

## AABANY Quarterly Report: February 1, 2017 – April 30, 2017

During the quarter, we held our *2017 Annual Dinner: Take Charge | Lead Change*, our last Board Meeting of FY 2016, our Annual Meeting, where we elected new officers and directors for the upcoming year, our Committee Chairs' Orientation and Reception, and our first Board Meeting of FY 2017. The quarter also marked the commencement of new terms for our Committee Chairs, the majority of whom returned to serve another term.

### Special Events

*February 16, 2017* A **special robing ceremony** was held by the Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York (KALAGNY) to celebrate the Honorable Judy Kim as the first Korean American to be elected judge in New York State. Many AABANY members were present during the ceremony.

*February 21, 2017* AABANY co-sponsored a **Trial Re-enactment of the Murder of Vincent Chin**, which took place at Brooklyn Law School (BLS), was jointly conducted with the help of the student organizations BLS Asian Pacific American Law Student Association and Brooklyn Law Students for the Public Interest.

*March 25, 2017* To assist attorneys in developing better advocacy skills and knowledge of litigation procedures, AABANY's Litigation Committee hosted the annual **AABANY Trial Advocacy Program**, a day-long CLE where attorneys were provided with opportunities to hear from panelists, who spoke extensively about how to conduct an effective cross-examination and opening and closing statement, followed by smaller breakout groups formed to practice advocacy skills in front of seasoned trial lawyers who provided feedback and critique.

*April 18, 2017* Our **Mentorship Program Spring Reception** was held at Baker & McKenzie, where this year's class of mentees met with their mentors.

*April 20, 2017* **The Committee Chairs' Orientation** was held to prepare returning and incoming committee chairs to lead their committees in FY 2017. Committee chairs then gathered for a reception afterwards at the New York Yankees Steakhouse.

### Panels & CLEs

*February 14, 2017* AABANY and the Filipino American Lawyers Association of New York (FALA New York) jointly hosted a webinar entitled "**Understanding Trump's Executive Orders on Immigration**," which explained and discussed the potential ramifications of Trump's executive orders on the immigrant community as a whole.

*February 16, 2017* **Path to the Bench with the Hon. Denny Chin of the Second Circuit** was a presentation given by Judge Denny Chin on his experiences emigrating to the U.S. and the early years of his career as a lawyer in private practice. The event was organized by the Muslim Bar Association of New York (MuBANY), and was co-sponsored by AABANY and by other minority bar associations.

*February 21, 2017* AABANY's Litigation Committee hosted a CLE entitled **Litigation Funding – Past, Present, and Future**. The CLE covered topics such as the ethics of litigation funding and how to make funding applications.

*February 24, 2017* **Writ of Habeas Corpus Training**, an event organized by KALAGNY which AABANY co-sponsored, covered the implications of the Trump executive orders, and also provided training on filing habeas corpus petitions.

*March 16, 2017* AABANY's Judiciary Committee hosted **The Importance of Engaging in Judicial Screening Committee Panels** at Dorsey & Whitney LLP. Topics discussed included the importance of maintaining a diverse and excellent judiciary, how AABANY members could contribute to the pursuit of a more diverse judiciary, and the need for transparency and confidentiality in the judicial screening process.

### Community Outreach

*February 7, 2017* **The Get to Know AABANY Happy Hour**, hosted by AABANY's Membership, Asia Practice, Corporate Law, Bankruptcy, and Student Outreach Committees, provided a chance for AABANY members to connect and for non-members to learn more about AABANY through the work of the featured committees.

*February 8, 2017, March 8, 2017 & April 12, 2017* AABANY continued to provide legal assistance to members of the Chinatown community through the **Pro Bono Monthly Clinic**, held on the second Wednesday of every month.

*February 11, 2017* Hosted by Columbia Law School's Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, and co-sponsored by AABANY, **"Foreign" Americans – Asian America and Race** was a day-long event featuring a series of panel discussions on topics such as Asian American leadership.

*February 12, 2017* Co-chairs of AABANY's Young Lawyers Committee and AABANY members banded together for a day of **volunteering at the Xavier Soup Kitchen**

*February 21, 2017* AABANY co-sponsored the Museum of Chinese in America event **"Film and Forum - Immigration, Exclusion, and Acts of Civic Engagement: Leveraging Our Asian American Experiences."** The event consisted of a screening of Felicia Lowe's *Chinese Couplets*, a film centered on the filmmaker's investigation into her mother's emigration story during the Chinese Exclusion era, and an open forum that featured panelists drawn from fields ranging from academia to immigration law.

*March 15, 2017* Hosted by AABANY's LGBT Committee, **A Sign of the Times: A Legal and Political Analysis of What's at Stake for LGBT Asians and South Asians** was a panel discussion event discussing the impact of the Trump executive orders on the LGBT Asian American and South Asian community. Co-sponsors included KALAGNY, the South Asian Bar Association of New York (SABANY), and the LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York.

*April 28, 2017* AABANY will be co-sponsoring the **New York Diversity Forum**, a CLE seminar hosted at the U.S. District Courthouse by the Eastern District of New York Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. A delegation of AABANY and SABANY members will be

hosting a panel discussion session entitled “**Legacy of Exclusion: Learning from the Lessons of History, from the Chinese Exclusion Act to the Current Immigration Executive Orders.**” Other minority bar associations such as MuBANY and the Hispanic National Bar Association will also be presenting panels at the forum.

### Networking

*February 1, 2017* **Learn to Ballroom Dance with Dancing Classrooms** provided an occasion for AABANY members to network and interact while being taught how to ballroom dance. Dancing Classrooms is a non-profit dedicated to social and emotional learning for schoolchildren in New York and across the world.

*March 3, 2017* Co-hosted by AABANY and the New York Intellectual Property Law Association, the **Intellectual Property Committee Happy Hour** served as a chance for members from both organizations to meet and greet.

*March 5, 2017* AABANY’s IP and Young Lawyers Committees hosted a **Laser Tag Social**.

March 8, 2017 **Indian Chinese Food at the Chinese Club**, a restaurant in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, was a chance for both AABANY and SABANY members to share a unique culinary experience. Attendees were able to sample exotic-sounding dishes such as “Manchow Soup” and “Bhel Salad,” memorable experiences that probably introduced to many attendees a different perspective on the expansive worldwide effects of Chinese immigration.

March 27, 2017 AABANY’s **Real Estate Networking Event**, hosted by AABANY’s Real Estate Committee and East West Bank, was held at Hyatt Place in Flushing and enjoyed a strong turnout of attorneys and real estate industry professionals.

### Meetings and Committee Dinners

*February 28, 2017* The AABANY **Tax Club Dinner** took place at Tang Pavilion. The discussion topic was tax reform.

*February 28, 2017* AABANY’s **Bankruptcy Committee** hosted its last meeting of FY 2016 at Osamil, a restaurant in Koreatown.

*February 28, 2017* The AABANY **Women’s Committee Meeting** featured a career-planning session and a discussion of upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

*March 14, 2017* AABANY’s final **FY 2016 Board Meeting** was held at Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer, led by outgoing President Susan L. Shin, a partner at the firm.

*March 15, 2017 and April 26, 2017* AABANY’s **Government Service & Public Interest and Pro-Bono & Community Service Committees** jointly held a committee meeting at Legal Services NYC to discuss future initiatives.

*April 19, 2017* AABANY’s first **FY 2017 Board Meeting** was held at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

*April 26, 2017* AABANY's **Judiciary Committee Meeting** held its first meeting of FY 2017 at King & Spalding LLP.