clients in removal (a.k.a. “deportation”) proceedings before the Immigration Court. Amanda also provides direct representation to clients in removal proceedings. Prior to joining NYLAG, Amanda was the senior associate attorney at a boutique immigration firm in downtown Manhattan where she specialized in removal defense and complex matters involving fraud and criminal issues. Amanda is a frequent speaker on immigration law for several affinity bar associations. She was the Immigration Law Committee Co-Chair for the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY), which AABANY named the Committee of the Year. The Filipino American Lawyers Association of New York (FALA New York) gave Amanda the Rising Star Award and she currently serves on FALA New York’s Board of Directors. In addition, Amanda is a Delegate for the Embassy of the Philippines’ Filipino Young Leaders Program. Amanda received her J.D. degree from Brooklyn Law School and her B.A. from American University, where she graduated summa cum laude with honors.

Jasmine Ball is a corporate partner and member of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP’s Business Restructuring & Workouts Group. Ms. Ball regularly represents debtors, investors, creditors and other parties in distressed mergers & acquisitions, workouts, debt and equity financing and refinancing, complex restructurings and Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. Ms. Ball is recognized by The Legal 500 US (2019) and IFLR 1000 (2019) as a leading restructuring lawyer. She was among the winners of Turnaround Management Association’s 2018 “International Restructuring of the Year,” Global M&A Network’s “Turnaround Atlas Awards 2018 Corporate Turnaround of the Year,” and M&A Advisor’s 2017 “Restructuring Deal of the Year ($1B to $5B)” for her role as aircraft counsel to CHC Group in its successful Chapter 11 proceedings.

Ms. Ball is Co-Chair of the International Women’s Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) New York Chapter and serves on the Board of Directors of The Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY). She is also a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Turnaround Management Association and on the TMA New York Academic Relations Committee, the International Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the Advisory Board of Practical Law Bankruptcy. In addition, she is a member of the firm’s Diversity & Inclusion Advisory Council and is active in various Asian legal associations, including the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Asian American Bar Association of New York.

Ms. Ball received her B.S. from Princeton University and her J.D. from the University of Michigan.
Meeka Bondy is Senior Vice President, Legal Affairs, for Home Box Office, Inc., responsible for legal matters pertaining to HBO Enterprises. This includes domestic and international distribution agreements for HBO and Cinemax original programming. She was named to this position in May 2013.

Bondy joined HBO as a Senior Counsel in March 2004 and was promoted to Vice President & Senior Counsel in September 2007, and Vice President, Legal Affairs in May 2010.

Bondy also worked as an Associate (Sep 1994 - Mar 1998) and Summer Associate (Mar 1992 - Aug 1992) at Brown Raysman Millstein Felder & Steiner LLP, where she handled legal matters for a variety of companies in the media, financial services, technology and telecommunications areas. She began her career at PC Magazine as an assistant, supporting its national advertising and sales representatives.

Bondy has a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School. She is an alumnus of the Betsy Magness Leadership Institute, Class 22. She lives in New York City with her husband and three children, and enjoys Shaolin Kung Fu, hiking, skiing, swimming, yoga, cooking and reading.

Kate Broderick advises global business teams on the legal issues of technology adoption, cybersecurity, and corporate governance as a Law Clerk on AIG’s global legal team. Kate’s interest in emerging technology, cybersecurity and privacy predates her legal career. Her master’s thesis examined the interaction between Google and Twitter’s respective privacy policies and the effectiveness of their communications to the public as a result of the PRISM disclosure by Edward Snowden. While studying in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, one of the first autonomous vehicle pilot programs prompted her to pursue further study in artificial intelligence (AI). While attending William & Mary Law School, Kate studied autonomous vehicle regulation and other AI-related legal issues (e.g. hiring discrimination and implementation ethics) as part the first legal course in the U.S. dedicated to legal issues in AI. Kate earned her B.A. in Humanities and MSc in Global Strategic Communications from the Florida Institute of Technology. She also holds an MPhil in Medieval Languages, Literature and Culture from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. Kate earned her J.D. from William & Mary Law School. She is pending admission to the New York State Bar.
David Caves is a shareholder at Bradley Riley Jacobs PC in Chicago. David leads a complex civil litigation practice with a focus on high-stakes commercial and IP disputes. He counsels clients on a variety of sensitive matters, helping clients develop a strategic response to situations with significant legal exposure and serving as coordinating counsel in a number of high-profile matters.

David is an experienced trial and appellate advocate who has litigated disputes in courts and arbitral arenas throughout the United States. He has extensive experience managing complex, multi-jurisdiction litigation and works with clients to efficiently and aggressively position matters for a successful resolution. David advises clients on a range of complex matters, with a particular focus on disputes involving trade secrets, copyright and trademark infringement, patents, non-competition agreements, antitrust, RICO, and insurance coverage.

David graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and Northwestern University. He joined Bradley Riley Jacobs PC in 2016 from a trial-focused litigation boutique and is an original member of the firm’s Chicago office. David chairs the firm’s IP and Technology practice group. He is active in several bar organizations, currently serving as a co-chair of the American Bar Association’s IP Litigation Trade Secrets Committee.

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He brings to this work over a decade of working with local LGBT API groups. He is a former co-chair of the Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men of New York, a political, educational, social, and peer-support group. He organized the first ever testimony before The White House Initiative on Asian Americans & Pacific Islander in 2000. In 1994, he spoke at the National March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation. He was named as one of Instinct Magazine’s “25 Leading Men of 2004,” in the magazine’s Nov. 2004 power issue.

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Dale received his law degree from U.C. Berkeley and helped found the Asian Law Caucus and the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area. He served on both California’s Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation and Senator Barbara Boxer’s judicial screening committee and served as Chair of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, appointed by President Clinton.

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Before going in-house, Trish focused her career on complex civil litigation and on representing institutions and individuals that were subject to investigation by criminal or regulatory authorities (DOJ, SEC, FINRA). Trish’s clients ranged from a textile retailer to some of the most successful hedge funds in the US, including individuals and executives of financial institutions. Trish first-chaired a jury trial involving claims of copyright infringement and received a favorable verdict for her client. In addition to being an experienced litigator, Trish is a trained arbitrator and mediator.
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Tommy Shi

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Tommy also served for over ten years as a counsel in MBUSA’s legal department, managing litigation, marketing, intellectual property and real estate matters. Prior to MBUSA, as an associate at a New Jersey law firm, Tommy worked on commercial litigation and transactional matters.

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Currently, Madhu sits on the steering committee of the Women’s Committee of the Association of Corporate Counsel; the in-house steering committee of the South Asian Bar Association of New York; serves on the Board of Trustees to The Town Hall; and also on the Board of ReelWorks, an organization dedicated to educating disadvantaged youth through filmmaking. Madhu has also been chosen to sit on the Executive Board to the newly formed Diversity & Inclusion Committee at AMC Networks.

In March 2019, Madhu was recognized as a “Wonder Woman” by Multichannel Magazine, one of the highest honors given to women working in the television industry. Madhu was also recognized as one of the “Most Powerful Women in Cable” by Cablefax Magazine in 2017 and 2018. Madhu is a frequent national speaker and moderator on issues related to entertainment law, mentorship, diversity, and issues that impact working women and mothers.

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Paul has been an adjunct professor of cybersecurity law and policy at George Washington University, a guest lecturer on cybersecurity and privacy at various universities, and an instructor at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. Previously, he was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Virginia Cyber Security Commission. He is now a member of the Maryland Cybersecurity Council, a position appointed by the State Attorney General, and is a member of the Montgomery County Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission, a position appointed by the County Executive (Chair in 2015).

Paul is a graduate of the Woodrow Wilson School for Public and International Affairs at Princeton University (MPA) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (SB). He holds a J.D. from Columbia Law School and is admitted to the DC and Maryland bars.

William Tong is the 25th Attorney General to serve Connecticut since the office was established in 1897. He took office on January 9, 2019 as the first Asian American elected at the statewide level, in Connecticut.

Before his election as Attorney General, William served for 12 years in Connecticut’s General Assembly representing the 147th District, which includes North Stamford and Darien. Most recently, William served as House Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. In this position, William was responsible for all legislation related to constitutional law, criminal law, civil rights, consumer protection, probate, judicial nominations and the Judicial branch, and major areas of substantive law.

During his service in the legislature, William helped lead passage of landmark legislation, including the Connecticut Second Chance Act, Domestic Violence Restraining Order Act, Lost and Stolen Firearms Act, the Act Protecting Homeowner Rights, and the Act Protecting Schoolchildren.

A Connecticut native, William grew up in the Hartford area and attended schools in West Hartford. He graduated from Phillips Academy Andover, Brown University and the University of Chicago Law School. He has practiced law for the last 18 years as a litigator in both state and federal courts, first at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, in New York City and for the past 15 years at Finn Dixon & Herling LLP, in Stamford.

William is the oldest of five children, and grew up working side-by-side with his immigrant parents in their family’s Chinese restaurant. He and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Stamford with their three children and too many pets. Elizabeth is Vice President of Tax for North America for Diageo Corporation.
Djung Tran is an immigration attorney at Tran Law Associates in Philadelphia, and a Temple University Law School graduate with strong ties to several immigrant communities. She is an immigrant herself twice over, having first journeyed as a refugee from Vietnam to Australia as a child, and then from Australia to the United States as a teenager. Ms. Tran is a member of the Executive Committee of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania ("APABA-PA") and is a past Chair of APABA-PA’s Community Outreach Committee. In 2017, Ms. Tran received the Community Organizer Award from the Center City Crime Victims Services of Philadelphia. In 2010, she received the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division’s F. Sean Peretta Award, an award presented to an individual who has devoted substantial time to an innovative or non-traditional program that serves the community. In 2009, she was recognized by the Legal Intelligencer as a Diversity Attorney for her pro bono work in educating local community groups about their legal rights. Ms. Tran has recently presented on the issues of sanctuary cities and the 4th Amendment rights of immigrants, and testified on the effects of the 1996 IIRIRA immigration reforms and driver’s licenses for undocumented immigrants.

Quyen Truong is a seasoned health advocate with experience in program research and evaluation. She partners with health care providers and community members to investigate service provider issues, review and evaluate state-funded behavioral health programs, and advocate for health care access. With her research and evaluations, Quyen informs policy makers about the strengths and gaps in our health systems.

Quyen is also a fine artist and graphic designer who has exhibited widely across New England. She is particularly interested in the ways in which art can create spaces for meaningful discourse. The paintings she created to elucidate her father’s seven years of imprisonment in Vietnamese re-education camps have been integrated into the Choices Program at Brown University as part of a national curricula to teach students about the unintended consequences of war.
The Honorable Stella M. Tsai was appointed to the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in 2016 and then elected to the bench in her own right in November 2017. Before joining the bench, Judge Tsai was a business litigation partner in the Philadelphia office of Archer & Greiner, PC concentrating in regulatory compliance, land use, and ethics. Ms. Tsai re-entered private practice after serving as Chair of Administrative Law at the City of Philadelphia Law Department from 2000-2003, where she managed the attorneys who represent the child welfare and social service agencies.

Throughout her career in private practice, Judge Tsai remained actively involved in charitable activities and public service. She was an inaugural member of the reconstituted City of Philadelphia Board of Ethics, which is charged with enforcing the City’s campaign finance and ethics laws. In 2011, the Hon. Michael A. Nutter appointed Judge Tsai to the City’s Zoning Code Commission (“ZCC”) to help rewrite the Zoning Code and help modernize how future development, and facilitate sustainable growth would be managed. After the ZCC concluded its work, Mayor Nutter appointed Judge Tsai to the Board of Trustees of the Community College of Philadelphia, the largest public institution of higher education in Philadelphia. Judge Tsai has also chaired or held other leadership positions on numerous non-profit boards including the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania, the Women’s Law Project, Volunteers for the Indigent in Philadelphia (“VIP”), Philadelphia Diversity Law Group, Legacy Youth & Tennis Education, and First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia.

While in private practice, Judge Tsai provided countless hours of pro bono representation and advocacy for low income individuals in a wide range of matters including custody and support disputes, voting rights cases, civil rights cases, political asylum and other immigration issues.

Judge Tsai earned her B.A. in political science with honors and distinction from the Pennsylvania State University in 1985 and her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1988.

Quyen Truong is a Partner at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, and acts as a strategic counselor to leaders in regulated industries, helping them influence and comply with the law and realize enterprise objectives. She represents clients through all phases of regulation, supervision, and enforcement by Federal and State government authorities, specializing in consumer protection, privacy, and digital innovation. She helps clients prevail in bet-the-company proceedings, including class actions, product launches, and multimillion and billion-dollar transactions.

Quyen has an impressive fluency in regulation and enforcement gained through senior roles at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Communications Commission, and private practice. As Assistant Director and Deputy General Counsel, Quyen helped build the CFPB and implement the Dodd-Frank Act. She oversaw the CFPB’s litigation, oversight, and review of enforcement activities, and she coordinated with other authorities, including serving as deputy to the FSOC. At the FDIC, she managed outside counsel nationwide in pursuing officer/director liability and other claims. As Associate Bureau Chief at the FCC, she implemented the Telecom Act and was cited as a Millennium Leader for her work on M&A and Internet/digital innovation. A recognized authority on consumer finance, privacy and online issues, Quyen is often quoted by The Wall Street Journal, New York Times, American Banker, etc.

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Sandra Ung

Sandra Ung is currently serving as Special Assistant to Congresswoman Grace Meng (D-Queens). She also works on the Congresswoman’s re-election campaign committee and is the Executive Director of At the Table PAC, founded by Congresswoman Meng. At the Table PAC is especially near and dear to Sandra, as its mission is to elect more women and individuals from traditionally underserved communities to federal office. Sandra has been a resident of Flushing, Queens for more than 30 years and serves her community as the New York State Committeewoman for Assembly District 40. She also has been serving on the Board of Managers of the Flushing YMCA for the past 6 years.

Sandra earned her J.D. from Columbia Law School in 2001. Sandra has dedicated her life to serving her community. Prior to working for Congresswoman Meng, her public service consisted of being the Special Assistant to the NYS Commissioner on Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, a Legislative Assistant to former New York City Comptrollers William C. Thompson, Jr., and John C. Liu, the Chief of Staff to former New York State Assemblyman Jimmy K. Meng, and a staff attorney for Sanctuary For Families, a not-for-profit organization which assists domestic violence victims. Sandra also worked as an associate at Dorsey & Whitney, LLP.

Born in Cambodia before living in Taiwan, her family came to New York City when she was seven years old, residing in Flushing since she was ten. Sandra is a stalwart community advocate and the primary caretaker of her parents.

Jerry Vattamala

Jerry Vattamala is the Director of the Democracy Program at the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF). Jerry has been a leader in collecting electoral data on and protecting Asian American voters, organizing AALDEF’s National Asian American Exit Poll and Voter Protection Program which deployed over 600 volunteers in 14 states and Washington DC, to survey and protect over 8,000 Asian American voters on Election Day 2018. Jerry has also organized the Asian American community for redistricting, serving as AALDEF’s lead attorney on New York’s Favors v. Cuomo federal redistricting litigation, resulting in more Asian majority and influence districts at all legislative levels. Jerry has also testified on behalf of the Asian American community before the House Judiciary Committee and the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and observes elections for compliance with state and federal voting laws across the country.

Jerry litigates cases concerning violations of Sections 203 and 208 of the Voting Rights Act and regularly meets with Boards of Elections across the country to ensure full compliance with federal and local language assistance provisions and the Help America Vote Act. Jerry is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at New York Law School. Prior to joining AALDEF, Jerry worked as a commercial litigator at Proskauer Rose LLP. Jerry received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering from Binghamton University and is a graduate of Hofstra University School of Law.
Jessica Vu currently serves as Chief Counsel to Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tennessee), where she advises on Senate Judiciary Committee issues. Previously, as Counsel to Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), she worked on judicial nominations and the confirmation of Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court.

Jessica has worked in all three branches of government and has experience in local, state and national politics. After law school, she clerked on the Supreme Court of Texas for Judge Don Willett (now of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit). She then clerked for Judge John McBryde of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. She was a prosecutor for three years at the Harris County District Attorney’s Office before going on to serve Texas Governor Greg Abbott as his Public Information Coordinator and Assistant General Counsel. She was then Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division at the United States Department of Justice.

Jessica graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with highest honors in Political Science, and a minor in Southeast Asian Studies. She received her J.D. from Harvard Law School, where she was Executive Editor of the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy. She currently serves on the board of the Federalist Society’s D.C. Young Lawyers Chapter.

Rodney Villazor 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 directs 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 the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and chaired the NYC 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 AABANY’s Government Service and Public Interest, Pro Bono and Community Service, and Immigration Law committees. As a volunteer with AABANY’s Community Response Taskforce, she 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.
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Prior to joining PRADA, David worked at MetLife from 2008 through 2018. At MetLife, David held various positions in the Employment Law & Litigation Unit, and was Chief of Staff to the General Counsel from August 2017 through June 2018.

David also worked as an employment litigation associate at Sidley Austin LLP from 2005 through 2008 and Jackson Lewis P.C. from 2000 through 2005.

David is admitted to practice law in New York. He earned his law degree, with distinction, from Hofstra University School of Law, where he was an Articles Editor for the Hofstra Labor and Employment Law Journal. David received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Delaware.
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Karen is active in bar associations and community organizations. As a co-chair of the Pro Bono and Community Service Committee of the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY), she coordinates the Monthly Pro Bono Advice and Referral Clinic, which has served thousands of clients since December 2015. She also oversees AABANY’s ever-expanding pro bono activities. Karen frequently conducts training and speaks on employment matters, Asian America, cross-cultural competencies, and immigrants’ rights.

Karen received her law degree from Northeastern University School of Law and graduated from Stony Brook University and Brooklyn Technical High School. She is admitted in New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. She emigrated from Hong Kong and speaks fluent Cantonese Chinese.

Sam Yee 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 has also conducted dozens of grand jury presentations, motion hearings, and court trials.

Before his legal career, Sam 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.
Tsui H. Yee is the founder of the Law Offices of Tsui H. Yee P.C., a boutique firm in New York, New York. Tsui focuses her practice exclusively in the area of U.S. immigration and nationality law. Her clients range from entrepreneurs and artists/creatives seeking to apply for permanent residence based on “extraordinary ability”; families fleeing persecution and applying for asylum protection in the U.S.; individuals fighting deportation; to employers seeking to hire the best and the brightest from abroad.

Tsui graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law in 1998 and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Tufts University in 1993. She is admitted to practice law in the State of New York; the Second Circuit Court of Appeals; and the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

Prior to forming the Law Offices of Tsui H. Yee P.C. in February 2017, Tsui was a founding partner of two immigration firms, Guerrero Yee LLP in 2011 and Yee & Durkin, LLP in 2005. A proud native New Yorker, Tsui was born in Manhattan and raised in Little Italy/Chinatown.

In 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 Tsui was named a Super Lawyer (a designation that is bestowed on less than 5% of attorneys) in the field of immigration law.

Pauline Yeung-Ha is a Partner in the law firm of Grimaldi & Yeung LLP. Ms. Yeung-Ha concentrates in the practice areas of Trusts, Wills and Estates, Elder Law as well as Special Needs Planning. She received her undergraduate degree from Vassar College and her law degree from St. John’s University School of Law. She is admitted to practice in both New York and New Jersey.

In addition to her practice, Ms. Yeung-Ha holds the following professional positions: Vice-Chair of the Diversity Committee and Co-Chair of the Estates, Trusts and Tax Issues Committee of the Elder Law Section of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA); Member of the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA); Member of the Estate Planning Committee of the Trusts & Estates Law Section of NYSBA; Co-Chair of the Pro Bono and Community Service Committee of the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY); Trustee on the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Bar Association; Secretary on the Board of Directors of CaringKind (formerly Alzheimer’s Association, NYC Chapter); Member of the Board of Directors of the New York Chapter, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA).

Ms. Yeung-Ha has received recognition from the following organizations: Honoree, St. John’s University School of Law Chapter of the Asian-Pacific American Law Student’s Association (APALSA), 2018; “Super Lawyer” 2015 to 2018; “Best Lawyer” 2012 to 2018; Brooklyn’s Women of Distinction, 2017; Honoree, General Human Outreach in the Community, Inc., 2017; Honoree, Chinese-American Planning Council, Inc., Brooklyn Branch for service and dedication to the Brooklyn Chinese community, 2015; New York’s Women Leaders in the Law, 2012; Super Lawyer’s “Rising Star” 2011 to 2014; NAPABA’s “Best Lawyers Under 40,” 2011; Citation awarded by former Assemblywoman (now Congresswoman) Grace Meng, 2010.

Ms. Yeung-Ha is active in serving the community as well. Aside from conducting presentations in English, she also gives seminars in Cantonese and Mandarin Chinese. Ms. Yeung-Ha was a key speaker for Assemblywoman Grace Meng’s Senior Law & Financial Planning Workshop.
Libin Zhang is a tax partner resident in Fried Frank’s New York office. He has extensive experience advising on a diverse range of real estate, corporate, and international taxation matters. At Fried Frank, he represents real estate investment trusts (REITs) and other companies on tax-free reorganizations, spin-offs, cross-border joint ventures, complex leases, and other tax-efficient transactions. He also advises clients about tax credits, state and local transfer taxes, and qualified opportunity zones. He received his J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School, his LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law, and his B.S. and M.S. from the California Institute of Technology. He is admitted to the New York Bar.

Charles Yi joined Arnold & Porter as a Partner in May 2019 after serving as the General Counsel of the FDIC since 2015. Previously, Charles served as Staff Director and Chief Counsel on the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs where he was responsible for all issues under the committee’s jurisdiction. He also previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Banking and Finance at the U.S. Treasury Department and as Counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Financial Services. Prior to his public sector experience, Charles practiced banking, corporate, and securities law at WilmerHale in Washington, D.C., and at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in New York, N.Y. He also previously served in the U.S. Army as Captain and Lieutenant in the Armored Cavalry. Charles received a Juris Doctor degree from Columbia Law School; a Master of Public Affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs at Princeton University; a Master of Arts, Business Administration, from Bowie State University; and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and Nuclear Engineering, from the University of California, Berkeley.
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An elderly woman and her son were being harassed and evicted by their landlord. The mother and her deceased spouse had raised her entire family in her apartment and her son had spent his entire life there. The basis for the eviction was that they declined to sign leases that their landlord suddenly demanded after allowing this practice for nearly 40 years.

A woman recently was seeking a divorce from her husband who held all of their assets and frequently threatened to kill her and himself, if she ever left him. A light bulb clearly went off in her head during the consultation when she first recognized the signs of domestic violence and abuse in her situation.

An employee began to suffer from anxiety and depression and sought treatment after her employer broke its promise of a specified salary. The employer, not only declined to move her assignment closer to her home to accommodate her disability, it revealed her mental health status to her colleagues in violation of the law.

In December 2015, AABANY started the Monthly Pro Bono Legal Advice and Referral Clinic by leveraging expertise and language skills of its strong and diverse membership. Since then, working with community organizations, the Clinic has provided thousands of low-income clients with free legal advice and referrals. The Clinic effectively expands access to justice and provides the Asian American community a gateway to getting high-quality, culturally, and linguistically competent legal services. In the fall of 2018, the Clinic began to systematically incorporate Know-Your-Rights presentations on topics such as discrimination, elder, housing, immigration, wage and hour law, and accessing the civil court system in New York.

For over three years, AABANY members and other volunteers have given clinic clients advice about housing, immigration, family law, benefits (SSI, Medicare, and Medicaid), wills/trusts, employment, criminal law, and many other subjects. Volunteers have explained official letters and interpreted government forms. Clients, mostly monolingual Chinese and Japanese speakers, have come to the Clinic located in Confucius Plaza, Chinatown in Manhattan from all five boroughs, with some coming from as far as Yonkers, Long Island, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

This fall (September 2019), AABANY, in collaboration with local elected officials, will be piloting an expansion of the Clinic’s services to Brooklyn in a location easily accessible by Chinese and other Asian community members. As a sign of the community’s enormous need for legal assistance, seven local and grassroots organizations have sponsored this Clinic and reached out to their constituents about the Clinic.

The dry facts cannot wholly paint the Clinic’s importance to the Asian American community. The Clinic was able to provide the elderly client and her son with an understanding of the holdover process and referrals to pro bono counsel and lawyers who charge on a sliding scale. Because of her cultural upbringing, the woman whose husband threatened to kill her would have never termed her marriage abusive and received help from a legal services office that specializes in representing survivors of domestic violence without a consultation with a Clinic volunteer.

Over the course of a couple of months, a Clinic volunteer lawyer continued to advise the employee client whose employer refused to accommodate her disability. As a result of this advice, the employee successfully filed a complaint with the New York City Human Rights Commission. Every month clients come to the Clinic with reports of flagrant violations of the law and have nowhere else to turn. Every month, dozens of AABANY members work pro bono together to level the playing fields.

The Manhattan Clinic occurs on the second Wednesday of each month at Confucius Plaza at 33 Bowery Street, Suite C202, New York, NY 10002, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Brooklyn Clinic will occur on Thursdays, September 26th and November 28th of 2019 and January 23, 2020 at the A Plus Academy at 6802 8th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11220. Co-chairs of the AABANY Pro Bono & Community Service Committee coordinate these Clinic services.

Please expand the APA community’s access to justice and support the Clinic’s operation. Donations may be made online at www.AsianAmericanLawFund.org or by check to Asian American Law Fund of New York (AALFNY), P.O. Box 2653, New York, NY 10163-2653. Please indicate in the memo line that this donation is intended to benefit the Clinic. A copy of AALFNY’s latest annual report may be obtained from us at this address or from the NY Attorney General’s Charities Bureau at www.charitiesnys.com. Additional information may also be obtained from us at donations@AsianAmericanLawFund.org or by check to Asian American Law Fund of New York, P.O. Box 2653, New York, NY 10163-2653. Please indicate in the memo line that this donation is intended to benefit the Clinic. A copy of AALFNY’s latest annual report may be obtained from us at this address or from the NY Attorney General’s Charities Bureau at www.charitiesnys.com. Additional information may also be obtained from us at donations@AsianAmericanLawFund.org or by check to Asian American Law Fund of New York, P.O. Box 2653, New York, NY 10163-2653. Please indicate in the memo line that this donation is intended to benefit the Clinic. A copy of AALFNY’s latest annual report may be obtained from us at this address or from the NY Attorney General’s Charities Bureau at www.charitiesnys.com. Additional information may also be obtained from us at donations@AsianAmericanLawFund.org or by check to Asian American Law Fund of New York, P.O. Box 2653, New York, NY 10163-2653. Please indicate in the memo line that this donation is intended to benefit the Clinic. A copy of AALFNY’s latest annual report may be obtained from us at this address or from the NY Attorney General’s Charities Bureau at www.charitiesnys.com. Additional information may also be obtained from us at donations@AsianAmericanLawFund.org or by check to Asian American Law Fund of New York, P.O. Box 2653, New York, NY 10163-2653. Please indicate in the memo line that this donation is intended to benefit the Clinic. A copy of AALFNY’s latest annual report may be obtained from us at this address or from the NY Attorney General’s Charities Bureau at www.charitiesnys.com.

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