THE ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CONGRATULATES JOE GIM ON BEING APPOINTED CHIEF OF THE CRIMINAL COURT AT THE KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE

NEW YORK – January 5, 2023. The Asian American Bar Association of New York (“AABANY”) is proud to announce that Joseb “Joe” Gim has been appointed Chief of Criminal Court at the Kings County District Attorney’s Office. As Chief, Joe will manage Kings County District Attorney’s office staff and prosecutors at the Kings County Criminal Court. Joe will play a critical role as a leader in administering the Kings County District Attorney’s Office’s criminal justice reform initiatives.

At AABANY, Joe co-founded the Prosecutors’ Committee and currently serves as Co-Chair of the Committee alongside David Hsin-Tai Chiang. The AABANY Prosecutors’ Committee is dedicated to establishing connections between Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) prosecutors, recruiting law students as prosecutors, and building relationships between local AAPI communities and their prosecutor’s offices. Joe is also an active member of AABANY’s Anti-Asian Violence Task Force, where he has contributed to proposing legislative reforms in New York’s hate crimes laws. Lastly, Joe has served as a faculty member of AABANY’s Trial Advocacy Program, where attorneys annually hone trial skills with help from experienced trial lawyers like Joe.

The Chief of Criminal Court at the Kings County District Attorney’s Office coordinates and manages the office’s practices in the Criminal Court. Before becoming the Chief of Criminal Court at the Kings County District Attorney’s Office at the end of 2022, Joe had extensive experience as a leading public servant.

In 2004, Joe began as an Assistant District Attorney at the Richmond County District Attorney’s Office in Staten Island, New York. After more than a decade of litigation work on criminal cases involving organized crime and substance abuse, Joe was appointed Chief of the Richmond County Office Crime Strategies Unit.

After his tenure in the Richmond County District Attorney’s Office, Joe continued to supervise attorneys at the Nassau County District Attorney’s Office in Mineola, New York. He began as a Senior District Attorney there in 2017 before being appointed Deputy Chief of the Trial Court Bureau and Chief of the Hate Crimes Unit. As Deputy Chief of the Trial Court Bureau and Chief of the Hate Crimes Unit, Joe presided over teams of Assistant District Attorneys, designed training for local law enforcement officers, and led initiatives to educate the public about hate crime incidents.
While his storied career speaks to the wide breadth of his passion and legal knowledge about criminal justice, Joe is also powered by lived experiences. Joe comes from Baltimore, where growing up his family was at the receiving end of numerous crimes. His father was shot in the stomach and, afterwards, the police intervened when Joe’s family’s corner store was nearly burned down by the same person who assailed his father. Behind Joe’s combined two decades of experience as a leader at District Attorney’s offices, there is a first-hand understanding of justice and the importance of securing accountability for victims. Joe attended George Washington University and Fordham University School of Law.

“Joe has demonstrated incredible leadership and care for the public throughout his long and well-established career in three District Attorney’s offices. To us at AABANY, Joe not only continues to be a leader but also a dedicated, caring member of the AAPI community,” AABANY President William Ng stated. “His career expertise is invaluable in shaping a cohesive AAPI network at the Prosecutors’ Committee and in drafting thoughtful recommendations for AABANY’s Anti-Asian Violence Task Force. I am confident he will continue to be an example of excellence as the Chief of Criminal Court at the Kings County District Attorney’s Office.”

For more information about AABANY’s Prosecutors’ Committee, please visit: https://www.aabany.org/page/73/

For more information about AABANY’s Anti-Asian Violence Taskforce, please see https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.aabany.org/resource/resmgr/2021aav/Turning_the_Tide_v5_compressed.pdf

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