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ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK TO HONOR CHIEF JUDGE SRI SRINIVASAN, UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; YEN CHU, CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER AT EQUINOX HOLDINGS; AND ALAN TSE, GLOBAL CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER AT JONES LANG LASALLE, AT ITS 2020 ANNUAL DINNER AT CIPRIANI WALL STREET

NEW YORK - On Wednesday, February 26, 2020, the Asian American Bar Association of New York (“AABANY”) will be hosting its Annual Dinner, with the theme “Stronger Together: Unity in Diversity” at Cipriani Wall Street. Attendees of the 2020 AABANY Annual Dinner will include prominent Federal and state judges, elected officials and dignitaries, attorneys from large and small law firms, corporate law departments, prosecutors’ offices and government agencies. AABANY’s 2019 Annual Dinner attracted more than 700 members of the legal and business communities from New York and beyond. This year AABANY is pleased to announce that its 2020 Annual Dinner honorees will be:

Hon. Sri Srinivasan, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, who will be presented with AABANY’s Public Interest Leadership Award.

Judge Sri Srinivasan was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed 97-0 by the Senate on May 23, 2013 to the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. With his confirmation, Judge Srinivasan made history by becoming the first South Asian Federal appellate court judge in the United States. On February 12, 2020, Judge Srinivasan once again made history by becoming both the first Asian American and South Asian to serve as Chief Judge for a Circuit Court in the United States. Judge Srinivasan grew up in Lawrence, Kansas and graduated from Stanford University in 1989 and Stanford Law School and Stanford Graduate School of Business in 1995. Following graduation, he served as a law clerk to Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, as a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the U.S. Solicitor General, and as a law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor. In 1998, he joined the law firm O’Melveny & Myers. From 2002 to 2007, he served as an Assistant to the Solicitor General. In 2007 he returned to O’Melveny & Myers as a partner, later becoming chair of the firm’s appellate and Supreme Court practice. From 2011 until his appointment to the U.S. Court of Appeals, Judge Srinivasan served as the Principal Deputy Solicitor General of the United States. He has also taught appellate advocacy at Harvard Law School.

Alan Tse, Global Chief Legal Officer, Jones Lang LaSalle, Inc., who will be presented with AABANY’s Corporate Leadership Award.

Alan K. Tse is the Global Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary of Jones Lang LaSalle, Inc (NYSE: JLL), the Fortune 200 Real Estate Services Company with 92,000 employees worldwide. Mr. Tse leads a team of 300 plus legal and compliance professionals worldwide and is a member of the global leadership team. In addition to his Legal and Compliance responsibilities, Mr. Tse also oversees Internal Audit and Insurance reports. Mr. Tse started his career as a business and technology attorney at Brobeck Phleger and Harrison LLP in their Silicon Valley office, representing technology companies and venture capitalists. He also served
on the Board of Directors of the Association of Corporate Counsel from 2013-2019 and served as Board Secretary and chaired the Membership Committee and Advocacy Committee during his tenure. Mr. Tse is the co-founder and serves on the Board of the Asian American Legal Foundation and was named one of the best lawyers under 40 by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association in 2005. Mr. Tse holds a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley, where he earned Phi Beta Kappa honors and graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School.

**Yen Chu, Chief Legal Officer, Equinox Holdings, Inc., who will be presented with AABANY’s Women’s Leadership Award.**

Yen D. Chu currently serves as Chief Legal Officer of Equinox Holdings, Inc., a global integrated fitness, wellness, and hospitality company, with a portfolio of brands/business interests in Equinox, Equinox Hotels, SoulCycle, Blink Fitness, PURE Yoga, Furthermore (a digital lifestyle magazine), and Equinox Media. She leads the Equinox legal department, and during her tenure, Ms. Chu has led business innovation and growth with the launch of new ventures and businesses, including Equinox Hotels, Equinox Media, and Equinox Explore. Before joining Equinox, Ms. Chu spent over a decade as a vital member of the senior leadership team and advisor to the Board of Directors of Ralph Lauren Corporation. She also spent nearly a decade at the law firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP as a corporate attorney. Additionally, she has also been a champion of diversity and inclusion, dedicating her time and voice to multiple organizations that focus on advancing and empowering women, people of color, first-generation students, and other underrepresented groups, particularly in the legal profession. Ms. Chu graduated from Columbia Law School and is currently a Board Member of the Columbia Law School Association.

“Judge Sri Srinivasan, Alan K. Tse, and Yen D. Chu are all highly respected trailblazers with distinguished careers. Each has achieved tremendous professional success in their respective fields while making significant contributions to the legal profession and the community,” states AABANY President Brian Song. “We are proud to recognize and celebrate their achievements and contributions at our 2020 Annual Dinner.”

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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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