

AABANY Quarterly Report: August 2017 to October 2017

AABANY had a busy and active third quarter. The major event for this quarter was the 8th Annual Fall Conference which was held at Fordham University School of Law and for the first time at a location other than a law firm. AABANY remained as active and busy as ever, with a plethora of special events, panels, CLEs, community outreach programs and networking functions. At the Fall Conference, AABANY released the latest issue of its newsletter *The AABANY Advocate*, featuring a profile on Presiding Justice Randall T. Eng, the recipient of this year's Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer Award, and a Sponsor Spotlight on Baker McKenzie.

Special Events

August 10-11, 2017 AABANY co-sponsored "CLE in the City" as part of the ABA's Annual Meeting in New York. AABANY members presented a reenactment of *Heart Mountain: Conscience, Loyalty, and the Constitution* at Fordham University School of Law on August 10.

September 6, 2017 AABANY was a proud outreach partner in the screening of *ABACUS: Small Enough to Jail*, a documentary that follows the legal battle of the Sung family, Chinese immigrants and owners of Abacus Federal Savings in Chinatown, the only bank in the United States to be criminally charged after the 2008 financial crisis. The film was screened at the Lila Acheson Wallace Auditorium at the Asia Society.

September 20, 2017 AABANY hosted a delegation of Chinese prosecutors from Hainan who wanted to learn about pro bono and public interest law. The meeting was held at Seyfarth Shaw's New York offices, and AABANY Issues Committee Co-Chair Song Kim, Pro Bono Committee Co-Chair Pauline Yeung-Ha and Executive Director Yang Chen spoke to the topics of interest to the delegation.

September 23, 2017 AABANY held its **8th Annual Fall Conference** at Fordham University School of Law. Over 400 persons attended the all-day event, which included 20 CLE and non-CLE programs, the 3rd Annual Diversity Career Fair & Expo, a series of one-on-one professional development coaching workshops, and law firm-inhouse counsel pitch sessions. A luncheon plenary session titled *Golden Venture: 25 Years Later* discussed the experience of the hundreds of undocumented immigrants from China after the freighter Golden Venture ran aground in Queens in 1993 and the relevancy of their experience to the state of immigration law then and now. At the cocktail reception at the end of the day, AABANY honored Hon. Randall T. Eng, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, Second Department, with

the Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer Award in recognition of a career marked by historic firsts and for his years of groundbreaking service for the APA community.

Panels & CLEs

August 1, 2017 The AABANY Tax Committee held its quarterly **Tax Club Dinner**, where Rich Williams, Partner at Dentons, and Shiukay Hung, Associate at Morrison & Foerster LLP, discussed real estate tax reform and tax issues relating to Bitcoin, blockchain and initial coin offerings.

August 24, 2017 AABANY presented **Group Mentoring**, the third installment of a unique series led by Steve Chung, Chief Counsel at The Walt Disney Company and former AABANY Director. Mr. Chung and a panel of law firm partners and senior in-house counsel discussed specific strategies, behaviors, and attitudes that APA lawyers can implement to strengthen their executive presence.

September 11, 2017 AABANY partnered with New York University School of Law to hold a **Client Intake Interview Training**, teaching interviewing skills to potential volunteers for the Pro Bono Clinic.

September 14, 2017 AABANY presented “**How to Pitch**,” at which a panel of senior in-house attorneys discussed what companies look for in an outside counsel, how to get and prepare for a pitch, the “dos and don’ts” of pitching and other insights into the client development process.

September 19, 2017 AABANY and the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund held a **DACA Renewal Training Webinar** for attorneys interested in volunteering to assist DACA beneficiaries in advance of the Oct. 5, 2017 filing deadline to renew their deferred action and work authorization, in response to the U.S. Attorney General’s announcement of the rescission of the DACA program.

September 28, 2017 AABANY co-sponsored, together with The Hearst Corporation Office of General Counsel and the Hispanic National Bar Association - Region II, **The State of Play: Journalism and the Law in the Age of Trump**, featuring a panel of distinguished journalists and media lawyers that discussed and provided insights on the changing landscape of journalism and media law under the Trump administration.

Community Outreach

August 8, 2017 The AABANY Women's Committee organized a **Court Visit with Judge Pamela K. Chen**, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York.

August 9, 2017 & September 13, 2017 AABANY held its monthly **Pro Bono Legal Clinic** at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of NY, Inc. to provide walk-in legal assistance to the Chinatown community.

August 12, 2017 We co-sponsored the **ABA JusticeHack NYC**, a cooperative Hackathon aimed at bringing law and technology experts together to find solutions to the tensions between law enforcement and communities of color.

August 20, 2017 AABANY co-sponsored the **City Council District 20 Candidate Forum**, with candidates Peter Koo and Alison Tan, prior to the September 12th primary election.

August 23, 2017 AABANY's Government Service and Public Interest Committee gave a **Know-Your-Rights** ("KYR") presentation at the Visiting Nurse Services of New York. Over fifty community members listened to Pauline Yeung-Ha, Partner at Grimaldi & Yeung LLP, an expert in the areas of Trusts, Wills and Estates and Elder Law. The presentation was given in Cantonese and covered topics such as Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy, Living Wills and issues involving Medicaid.

October 1, 2017 The **Pro Bono DACA Renewal Clinic**, a free one-day event in Flushing, provided information and resources for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients. Volunteer attorneys were on-site to help eligible DACA recipients complete their renewal forms.

October 3, 2017 AABANY issued a call for volunteers to help AALDEF (Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund) with **poll monitoring on Election Day** to protect the rights of Asian American voters. First-time volunteers are required to sign up for training sessions taking place at various law firms on several dates and times throughout October. AABANY is the CLE provider for these trainings in New York City.

October 5, 2017 AABANY was among the 23 organizations that supported a **rally spearheaded by the Asian American Federation to support Dreamers and DACA beneficiaries** on the day that marked the final deadline to renew for DACA protection. The rally took place at Trump Tower with attendance by about 200 New Yorkers and prominent elected officials, including Congresswoman Grace Meng.

Networking

August 6, 2017 We held our **AABANY Annual Picnic**, hosted by The Young Lawyers Committee, the Litigation Committee and the Student Outreach Committee, at Central Park with food, family and friends.

August 16, 2017 & September 20, 2017 The AABANY Women's Committee held their **Monthly Breakfast** at Urbanspace Vanderbilt.

August 17, 2017 The AABANY Prosecutors' Committee celebrated the summer at Legends Bar in Midtown with their **Summer Cocktail Mixer**.

September 14, 2017 AABANY leaders took part in a **reception organized by the Nassau County Bar Association** (NCBA) to reach out to specialty and diversity bar associations, inviting them to collaborate and become active with the NCBA. AABANY was represented by President-Elect James Cho, Executive Director Yang Chen, Margaret Ling, Co-Chair of the Real Estate Committee, and Will Ng, former Vice President of Finance and Development.