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**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CONGRATULATES THE  
HONORABLE LILLIAN WAN, RECIPIENT OF THE BROOKLYN BAR ASSOCIATION'S  
FIRST EVER DIVERSITY AWARD**

NEW YORK – The Asian American Bar Association of New York (“AABANY”) is proud to announce that the Honorable Lillian Wan, New York Court of Claims, Acting Supreme Court Justice, New York County, will be honored at the Brooklyn Bar Association's 2019 Annual Meeting on May 8, 2019 as a recipient of its Diversity Award. The Brooklyn Bar Association is presenting this award for the first time, making Justice Wan the first judge to receive the honor. The award recognizes Justice Wan for exemplifying and advancing the values of diversity and inclusion in the legal profession and the community as a whole.

Justice Wan, who graduated from Binghamton University and Albany Law School, was initially appointed by then Mayor Michael Bloomberg to the Kings County Family Court. As a Family Court judge, she heard cases involving child custody, abuse, juvenile delinquency and family offenses. She also presided over the crossover youth part which involved children in the state’s child welfare system or foster care.

Before joining the bench, Justice Wan worked for the Administration for Children’s Services in the Family Court Legal Services Division. She also served as a court attorney-referee in the Kings County Surrogate’s Court.

Justice Wan was named as the first female Asian American woman to serve on the New York Court of Claims when she was confirmed by the New York State Senate during a ceremony in Albany on June 20, 2018.

Justice Wan is active in many local and state bar associations including the Brooklyn Bar Association, the Columbian Lawyers Association of Brooklyn, and AABANY. She also sits on the board of directors of both the Brooklyn Women’s Bar Association and the New York State Family Court Judges Association. She currently serves as President of the Asian American Judges Association of New York.

“AABANY congratulates Justice Wan on being honored with the first-ever Diversity Award from the Brooklyn Bar Association,” states Executive Director Yang Chen. “We have followed Justice Wan’s path to the bench and her rise over the years, and we commend the Brooklyn Bar Association for recognizing her with this well-deserved honor, recognizing her role as a trailblazer in the Asian American community and as a champion of diversity and inclusion in the legal profession and the community.”

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*The Asian American Bar Association of New York is a professional membership organization of attorneys concerned with issues affecting the Asian Pacific American community. Incorporated in 1989, AABANY seeks not only to encourage the professional growth of its members but also to advocate for the Asian Pacific American community as a whole. AABANY is a New York regional affiliate of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA).*

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