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ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK RELAUNCHES PRO BONO LEGAL CLINIC REMOTELY TO ASSIST ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN COMMUNITY

NEW YORK - July 2, 2020 - During this period of upheaval caused by the evolving Covid-19 pandemic, the Asian American Bar Association of New York (“AABANY”) will be reopening its pro bono legal clinic in a remote capacity to continue aiding the Asian Pacific American community with legal issues including: immigration, housing, employment, family, and elder law. To promote the remote clinic as well as other rich resources relating to the Covid-19 pandemic that AABANY has developed, student volunteers will be going door-to-door this Friday, July 3, to share informational flyers with Asian neighborhood small businesses and residents in Manhattan and Queens.

AABANY’s Pro Bono Legal Clinic opened in 2015 to serve members of the Asian Pacific American community who have limited English proficiency (“LEP”) so that they can have meaningful access to justice. Mobilizing the skills and experience of AABANY’s diverse membership, the Pro Bono and Community Service Committee has spearheaded the Clinic’s effort in helping nearly 2,000 LEP individuals in the vast yet underserved Asian American community in New York through its Clinics in Manhattan’s Chinatown and Brooklyn’s Bay Ridge neighborhoods. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, AABANY’s walk-in clinic hours unfortunately had been suspended indefinitely. However, individuals from the Asian Pacific American community can now call and request remote assistance from volunteer attorneys by phone.

Student volunteers from the Asian Pacific American Law Student Associations (“APALSAs”) of NYU, Brooklyn Law, Cardozo, Columbia, CUNY Law, Hofstra, New York Law School, St. John’s, Fordham, Cornell, and Harvard have been working hard to promote the clinic and AABANY’s compilation of Covid-19 related resources via social media and email through their networks and community contacts. On Friday, July 3, they will go into the neighborhoods of Chinatown, Koreatown, Woodside, and Elmhurst to directly get the information out to the community.

"During these unprecedented times, there is a tremendous need for free legal assistance. Many cannot even afford to meet their basic needs and yet they still face many legal issues with nowhere to turn. I applaud the Asian American Bar Association of New York for offering this much needed service to the immigrant community and the community at large," says New York Committeewoman Sandra Ung, who in March was set to open the Queens expansion of the Pro Bono Clinic in Downtown Flushing until the shutdown was announced.

"The serious challenges brought on by COVID-19 have severely impacted the APA community in New York," states AABANY President Sapna Palla. "AABANY's Pro Bono Clinic has served the APA community for many years before COVID-19 with competent legal services and information, overcoming linguistic, cultural and financial barriers. AABANY is pleased to be able to continue the vital work of the Pro Bono Clinic through remote operations, with proper regard for the health and safety of our community members, so that we can continue assisting them with their legal issues during these unprecedented times."

See the flyer below for more information and how to contact the clinic for assistance. Check out <https://www.aabany.org/page/covid19> for additional resources.

The flyer is for the "REMOTE PRO BONO LEGAL CLINIC" (免費遙距法律諮詢). It features the logos of the Asian American Bar Association of New York and the New York Asian American Bar Association (紐約亞裔律師協會). The text lists various legal services such as Immigration, Housing, Family, Employment, Elder, and Anti-Asian Harassment & Violence. It provides contact information including a call number (929) 251-3022 and an email address probono@aabany.org. The flyer also includes instructions in English, Chinese, and Japanese on how to reach a lawyer and what information to provide.

Asian American Bar Association of New York **紐約亞裔律師協會**

REMOTE PRO BONO LEGAL CLINIC
免費遙距法律諮詢

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Immigration · 移民法 (移民法 · 이민법)
Housing · 房屋法 (住宅法 · 주택법)
Family · 家庭法 (家族法 · 가족법)
Employment · 勞工法 (雇用法 · 노동법)
Elder · 老年法 (高齢者法 · 노인법)
Anti-Asian Harassment & Violence · 反亞裔騷擾與暴力 (反アジア人ハラスメント · 반 아시아 괴롭힘 및 폭력)
Small Business · 小型企業 (小企業 · 중소기업)
General Legal Information · 一般法律諮詢 (一般的な法律情報 · 무료원격 법률 상담)

Call · 查詢電話: (929) 251-3022 (English & 中文)
お問い合わせ電話 · 문의전화: (516) 690-7724 (日本語 & 한국어)

Email · 電子郵件 · Eメール · 이메일: probono@aabany.org

To receive assistance, please have all relevant information & documents available.
請準備好所有與你的案件有關的信息和文件, 사건과 관련된 모든 정보와 문서를 준비하십시오.
ケースに関連するすべての情報とドキュメントを準備してください。

To speak to a lawyer, please call & leave a message with: your name, telephone number, preferred language and legal issue.
We will get back to you as soon as possible.

如果您需要與律師交談, 請撥打電話並留下: 您的姓名、電話、語言要求及法律問題。我們會盡快與您聯繫。

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弁護士と相談するためには、電話をいただいてお名前、電話番号、希望する言語とどのような法的な問題を相談したいのか、メッセージを残してください。
私たちはできるだけ早く再度ご連絡いたします。

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For more information, please contact Yang Chen, AABANY Executive Director, at (646) 653-2168, or direct any inquiries to main@aabany.org.

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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