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**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CONGRATULATES IRIS LAN ON BEING APPOINTED GENERAL COUNSEL AT THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

NEW YORK – August 18, 2023 – The Asian American Bar Association of New York (“AABANY”) congratulates AABANY member Iris Lan on her appointment, effective June 5, 2023, as General Counsel of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (“NASA”). She serves as NASA’s chief legal officer and oversees its team of attorneys responsible for the full spectrum of NASA’s legal affairs.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Lan served as an Associate Deputy Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”), overseeing the nation’s 93 U.S. Attorneys and leading the Department’s Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys. For a decade, she provided expert counsel to the Deputy Attorney General and the Attorney General on a wide range of significant legal and enforcement matters across the country. Ms. Lan previously worked at the DOJ as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York, where she successfully prosecuted cases ranging from cyber intrusion and counterterrorism to counterintelligence and corporate fraud. She also took on the role of Deputy Chief of the Appellate Section and supervised attorneys in briefing cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Ms. Lan also served in the DOJ on the National Security Division’s leadership team and in the Office of Legal Counsel, where she provided advice to other cabinet-level agencies on statutory interpretation issues.

Ms. Lan began her legal career as an Associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore. She also served as a Law Clerk to Judge William C. Bryson on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Notably, Ms. Lan has been recognized as an elected member of the American Law Institute, where she serves as an advisor for their project focusing on the law of compliance and enforcement for organizations.

“Congratulations to our esteemed AABANY member, Iris Lan, on her noteworthy appointment as General Counsel of NASA,” states AABANY President Karen Kim. “This pivotal role not only showcases her exceptional legal expertise but also stands as a testament to the value of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the legal profession and in the government sector. Ms. Lan’s journey is an inspiration to us all, and we are confident that her leadership will contribute to NASA’s continued success in exploring new frontiers.”

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