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ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK TO HOST 900 ATTENDEES AT ITS 2023 ANNUAL DINNER AT CIPRIANI WALL STREET ON MAY 23, 2023

NEW YORK – May 19, 2023. On Tuesday, May 23, 2023, the Asian American Bar Association of New York (“AABANY”) will hold its 34th Anniversary Annual Dinner at Cipriani Wall Street. Attendees of the 2023 AABANY Annual Dinner will include prominent federal and state judges, government officials and dignitaries, community leaders, attorneys from large and small law firms, in-house counsel, prosecutors, business leaders, and other supporters. The 2023 Annual Dinner is now at capacity and expected to reach 900 attendees.

AABANY thanks the nearly 70 sponsors who will be represented at our Annual Dinner including our After-Party Sponsor Morrow Sodali, our Diamond Sponsor Broadridge, and our Pre-Dinner General Counsel Reception Sponsor Kirkland & Ellis. We also thank our Platinum Sponsors:

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The Annual Dinner’s theme is “Embracing Wellness and Well-Being: Strengthening the Legal Profession by Investing in Ourselves,” reflecting the theme set by President Karen Kim for the new fiscal year which began on April 1. With the pandemic, anti-Asian hate, and stress of life and the legal profession, prioritizing mental health and well-being is critical. AABANY will work to help destigmatize mental health, substance use, and personal or professional challenges and highlight the importance of self-care and well-being. AABANY plans to do so through impactful and informative programs and initiatives around this theme in the coming weeks and months.

The event will begin with an invite-only Pre-Dinner General Counsel Reception starting at 5:30 pm. AABANY will be hosting more than 50 General Counsels from Fortune 500 companies, internationally recognized companies and innovative, cutting-edge companies, across a wide range of industries, including beauty, biotechnology research, construction, communication technology, e-commerce, entertainment, fashion, financial services, insurance, internet privacy
and security, medical, music, pharmaceutical, real estate, restaurant, and security and investigations. AABANY is proud to host the many diverse General Counsels, with some traveling from across the country, during Asian American and Pacific Islander (“AAPI”) Heritage Month. To see the roster of General Counsels expected to attend, please visit the AABANY website at: https://www.aabany.org/events/event_details.asp?legacy=1&id=1721145

AABANY will be honoring the following:

- Michael Wu, Chief Legal Officer, Bath & Body Works, Inc. with AABANY’s Corporate Leadership Award
- Prisca Bae, Chief Partnerships Officer, The Asian American Foundation, with AABANY’s Women’s Leadership Award
- U.S. Senator Charles Ellis Schumer, with AABANY's Impact Leadership Award

AABANY will be presenting the Law Firm Diversity Award to Debevoise & Plimpton. AABANY recognizes Debevoise & Plimpton for its commitment to creating a work environment that values each individual’s contributions to the community and respects the different backgrounds, perspectives and experiences of people at the firm. The firm’s diversity, equity and inclusion (“DEI”) goals include: (1) continually evolving the core DEI mission; (2) investing in diverse talent; (3) diversifying the partnership; (4) promoting allyship and inclusion; and (5) increasing accountability via data and metrics. The firm advanced its mission via targeted programming, quarterly metrics, obtaining Mansfield certification, and weekly DEI Leadership Team meetings.

AABANY will also introduce the three law student recipients of the Don H. Liu Scholarship, each of whom will receive $15,000 and other support and assistance through the Don H. Liu Scholars Program. More information about the Don H. Liu Scholars Program can be found here: https://www.donhliuscholars.org/

AABANY is pleased to welcome back Kate Siahaan-Rigg as the Master of Ceremonies. Ms. Siahaan-Rigg is a New York-based Asian American artist and activist. She writes, performs, and produces work for television, film, stage and dive bars around the world. She is one of only two winners of the Juilliard InterArts Award given to alumni who crossed disciplines to create work with collaborations across the school’s different divisions. Her one-person shows about race and representASIAN have won grants and awards from the Canada Council, the Australia Council, the NEA, the Urban Arts Initiative, the National Performance Network, and many more.

AABANY will also recognize the work of its Anti-Asian Violence Task Force with an excerpt from its forthcoming video featuring survivors of New York anti-Asian hate and violence incidents over the last few years. The Task Force published two reports on anti-Asian hate and violence:

_A Rising Tide of Hate and Violence against Asian Americans in New York During COVID-19: Impact, Causes, Solutions_

_Endless Tide: The Continuing Struggle to Overcome Anti-Asian Hate in New York_
“AABANY is excited to welcome 900 attendees, including more than 50 General Counsels, as well as all our honorees: Michael Wu, Prisca Bae, and Senator Charles Schumer,” stated Karen Kim, AABANY President. “AABANY is now well into its fourth decade as a bar association that represents the interests and needs of AAPI legal professionals and the AAPI community as well as the general public. We look forward to celebrating with everyone during AAPI Heritage Month and thank all our members, community partners, volunteers, and sponsors who make our work possible.”

Our event is at capacity and no more tickets are being sold. Press inquiries are welcome but prior arrangements must be made; no one will be permitted entry to the event without prior authorization.

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 not-for-profit 501(c)(6) professional membership organization of attorneys concerned with issues affecting the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Incorporated in 1989, AABANY seeks not only to encourage the professional growth of its members but also to advocate for the AAPI community as a whole. AABANY is a New York regional affiliate of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA).

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