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**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK TO HONOR VINCE
CHANG WITH THE NORMAN LAU KEE TRAILBLAZER AWARD AT THE 2026
FALL CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2026**

NEW YORK, September 2, 2026—The Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY) is excited to announce that Vince Chang will receive the Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer Award at AABANY's Fall Conference on September 26, 2026, at Fordham Law School.

Named after Norman Lau Kee, a revered and deeply respected legal and community pillar of New York City's Chinatown for several decades, AABANY's Trailblazer Award is bestowed upon an individual of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) descent who is a leader in the legal field or a champion of AANHPI issues in the community. The recipient is recognized for exemplifying the qualities of a role model and trailblazer in the legal profession in New York and for making a significant impact on the AANHPI community through his or her work.

Vince Chang's extraordinary career exemplifies the vision and values embodied by this award.

Born in Kansas and raised in Iowa, Vince graduated from Harvard College *magna cum laude* and Harvard Law School *cum laude*. He clerked for the Hon. Robert B. Krupansky of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and currently serves as a Commercial Division law clerk to the Honorable James d'Auguste in the New York State Supreme Court.

Over a distinguished legal career spanning more than three decades, Vince built a reputation as one of New York's premier litigators. While practicing at Davis Polk and Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch, he handled high-stakes disputes involving antitrust, securities, bankruptcy, insurance, product liability, civil RICO, and bondholder matters, at times involving hundreds of millions of dollars in controversy. Vince was also among the first Asian American litigation attorneys to advance beyond the associate ranks at both firms, helping pave the way for future generations of AANHPI lawyers.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Vince has been a longtime leader in the AANHPI and legal community. He has devoted countless hours to advancing the legal profession and expanding opportunities for underrepresented communities. His leadership has left an indelible mark on AABANY and numerous local, state, and national bar associations. Among his many contributions, Vince has:

- Served as the President of AABANY (2007-08);
- Served for many years as Co-Chair of AABANY's Judiciary Committee;

- Served as Vice-President and board member of the Asian American Law Fund of New York;
- Made history as the first Asian American President of the New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA);
- Served as NYCLA's first Asian American Co-Chair of the Federal Courts Committee, as well as Treasurer, Vice President, and President-Elect;
- Served on the Judiciary Committee of the New York City Bar Association;
- Held numerous leadership roles within the American Bar Association, including service on its Board of Governors and Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary, and as Co-Chair of the New York Chapter of the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation;
- Served on the Grievance Committee of the First Judicial Department in New York;
- Served on the Continuing Legal Education Board of the State of New York;
- Served on the board of Legal Services NYC; and
- Served on the board of the South Asian Bar Association of New York

Vince continues to shape the legal profession through his leadership and public service. He currently serves on the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) and previously served for many years on its House of Delegates and Committee on Nominations. He co-chaired the NYSBA Task Force on Combating Anti-Semitism and Anti-Asian Hate, served on its task force on Advancing Diversity and remains an active member of the New York Commercial Division Advisory Council.

Vince has received many prestigious awards recognizing his commitment to leadership, mentorship, diversity, and public service, including the President's Award from the Network of Bar Leaders, the New York City Bar Association's Diversity Champion Award, and the New York State Bar Association's John Higgins Diversity Trailblazer Award.

"Vince's impact on the AANHPI community and the legal profession over his remarkable career cannot be overstated," states AABANY President Varuna Bhattacharyya. "While serving as AABANY President and also on the AABANY Board, as well as his service in a multitude of positions with other bar associations and organizations, he has been a loyal and supportive friend, mentor, and pioneering leader. In every sense, Vince is a trailblazer and so well-deserving of the Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer Award. We are honored to present him with this recognition and look forward to celebrating his extraordinary legacy at our Fall Conference and Reception on September 26, 2026."

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). AALFNY is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that has helped to fund the production of the documentary.

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