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**AABANY APPLAUDS WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT ON NOMINATION OF
BOARD MEMBER DIANE GUJARATI TO SERVE AS U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE IN THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

NEW YORK — The Asian American Bar Association of New York (“AABANY”) welcomes and applauds President Trump’s announcement of his intent to nominate Diane Gujarati to serve as a federal district court judge in the Eastern District of New York. “We are pleased to receive the news of the President’s intent to nominate our Board Director Diane Gujarati to the bench,” said Yang Chen, Executive Director of AABANY. “We have come to know Diane well through her active involvement with AABANY on various committees and as a dedicated member of our Board. The combination of her intelligence, work ethic, keen judgment and commitment to serving the community will make her an exceptional federal judge.”

Asian Pacific Americans (“APAs”) are significantly under-represented in the Federal Judiciary, including in New York State. If confirmed, Ms. Gujarati will be the first Article III judge of South Asian descent in the Second Circuit. “We welcome the announcements by the White House of its intent to nominate Diane Gujarati,” said Robert Leung, Co-chair of AABANY’s Judiciary Committee. “Diane has the background and qualifications to serve as a United States District Court Judge in the Eastern District of New York. We hope the Senate will vote to confirm her soon.”

Ms. Gujarati began her legal career by serving as a law clerk to the Honorable John M. Walker, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. She then worked as a litigator at Davis Polk & Wardwell before beginning a dedicated, lengthy career in public service. In 1999, Ms. Gujarati joined the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Office’s Criminal Division. Since April 2012, Ms. Gujarati has served as Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division. She previously served as Deputy Chief and then Chief of the White Plains Division and as Deputy Chief of the Appeals Unit in the Criminal Division. In addition to her work as a federal prosecutor, Ms. Gujarati taught as an Adjunct Professor of Clinical Law at New York University School of Law. In September 2016, Gujarati was nominated by President Obama to serve as a judge in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, with the support of Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand. Ms. Gujarati also serves as an AABANY board member and is an active member of several AABANY committees. Ms. Gujarati graduated *summa cum laude* from Barnard College of Columbia University and received her J.D. from Yale Law School.

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

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