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**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CONGRATULATES
JUDGE PAMELA CHEN ON BEING HONORED BY THE BROOKLYN WOMEN'S
BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE ASIAN AMERICAN JUDGES ASSOCIATION OF
NEW YORK**

NEW YORK – May 17, 2019 – The Asian American Bar Association of New York (“AABANY”) congratulates Judge Pamela Chen, U.S. District Court Judge at the Eastern District of New York, on being honored by the Brooklyn Women’s Bar Association and the Asian American Judges Association of New York during an Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Celebration on Monday, May 13, held at the Brooklyn Bar Association building at 123 Remsen Street in downtown Brooklyn.

Judge Chen began her legal career in Washington, D.C. working for Arnold & Porter from 1986 to 1989 and then Asbill, Junkin, Myers & Buffone from 1989 to 1991. After spending the first five years of her career in the private sector, Judge Chen began a dedicated and much longer career in public service, with a distinct focus on civil rights work. Judge Chen served as a trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

She moved to New York City in 1998 and became an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York. There, she was promoted to Chief of Civil Rights Litigation, Deputy Chief of the Public Integrity Section, and then finally to Chief of the Civil Rights Section.

In 2012, President Obama nominated Judge Chen to serve as a Federal District Court Judge in the Eastern District of New York. The United States Senate confirmed her nomination on March 4, 2013, and she became the first Chinese-American female Article III judge outside of California and the second-ever Chinese-American female federal judge in U.S. history, continuing to add to the rich legacy of the Second Circuit and New York State.

"During May, we celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, and it is a most fitting tribute that we recognize and honor a distinguished jurist like Judge Chen, who has been a champion of diversity and inclusion in the legal profession," states Executive Director Yang Chen. "Judge Chen has been an active AABANY member for many years, and we proudly

followed Judge Chen's path to the bench and her rise over the years, and congratulate her on this well-deserved honor."

Please join AABANY in congratulating Judge Chen on this well-deserved honor.

For more information, please contact Yang Chen, AABANY Executive Director, at (212) 332-2478, or direct any inquiries to main@aabany.org.

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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