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**AABANY APPLAUDS DIANE GUJARATI'S RENOMINATION 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”) enthusiastically supports the renomination of Board Member Diane Gujarati to serve as a United States district court judge in the Eastern District of New York. “We are pleased with the renomination of our former Board Director Diane Gujarati to the bench,” said Brian Song, President of AABANY. Ms. Gujarati was first nominated by President Obama in 2016, and subsequently renominated by President Trump in 2018. Her nomination was unanimously approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

“Diane is actively involved with AABANY on various levels and served with distinction as a dedicated member of our Board. Her intelligence, work ethic, judgment and dedication to serving the community will make her an exceptional federal judge,” continued Mr. Song

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 announcement of Diane’s renomination,” said Dai Wai Chin Feman, Co-Chair of AABANY’s Judiciary Committee. “She is a trailblazer in the community and will be an excellent addition to the federal judiciary. Diane has already been approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee, and we look forward to her taking the bench in the Eastern District.”

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 served as an AABANY board member and has been an active member of several AABANY committees, including as a Board Liaison to AABANY’s Prosecutors’ Committee. 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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