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**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CONGRATULATES  
TRAILBLAZER AND RETIRED JUSTICE DOROTHY CHIN BRANDT, HONOREE AT  
QUEENS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC  
ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION**

NEW YORK – The Asian American Bar Association of New York (“AABANY”) is proud to announce that the Honorable Dorothy Chin Brandt, former justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Queens County, will be honored at the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration hosted by the Queens District Attorney’s Office of Immigrant Affairs on May 2, 2019.

Justice Chin Brandt made history as the first Asian American female judge and the first elected Asian American public official in New York. She began her legal career as an Assistant Dean of Graduate Legal Studies at Harvard Law School and then as an associate at Shearman & Sterling. She joined the firm Dilworth & Paxson in Washington, D.C. and worked in private practice until her election to Civil Court in 1987. After 30 years of public service on the bench, Justice Chin Brandt retired in 2016.

She continues to inspire and share her experiences as a keynote speaker at universities and organizations across the globe, and through her scholarship fund focused on young people and empowerment. A recipient of countless recognitions, Justice Chin Brandt was recently awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Organization of Chinese Americans for her demonstrated sustained service in advocating for and supporting the Asian American Pacific Islander community.

Often referring to herself as a “daughter of New York,” Justice Chin Brandt is a proud graduate of Brooklyn Law School and the New York City public school system. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago and her LL.M. from Harvard Law School.

“AABANY congratulates Justice Chin Brandt on being honored at the Queens County DA’s Office’s Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration,” states AABANY President Brian Song. “During the month of May, when we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage, it is most fitting that we recognize and celebrate the achievements of trailblazers like Justice Chin Brandt who has paved the way for generations of lawyers and judges that have entered the profession and achieved success by following her example.”

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