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ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK (AABANY) TO HONOR SENATOR CHARLES ELLIS SCHUMER WITH THE IMPACT LEADERSHIP AWARD AT ITS ANNUAL DINNER TO BE HELD AT CIPRIANI WALL STREET ON MAY 23, 2023

AABANY Cites Majority Leader Schumer’s Leadership in Passing the Federal Anti-Asian Hate Crimes Law and Championing of Numerous AAPI Lawyers to Key Positions on the Federal Bench, Key Administration Positions, the Department of Justice and More

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. AABANY anticipates that its 2023 Annual Dinner will draw 900 attendees, and the event is now at capacity.

AABANY is pleased to announce that its 2023 Annual Dinner honoree for the Impact Leadership Award will be:

U.S. Senator Charles Ellis Schumer, Majority Leader of the United States Senate

Senator Charles Ellis Schumer will receive the AABANY 2023 Impact Leadership Award. The AABANY Impact Leadership Award is presented to individuals who embody the highest ideals and inspire others while making a real and lasting impact in the community. Senator Schumer is a lawyer, longtime public servant, and the Majority Leader of the United States Senate. He has championed the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, was the lead sponsor of the Violence Against Women Act, consistently supported Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) appointments on the federal bench, and made tireless efforts to ensure greater diversity in state government. Earlier this year, he appointed Glenn D. Magpantay as Commissioner of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Mr. Magpantay is an active AABANY member, past Board Director, and founding Co-Chair of AABANY’s LGBT Committee.

Senator Schumer has made improving our community and creating a positive impact for all a top priority. When Senator Schumer began his first Senate term in 1999, he pledged to visit each of New York’s 62 counties every year, a tradition he has maintained through today. Senator Schumer has delivered countless victories for the state, including helping provide $20 billion to rebuild the state after 9/11, and passing a $63 billion relief package to help New York recover from Superstorm Sandy.

In 2022, New York elected Senator Schumer to his fifth Senate term, and through each term he has continued to advocate for AAPI rights and the betterment of our community as a whole.
“We are deeply honored and humbled that Senator Schumer will be celebrating with AABANY at our 34th Anniversary Annual Dinner,” said Karen Kim, AABANY President. “He is a giant in American politics who has fought for the AAPI community, New Yorkers, and all Americans. His support of diversity on the bench is demonstrated by his actions in appointing many AAPI jurists over the years. We are privileged to recognize him and his impactful leadership alongside Prisca Bae, Chief Partnerships Officer at The Asian American Foundation, and Michael Wu, Chief Legal Officer, Bath & Body Works, both of whom are remarkable leaders in their own right.”

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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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