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**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CONGRATULATES THE
MANY ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN JUDGES AND LAWYERS IN NEW YORK
HONORED DURING ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

NEW YORK – June 5, 2019 – The Asian American Bar Association of New York (“AABANY”) congratulates the many Asian Pacific American judges and lawyers in New York that were honored during Asian Pacific American (APA) Heritage Month.

“May has traditionally been a very busy month for AABANY as we celebrate the achievements of APA attorneys and the community they serve,” states Yang Chen, Executive Director. “This May has been extraordinarily busy, as a large number of our association’s leaders, members and friends received honors from other bar associations and groups. We are extremely proud of the many distinguished judges and attorneys who are finally getting well-deserved recognition as trailblazers and leaders in the legal profession and the community.”

Judges

May 2, 2019 - Hon. Randall T. Eng, retired Presiding Justice of the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Department, honored with the Charles W. Froessel Award from Queens County Bar Association at its Annual Dinner.

May 2, 2019 - Honorable Dorothy Chin Brandt, former Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Queens County, honored by the Queens District Attorney’s Office of Immigrant Affairs.

May 8, 2019 - Hon. Lillian Wan, New York Court of Claims, honored by the Brooklyn Bar Association with the Diversity Award.

May 10, 2019 - Hon. Lorna G. Schofield, U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York, honored with the Person of the Year award by the Society of Asian Federal Officers at its 28th Annual Awards and Scholarship Banquet.

May 13, 2019 - Judge Pamela Chen, U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of New York, honored by the Brooklyn Women’s Bar Association and the Asian American Judges Association of New York during the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Celebration held at the Brooklyn Bar Association.

May 17, 2019 - Justice Jeffrey K. Oing, Appellate Division, First Department of the New York State Supreme Court, honored by the New York County Lawyers Association at its Annual Law Day Luncheon.

May 30, 2019 - Hon. Shahabuddeen Ally, Hon. Karen Cortes, Hon. Shorab Ibrahim, Hon. Donald Leo, Hon. Ushir Pandit-Durant, Hon. John Zhuo Wang, Hon. Wendy Changyong Li, Hon. Archana Rao, Hon. Lillian Wan, Hon. Karen Bacdayan, and Hon. Michael H. Park,

honored for being recently elevated or inducted to the bench at AABANY's third annual Judges' Reception at the Surrogate's Courthouse.

Lawyers

May 3, 2019 - Glenn Lau-Kee, Partner at Lau-Kee Law Group PLLC and former AABANY President (1997-99), received the American Bar Association Solo and Small Firm Lifetime Achievement Award from the ABA's Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division.

May 10, 2019 - Diane Gujarati, Deputy Chief, Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, honored with the Prosecutor of the Year award by the Society of Asian Federal Officers at its 28th Annual Awards and Scholarship Banquet.

May 22, 2019 - Carol Lee, Special Counsel at Taconic Capital Advisors, was honored with the American Law Institute's Distinguished Service Award at their 96th Annual Meeting.

May 23, 2019 - Joon Kim, Partner at Cleary Gottlieb, was presented with the Hon. George Bundy Smith Pioneer Award at the New York State Bar Association's "Smooth Moves: Career Strategies for Attorneys of Color" program at Lincoln Center.

May 28, 2019 - Kathy Hirata Chin, Partner at Crowell & Moring LLP, honored at the New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA) at the Inaugural Hong Yen Chang Reception.

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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 a New York regional affiliate of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA).

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