

## AABANY Quarterly Report: May 1, 2017 – July 30, 2017

The quarter began with Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May, during which we hosted and co-sponsored many events in celebration of this important occasion. For example, the Judiciary Committee hosted the Judges' Reception, honoring both new and retired APA judges and reflecting upon the state of the APA community. AABANY co-sponsored a photo exhibition of the work of Corky Lee, which celebrated the Asian American experience. The Government Service and Public Interest Committee co-sponsored For the Public Good, a discussion with three Asian American pioneers in the federal government. In addition to these APA Heritage Month events, AABANY presented and hosted many programs and activities for the benefit of its members and the community.

### Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Events

*May 9, 2017* AABANY co-sponsored a screening of the film "**Kicking Glass: From the Courtroom to the Boardroom,**" followed by a discussion on the themes and issues of the film with Hon. Doris Ling-Cohan and Judiciary Committee Co-Chair and Past President Linda Lin. The screening was hosted by Fried Frank in honor of APA Heritage Month.

*May 17, 2017* Hosted by the Judiciary Committee of AABANY and sponsored by Hard IP, the **Judges' Reception** honored newly inducted and retiring Asian-American judges at The Loft in Flatiron. Presiding Justice Randall T. Eng of the Appellate Division Second Department reflected on the progress made by the APA community and the work still to be done.

*May 23, 2017* AABANY co-sponsored a **Photography Exhibit and Conversation with Corky Lee** at the offices of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, as part of Cleary Gottlieb's celebration of APA Heritage Month. Renowned Chinese-American photojournalist Corky Lee's photos chronicle the Asian American experience within the fabric of American history.

*May 24, 2017* Along with the Filipino American Lawyers Association of New York (FALA-New York) and the Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York (KALAGNY), AABANY co-sponsored a **movie screening of *Abacus: Too Small to Jail*** at the IFC Center. The movie followed the Manhattan DA's prosecution of Chinatown-based Abacus Bank. Many AABANY members were present, and former AABANY President Andy Hahn moderated a Q & A session with the Sung family (who were featured in the film) and one of the film's producers.

*May 30, 2017* In honor of APA Heritage Month, the Government Service and Public Interest Committee of AABANY co-sponsored **For the Public Good – APA Lawyers Taking Charge & Leading Change** at Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP, which featured three prominent Asian American panelists (Judge Denny Chin, Representative Grace Meng and Acting U.S. Attorney Joon Kim) from all branches of the federal government.

*May 31, 2017* AABANY performed **its latest trial reenactment**, “This Land Is Our Land: Oyama v. California” at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP. The performance drew more than 300 RSVPs, and the audience included AABANY members, prominent members of the judiciary and other dignitaries.

### Special Events

*May 1, 2017* AABANY joined its sister bar associations **in the memorial service** for Judge Abdus-Salaam at the New York City Bar. Judge Abdus-Salaam was the first African-American woman to sit on the New York Court of Appeals, the highest court in New York, as an associate judge. AABANY stood in solidarity with its sister bar associations to honor a trailblazing jurist.

*June 6, 2017* AABANY co-presented ***The War Against Chinese Restaurants***, along with the Museum of Chinese in America, where the event was held. A teacher and scholar of immigration law, criminal procedure, and race and law, Gabriel “Jack” Chin discussed the struggles that Chinese restaurants faced during the turn of the last century.

*June 22, 2017* AABANY’s **Prosecution Committee** hosted its **9th Annual Reception** at the New York County Lawyers’ Association, where the committee honored Deputy Chief Ellen Chang of the NYPD and Judge Danny Chun of Kings County Supreme Court for their exemplary records of public service.

*June 27, 2017*, the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting & Networking Reception for Law Firm Partners and Senior In-House Counsel**, sponsored by AABANY’s Corporate Law Committee and In-House Counsel Committee, took place at the New York Yankee Steakhouse in Midtown. During the evening, corporate attorneys and in-house counsel had the opportunity to connect over an array of fine wines and small dishes.

### Panels & CLEs

*May 11, 2017* AABANY and the Filipino American Lawyers Association of New York (FALA-New York) jointly hosted a **CLE on Caregivers Rights**, held at Phillips Lytle, which explained the legal protections available for professional and primary caregivers of families and expectant parents.

*June 1, 2017* In **Immigration, What’s Old is New Again**, sponsored by the Asian Affairs Committee of the New York City Bar Association, and co-sponsored by AABANY, the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, and the New York City Bar Association’s Middle Eastern & North African Affairs, Task Force on National Security & the Rule of Law, International Human Rights, Immigration & Nationality Law, and Civil Rights Committees, three law professors discussed President Trump’s Executive Order in light of America’s past immigration policies towards Asian Americans. Held at the New York City Bar Association, the panelists analyzed and offered perspectives on the history and present state of immigration in the U.S.

*June 8, 2017* AABANY along with the South Asian Bar Association of New York (SABANY) co-sponsored a **CLE panel** titled “**Immigration and Family Law Options for South Asian Domestic Violence Survivors**” at DLA Piper LLP. The panelists provided an overview of immigration and family law processes as they apply to South Asian immigrant survivors, along with the cultural considerations of working with South Asian clients.

*June 22, 2017, June 27, 2017* **The Asian American Vote**, co-sponsored by AABANY and the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF), was held at Ropes & Gray LLP and Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. The panels presented AALDEF’s multilingual exit poll in the 2016 Presidential and Congressional elections, and analyzed key electoral issues affecting the Asian American community.

*June 28, 2017* AABANY’s Real Estate Committee and the AABANY Solo and Small Firm Practice Committee hosted **Don’t Sign the Contracts Yet! Due Diligence and Residential Real Estate Contracts** at the Brooklyn branch of Flushing Bank. In light of increased demand for real estate investments from foreign buyers, the panel chairs gave insightful advice on minimizing liability for attorneys and realtors.

*July 11, 2017* Co-hosted by the Government Service & Public Interest and the Pro Bono & Community Service Committees, **Pro Bono Training: Special Education Hearings for Asian American Children with Disabilities** provided expert training from Legal Services NYC on how to provide representation to low- and moderate-income Asian American parents with disabled children, who are frequently denied adequate education and face obstacles in accessing underfunded legal services. Held at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP.

#### Community Outreach

*May 10, 2017, June 14, 2017 & July 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. AABANY thanks its volunteer attorneys and translators for giving their time to assist numerous members of the community in need of legal assistance.

#### Networking

*June 6, 2017* The Young Lawyers Committee of AABANY participated in **pub trivia** along with 13 other New York bar associations at the Australian NYC in Midtown. They won third place.

*June 16, 2017* AABANY fielded a team for the **2017 Trivia Bowl**, organized by the Asian American Journalists Association of New York at Broad Street Ballroom, where they fought through five rounds of tough questions. The team did not repeat last year’s first place victory and had to be content with a fifth place finish. Better luck next time!

*July 12th, 2017* **The Get to Know AABANY Happy Hour**, hosted by AABANY's Membership, Litigation, Immigration, Labor & Employment, and Student Outreach Committees, provided a chance for AABANY members to connect and for non-members to learn more about AABANY through the committees' work.

*July 13, 2017*, AABANY's Government Service & Public Interest, Labor & Employment Law, Bankruptcy and Young Lawyers Committees held a **karaoke night** at Karaoke City in Koreatown.

#### Committee Meetings and Events

*May 1, 2017* AABANY's **In-House Counsel Committee** hosted its **Kick-Off Meeting** at the offices of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

*May 31, 2017* AABANY's **Tax Committee** hosted a **Tax Club dinner** at the Tang Pavilion, a restaurant in Midtown. They discussed international tax reform.

*June 7, 2017* AABANY's **Government Service & Public Interest and Pro-Bono & Community Service Committees** jointly held a meeting at Legal Services NYC to discuss expanding pro bono programs and other community outreach initiatives.

*June 7, 2017* Over dim sum and tea, AABANY's **Labor and Employment Law Committee** had **dinner with EEOC Commissioner Jenny R. Yang and former National Labor Relations Board Member Kent Hirozawa**. Both shared their views and insights on labor and employment law developments under the current administration.

*June 26, 2017* The **Immigration Committee** of AABANY held its **Kick-Off Meeting and Housewarming** at AABANY member Tsui Yee's newly-opened immigration office. The committee came to wish Tsui well on her new venture, and discussed upcoming and future events for the term.

*June 21 and July 19, 2017* AABANY's **Women's Committee** held their **Monthly Breakfast** meeting at Urbanspace Vanderbilt in Midtown.

*July 19, 2017* The **Career Placement Committee** of AABANY held its **Kick-Off Meet-Up Event** at Paul Hastings LLP. The meeting provided recent graduates and attorneys looking for a career transition with opportunities to meet the Career Placement Committee Co-Chairs and discuss career and development advice, and how the Career Placement Committee could help.

*July 25, 2017* The **Judiciary Committee** of AABANY will hold a meeting on Tuesday evening at Paul Hastings LLP.