

AABANY 2016-2017 Quarterly Report: August through October

AABANY had an incredibly active third quarter, which culminated in the 2016 Fall Conference: Speak Up | Rise Up | Lift Up held on September 24, 2016 at the New York offices of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. We were proud to host many informative, productive, and interesting events and celebrate the many accomplishments of our members and friends.

Achievements

Current board member **Sonia Low** and former board member **Steve Chung** were named CUP Catalysts by the Council of Urban Professionals and will receive their awards at CUP's 7th Annual Lawyers Forum on Nov. 1.

Ng v. King Henry Realty was published in the *New York Law Journal*, a case in which our Government Service & Public Interest Committee Co-Chair **Anita Wu** was part of a legal team that successfully moved for attorneys' fees compensating public interest attorneys like Anita and her team at the same rates as private sector attorneys.

Our President **Susan L. Shin**'s Letter to the Editor in response to Michael Luo's "An Open Letter to the Woman Who Told Us: Go Back to China" was published in *The New York Times*.

Presiding Justice Randall Eng was named one of NAPABA's 2016 Daniel K. Inouye Trailblazers.

Former AABANY interns **Anna Chen** and **Chris Arcitio** won the Thomas Tang Moot Court Northeast Regional and are on their way to complete in the 2016 National Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition.

Our Judiciary Committee Co-Chair **Linda Lin** and our Military & Veterans Affairs Co-Chair **Brian Song** were named among NAPABA's 2016 Best Under 40 Lawyers.

Past President **Judge Denny Chin** penned a thoughtful article, "Me, My Grandfather and Citizenship Day," published by *The New York Times*.

Our board member **Diane Gujarati** was nominated by President Obama to serve as a U.S. District Court Judge in the Eastern District of New York.

We honored our founding board member and Past President **Sylvia Chin** as the 2016 Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer at our 2016 Fall Conference, which was covered by the *New York Law Journal*.

Congresswoman Grace Meng was elected Vice Chair of the Democratic National Committee.

Fall Conference

September 24, 2016 Our **2016 Fall Conference: Speak Up | Rise Up | Lift Up**, held at the New York offices of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, was one of our best yet. We offered programming on a wide range of legal topics including the changing landscape of EB-5, what general counsels at top companies have to say about leadership development, voting rights in an election year and more. This year, on top of 17 panel sessions, which included an In-House Counsel Career Track, a Judiciary Track, and a Law Student Track, we offered several other programs. For aspiring attorneys seeking guidance tailored to their personal growth and development, we offered Group Mentoring sessions with senior attorneys. Law firms and vendors seeking business introductions were able to participate in our pitch sessions. We also hosted the Diversity Career Fair & Expo for the second year and offered Breakfast with our Career Placement Committee. During the Cocktail Reception at the end of the day, we recognized Sylvia Chin as our 2016 Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer. Several Committees also participated in our Joint Committee Dinner at Evergreen Restaurant at the day's end.

Panels and CLEs

October 27, 2016 Our Women's Committee will host **Sharpening Your Self-Marketing Skills**, a career workshop geared towards women attorneys at Paul, Weiss.

October 25, 2016 Our Tax Committee will host the next installment of their **Tax Club Dinner Discussions** at Tang Pavilion.

October 19, 2016 Our Real Estate and Asia Practice Committees hosted **Tracking the NYC Skyline and Latest Real Estate Developments**, a panel and networking event at Chase Bank.

September 20, 2016 We co-sponsored the *Cardozo Journal of Comparative and International Law's* CLE program on **Cross-Border Privacy Issues** at Cardozo Law School.

September 19, 2016 Our Real Estate and Asia Practice Committees hosted **How Asian Banks Uniquely Serve the Asian Community**, a panel and networking event at Herrick Feinstein.

September 8, 2016 Our Government Service & Public Interest Committee, Pro Bono & Community Service Committee, and Student Outreach Committee teamed up with the Cardozo Law School APALSA to present **How to Get Your Foot in the Door: Careers in Government Service & Public Interest**.

September 7, 2016 In advance of Pitch Sessions held at the AABANY Fall Conference, we hosted **How to Pitch** program at Paul, Weiss.

Student & Community Outreach

October 2016 AABANY co-sponsored and provided CLE accreditation for AALDEF's **Poll Monitoring Trainings to Defend Asian American Voting Rights** in New York.

Our Pro Bono & Community Service Committee and Government Service & Public Interest Committee continue their **Pro Bono Monthly Clinic** in Chinatown and their **Know Your Rights Program** series in Queens.

Our **AABANY Mentorship Program** is gearing up to launch for the coming year, with approximately 60 matches for law students and young attorneys with older and more experienced AABANY members.

AABANY successfully supported and advocated for **Justice Doris Ling-Cohan**, along with a coalition of other organizations, to get her name on the ballot after the Manhattan Democratic Party's Judicial Screening Panel failed to report her as qualified for her current seat in the New York Supreme Court.

Networking

October 18, 2016 Our LGBT Committee co-hosted an **LGBT Asian American/South Asian Attorney Reception** with the National Queen Asian Pacific Islander Alliance at Baker & McKenzie.

September 8, 2016 Our Women's Committee joined FALA New York for a **US Open Women's Semi-Finals Outing**.

August 28, 2016 Much to the delight of our members, we held our **Annual Picnic** at Hecksher Picnic Area in Central Park.

August 19-21, 2016 Several of our members shared their expertise and represented AABANY at the **NAPABA Northeast Regional Hosted by KALAGNY**.

August 16, 2016 Our Women's Committee, Litigation Committee, and Membership Committee hosted a **Get to Know AABANY Happy Hour** at District Social.

August 3, 2016 Our Women's Committee hosted a **SoulCycle** exercise class on the Upper West Side.