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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

January 24, 2013

Dear AABANY Members and Friends,

We are pleased to present to you the 2012 Year-End Report for the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY).

As shown in this report, AABANY has had a highly eventful and memorable year. Our theme this year was “Leaping to New Heights.” We believe we have made tremendous leaps this year as an organization, and we thank everyone who has made it possible. This includes our Officers, Board members and Committee Chairs, our Advisory Committee, sponsors and most importantly, our members, who participated in and supported our many events.

We hope that you will continue to remain actively involved in AABANY in 2013, and that you will consider volunteering your time, energy and talents to further AABANY’s mission of representing the interests of New York’s Asian Pacific American attorneys, judges, law professors, legal professionals, paralegals and law students, as well as the communities which they serve and to which they belong.

With best wishes for the year ahead,

Very truly yours,

Jean Lee

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Asian American Bar Association of New York was formed in 1989 as a not-for-profit corporation to represent the interests of New York Asian American attorneys, judges, law professors, legal professionals, paralegals and law students. The mission of AABANY is to improve the study and practice of law, and the fair administration of justice for all by ensuring the meaningful participation of Asian Americans in the legal profession.

HISTORY

In 1988, the New York State Judicial Commission on Minorities, headed by noted African American attorney Franklin Hall Williams, examined the treatment of minority litigants and court employees. Following hearings in New York City on June 29th and 30th of that year, Rockwell Chin approached Commissioner Serene K. Nakano to discuss the need for an organization for Asian American attorneys. While Chinese and Korean American lawyer associations existed, there had never been an association of Asian American lawyers in New York.

Further impetus came when the National Asian American Bar Association (later called NAPABA) Planning Committee invited various attorneys in New York City to Chicago in October 1988. A core group, including Rockwell Chin, Glenn Ikeda, Yat T. Man, Steve Min and Serene K. Nakano, worked to found a formal association of Asian American lawyers: drafting organizational documents, reaching out to New York and nationwide bar groups, and contacting other Asian American attorneys.

Announcing AABANY's incorporation on October 20, 1989, the group invited attorneys to an inaugural reception at New York University Law School on November 9, 1989. Among the speakers were Judge Dorothy Chin Brandt, Judge Randall Eng, Judge Peter Tom, past president of the American Immigration Law Association Benjamin Gim, Professor Sharon Hom, AALDEF Program Director Stanley Mark, and former NYPD Deputy Commissioner Hugh Mo. All of the speakers emphasized the unfulfilled need for AABANY. The reception was a resounding success, with over 180 attorneys and law students attending. Before the meeting concluded, over 60 people had joined AABANY.

AABANY, operating under an interim board during its first year, hosted further receptions, including evening social events, as well as a meeting at Brooklyn Law School at which Hoyt Zia, then the first President of NAPABA, spoke. Newly formed committees also sprang into action. The Issues Committee, co-chaired by Rockwell Chin and Marilyn Go, began research on redistricting, assisted lobbying for bias crimes legislation and spoke out against bias incidents. The Business Law Committee, co-chaired by Ken Chin and Marilyn Go, established a speaker series of prominent Asian American attorneys. The Events Committee hosted a Fall picnic. Prompted by concerns raised by law students at the picnic, Chin Fong and James Minamoto established a student mentor program, presenting a job skills workshop to help law students hone interviewing skills.

On January 12, 1991, AABANY held its first annual meeting, electing Serene Nakano, Doris Ling-Cohan, Steve Min, Glenn Ikeda and Marilyn Go as officers and Rockwell Chin, Sylvia Fung Chin, Merlin Liu, Stanley Mark, Qazi Moid and Judge Peter Tom as directors.

Now one of the most prominent and active minority bar associations in New York, AABANY has about 2,000 current and past members, including practicing attorneys in the private and public sectors, in-house lawyers, judges, professors and law students.
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CONGRATULATIONS
Achievements, Milestones, Honors, and Recognitions in 2012

In 2012, many members and friends of AABANY attained major achievements, milestones, recognitions, distinctions and honors. We congratulate:

**Grace Meng**, the first Asian American from New York to be elected to Congress.

**Hon. Lorna G. Schofield**, confirmed as a United States District Judge in the Southern District of New York, the first woman of Filipino descent to be so confirmed.

**Hon. Randall T. Eng**, appointed by Governor Cuomo to serve as Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division Second Department, the first Asian American to achieve this distinction, adding to an already long list of career firsts.

**Pamela K. Chen**, named Prosecutor of the Year at the Society of Asian Federal Officers Annual Scholarship and Award Banquet and nominated by President Obama to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

**Kathy Hirata Chin**, nominated for a vacancy in the Court of Appeals created by the retirement of Associate Justice Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick, the first Asian American to be nominated to serve on New York’s highest court.

**Hon. Denny Chin**, keynote speaker at the Annual Citywide Diversity Reception presented by Cleary Gottlieb.

**Hon. Doris Ling-Cohan**, honored by LeGaL at their 2012 Pride Celebration and by the New York Asian Women’s Center at their Annual Gala.

**Hon. Lillian Wan**, formerly co-chair of the Government and Public Sector Committee and now one of New York’s newest Civil Court judges in 2012, assigned to Family Court.

**Glenn Lau-Kee**, nominated by the New York State Bar Association’s Nominating Committee to be President-elect effective June 2013, the first Asian American to receive such a nomination.

**Don Liu**, recipient of the 2012 City Bar Diversity Champion Award, appointed to the newly-formed City Bar Task Force on Young Lawyers, and speaker at numerous conferences and events throughout the year, including as keynote at the Council of Urban Professionals Annual Lawyers’ Forum and the National Convention of NAAAP, the National Association of Asian American Professionals, held in New York City in August 2012.

**Parkin Lee**, Justice in Action Award recipient at the 2012 Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund Annual Lunar New Year Gala.

**Sandra Leung**, panelist with Don Liu at NYSBA’s Smooth Moves program, “View from the Corner Office,” and honored at the 4th Anniversary Reception of the Prosecutors’ Committee.

**Chanwoo Lee**, honoree with the Hon. Randall T. Eng, at the 31st Annual Rivers, Toney and Watson Dinner hosted by the Judicial Friends.

**Aric Wu**, Partner, Gibson Dunn, one of Crain’s Best 40 Under 40.

**Michael Yim**, Partner, Lee Anav Chung, appointed to ABA Standing Committee on Lawyer Referral and Information Service.


**Linda Lin**, Immediate Past President, appointed to sit on the City Council Districting Commission to assist the City Council in drawing district lines for New York City, performing a vital role that affects voters, politicians and elections in New York City.

**Lillian M. Moy**, Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, recipient of the Diversity Trailblazer Award at the NYSBA 2013 Annual Meeting.

**Vincent Chang**, past AABANY President, was recognized at the Council of Urban Professionals (CUP) Lawyers’ Forum as one of an inaugural list of fifteen CUP Catalysts: Change Agents in Law 2012.

**Jean Lee**, AABANY President, honored at the 2012 Rutgers APALSA Mela.

Our NAPABA Best Lawyers Under 40 Award recipients: **Steve Choi**, **Rio Guerrero**, **Blossom Kan**, **Teena-Ann V. Sankoorikal**, and **Vinoo Varghese**. We believe that AABANY has never had so many Best Under 40 honorees in one year.

**Judy Kim**, our Membership Secretary, appointed as NAPABA Northeast Regional Governor for a two-year term. The Northeast region covers 10 states (Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont) and Canada.

We are privileged to count so many prominent, committed and dedicated members of the legal community in our membership and circle.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Judy Kim, Membership Secretary

The Membership Committee, chaired by the Membership Secretary, develops recommendations for programs and services that will meet the needs of the membership and encourage new members to join AABANY.

During 2012, the Committee, working in conjunction with AABANY’s officers and directors, launched several initiatives aimed at (1) increasing membership and (2) streamlining the administrative burdens involved in maintaining AABANY’s large membership roster. As of January 2013, there were approximately 815 active, dues-paying members of AABANY. Of the total membership, 24.2 percent identified themselves as lawyers in the private sector and 15.5 percent as lawyers in the public sector and judiciary. Law students comprise 20.9 percent of the total membership. Compared to year-end 2011, AABANY’s membership grew by approximately 4 percent.

The Committee spent a considerable amount of time in 2012 reviewing, updating and streamlining AABANY’s vast membership database. These efforts have produced a much more accurate picture of AABANY’s membership roster and have allowed the Membership Secretary to produce and provide to AABANY officers quarterly reports of membership count, increases, decreases and in each case, separating them by category.

AABANY’s membership rolls include an additional 1,200 past members whose contact information is maintained by AABANY so that it can continue to reach out to these past members, updating them about activities in hopes that they will renew and become active in AABANY. When combined with our roster of current, paid-up members, AABANY’s total membership stands at approximately 2,000 current and past members.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Clara Ohr, Treasurer

In 2012, AABANY overhauled its financial recordkeeping. We now have a clearer picture of how our funds generated through sponsorship dollars and memberships are being spent. We have reviewed our budget closely to look for ways to promote growth, run our programs and pay for operations without overspending. Thanks to your generous support, we have been able to reach many new heights as detailed in this Year-End Report through the many events and programs that your dollars have helped us to present.

In 2012, the Board approved a general operational budget of approximately $318,000.00 and a committee budget of about $29,500.00, bringing the total operational budget to approximately $347,500.00. As of the last reporting date, our approximate expenses totaled our income. We will have final numbers after our fiscal year ends on January 31, 2013.

As of January 22, 2013, our Merrill Lynch investment account has a balance of $234,533.87 and our affiliated Bank of America operating checking account has a balance of $25,762.30. AABANY’s Investment Manager, Kai Chong Cheng of Merrill Lynch’s Private Wealth Management Group, has invested AABANY’s funds in accordance with the Investment Policy that the AABANY Board adopted on June 14, 2011. AABANY’s total performance return for 2012 (including cash and investments) was 4.5%, which was an improvement over 2011.

We look forward to growing our treasury in 2013 with an eye towards increasing staff to achieve even more in 2013. We thank you again for your support and hope to sustain it as we continue to work hard in furtherance of our mission.
YEAR IN REVIEW

Yang Chen, Executive Director

AABANY’s fiscal year began on February 1, 2012, and in the first few months of the year, AABANY got off to a flying start. President Jean Lee met with the incoming Committee Chairs and charged them with planning programs for the upcoming year and preparing budgets for all the events they wished to hold. Jean also went to work forming AABANY’s Advisory Committee, convening a group of senior attorneys that included past AABANY leaders and prominent members of the legal profession who were not active with AABANY but who might have ideas, talents and resources to contribute. The Advisory Committee would go on to meet once a quarter to discuss various matters pertaining to the present and future direction of the association. Advisory Committee members offered their views and constructive advice on how AABANY could best meet its goals.

On February 29, AABANY held its biggest Annual Dinner to date, returning once again to Cipriani Wall Street. More than 600 guests from across the legal spectrum attended. We honored Saru Jayaraman, Co-Director and Co-Founder of the Restaurant Opportunities Center, with the Emerging Leader Award. We also honored Samuel Reeves, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Wal-mart US Legal, with the Diversity Leadership Award. Our keynote speaker was Susan Blount, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Prudential Financial, Incorporated, recipient of the Corporate Counsel Leadership Award.

The first quarter featured many CLE programs and events organized and presented by several AABANY committees (detailed further in the Committee Reports), co-sponsorships with other bar associations and community groups, capped off by another event-filled APA Heritage Month. In April, AABANY hosted a visiting delegation of judges and professors from China, working with Internews, a non-profit media organization dedicated to promoting a free press across the globe. Judge Denny Chin provided the visitors with an informative discussion about the United States legal system and his own experiences as a Federal judge. Among many highlights, possibly the one that stands out is AABANY’s co-production of “Revisiting Vincent,” in collaboration with the Asian American Arts Alliance and the Museum of Chinese in America, to re-tell the story of Vincent Chin on the anniversary of the 30th year since he was killed.

NAPABA’s Eastern Super Regional Conference took place from May 31 to June 2 at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City. The conference was organized and hosted by APALA-NJ. AABANY made a strong showing, both in attendance and as speakers or moderators on several panels, including Ben Hsing, Michael Yim, Don Liu, Michael Yap, Lynnette Sarno, Parkin Lee, Sapna Palla, Judy Kim, Theo Cheng and Tsui Yee. The AABANY Trial Re-enactment Team, led by the Hon. Denny Chin, Vincent Chang and Kathy Hirata Chin, presented “Building Our Legacy: The Murder of Vincent Chin,” to mark the 30th anniversary of his death.

Among the highlights during the summer months were AABANY’s Fifth Annual Wine-Tasting and Networking Reception, described more fully in the In-House Committee Report, and AABANY’s Fourth Anniversary Prosecutor’s Committee Reception, at which Sandra Leung, General Counsel at Bristol-Myers Squibb, was honored. The second quarter wound down with AABANY’s fifth annual picnic in...
Central Park. In July, AABANY issued a statement denouncing inappropriate criticisms of judges in the media regarding recent stop and frisk decisions.

The Student Outreach Committee, in collaboration with various other AABANY Committees, generated an active summer social calendar with its Get to Know AABANY series of happy hours designed to introduce law students to the different AABANY committees as a way to become acquainted with AABANY, its leaders and members and the work that they do to advance the association’s mission.

On June 15, the Obama administration announced its deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA) program, providing deferral from deportation and employment authorization for undocumented persons who could meet certain criteria. AABANY’s Immigration and Nationality Law Committee has been instrumental in putting AABANY at the forefront of numerous initiatives and programs to assist members of the community to understand their rights under DACA and to help train attorneys to provide pro bono legal assistance with applying for DACA benefits.

AABANY kept busy from August through September. On AABANY’s Board, two new officer positions were created, filled by James Yu, Vice President of Programs and Operations, and John Rogers, Vice President of Finance and Development. In October, the Board appointed Bobby Liu to fill the vacancy created by James Yu’s elevation to Vice President.

AABANY’s committees continued putting on many excellent and worthwhile CLE programs, most notably for AABANY’s Third Annual Fall Conference, held at Gibson Dunn on September 15. This year’s Fall Conference was our biggest yet, with more than 220 attendees coming out for a full-day of CLE programs, including an all-day Trial Advocacy Program on opening statements and effective cross examination. In addition to CLE programs, there was a by-invite only In-House Counsel Forum to encourage candid discussion about the experiences of APA attorneys practicing in corporate legal departments. A similar forum was held for those with judicial aspirations, providing an unparalleled opportunity to engage in frank conversations with sitting APA judges about ascending the bench. Also, for the first time, AABANY held pitch sessions, giving opportunities for lawyers to make direct presentations to different in-house counsel who indicated an interest in hearing from firms that could meet their legal service needs.

In September, the Women’s Committee put on part two of its soft skills workshop, on creating a mindset for success. In October, other great CLEs included programs on understanding the foreign purchaser in New York, organized by the Real Estate and Solo and Small Firm Committees, and exploring sex trafficking cases, presented by five AABANY committees. The Student Outreach Committee held a law school survival workshop at Brooklyn Law School in September and then headed up to Syracuse Law School at the end of October for the fourth annual Upstate Roadshow.

The third quarter was not without its share of social events. August featured a ping pong and pool event at the beginning of the month and the End of Summer Happy Hour at the end of the month. The Fall Conference closed with a cocktail reception followed by an after-party for those who still had the energy to partake. In October, the Women’s Committee held its second “Women in Law Connect” mixer.
Also in October, Immediate Past President Linda Lin organized an AABANY team for a lung cancer run/walk in Battery Park City in support of an AABANY member battling lung cancer.

October ended with an unwelcome visit from Hurricane Sandy, the worst storm to ever hit New York City. With the city shut down, AABANY played its part in getting the word out about court closings, event cancellations and calls for help in Manhattan’s Chinatown.

NAPABA’s 24th Annual National Convention took place from November 15 through 18 in Washington, D.C., and AABANY turned out in force. Five AABANY members were recognized as NAPABA’s Best Lawyers Under 40, a record number. Judy Kim was sworn in as Northeast Regional Governor. The AABANY Trial Re-enactment Team put on another standing room only performance, this time of the Heart Mountain trials involving Japanese American internees who refused to sign up for the draft. Many AABANY members also spoke on various panels throughout the weekend. The keynote speaker at the gala on Saturday night was Justice Sonia Sotomayor who was interviewed on-stage by Judge Denny Chin, her former colleague at the United State District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Fresh from its performance of the Heart Mountain trials at NAPABA, the AABANY Trial Re-enactment Team performed the Vincent Chin trial re-enactment at the New Jersey Judicial College before a group of New Jersey State Court Judges on November 19. The power and impact of this re-enactment was felt by the audience of judges who were visibly moved and engaged by the performance.

On November 29, at the 31st Annual Rivers, Toney and Watson Dinner and Dance, organized by the Judicial Friends and held at Maestro’s in the Bronx, the Hon. Randall T. Eng, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, Second Department, and Chanwoo Lee, former President, Queens County Bar Association, were among the honorees. They were in distinguished company, which included the Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick, Court of Appeals, the Hon. Karen Peters, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, Third Department, and Loretta Lynch, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York. AABANY took a table at the dinner in support of Judge Eng and Chanwoo Lee.

To close out 2012, on December 14, AABANY held its Annual Holiday Party at Pranna Lounge. Over 100 AABANY members and friends were in attendance to celebrate the holiday season over drinks and delicious hors d’oeuvres. AABANY participated in the joint fundraising effort undertaken by SABANY, KALAGNY and MuBANY to collect money for the Food Bank For New York City to aid in Hurricane Sandy relief. We raised online and onsite over $700.

AABANY’s Judiciary Committee announced in December a dinner in Manhattan’s Chinatown to bring together the community to celebrate Justice Randall Eng’s elevation to Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department. That dinner is set to take place on January 31 and has proven to be a major draw among AABANY members and members of the community, including many family associations.

AABANY’s Mentorship Program held a mentor-mentee get-together on January 16, at the offices of Seyfarth Shaw to bring together this year’s class of mentors and mentees to talk about ways in which AABANY’s program can better serve them. Many great ideas were exchanged. The attendees also enjoyed a team-building exercise to get mentors to help connect their mentees with people who might be able to further their mentees’ career goals and aspirations.

As our Fiscal Year closes on January 31, AABANY can look back on a productive and fruitful year, and we look forward to building on the momentum we have gained to rise to even greater heights in 2013.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

AABANY does its work through its many committees. Below is a current list of committees and email addresses to reach the various committee chairs. Each chair is appointed by the President to serve one-year terms.

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Committee Reports from various active committees follow, detailing their events and programs during FY 2012.
The Academic Committee's mission is to serve AABANY members who are in the legal academy and to foster greater interaction between the legal academy and practicing attorneys. This committee also oversees the publication of the AABANY Law Review.

The Law Review seeks to serve two objectives. First, it is designed to act as a forum for the exchange of ideas and to inspire scholarly debate on matters of concern to the Asian Pacific American (APA) community. Second, it will provide a means by which AABANY members and friends can publish scholarly works and law students can gain valuable journal experience.

With the publication of our inaugural issue in 2012 and moving forward, The AABANY Law Review strives to espouse the visions articulated for this journal: to provide comprehensive analyses of law and commentary on groundbreaking cases and legislation; to lend a voice for the community in which we practice; and to serve as a marketplace of ideas, to be shared with generations of practitioners as well as the students that inherit it.


In September 2012, the Committee published a special edition of The AABANY Law Review, which contains the re-enactment scripts that Judge Denny Chin has developed from original trial transcripts of famous cases and trials in APA history and performed at National Asian Pacific American Bar Association conventions and around the country. Both the first and special editions are available for sale at http://lawreview.aabany.org.

We have been busy working on our next edition and hope to become a premier journal that interests the APA as well as the larger legal community.
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
William Ng and William Wang, Committee Co-Chairs

The Communications Committee oversees all initiatives by AABANY to communicate with its members, constituents, the Asian Pacific American community and the community at large. It is responsible for issuing press releases and communications about important legal issues and developments that are relevant and of interest to its members, the Asian Pacific American community, and the general public. It also disseminates information about AABANY events and the achievements of AABANY members and others in the Asian Pacific American community.

AABANY Advocate
The Communications Committee publishes the AABANY Advocate, a quarterly newsletter that highlights AABANY events and regularly profiles the work of judges, lawyers, community members, and AABANY’s sponsors. The AABANY Advocate includes articles written by members about legal news, recent cases, and networking and career opportunities. In 2012, the AABANY Advocate continued to profile AABANY’s Corporate Sponsors and distinguished AABANY members.

AABANY Press Releases
In 2012, the Communications Committee issued eighteen (18) press releases, which doubled the number of press releases issued in 2011. The Communications Committee uses press releases to announce significant news and achievements of AABANY and its members. The Communications Committee’s press releases are distributed to local and national media and have been cited by popular legal websites such as AboveTheLaw.com and The Careerist, a lawjobs.com blog. Find all of AABANY’s press releases at http://www.aabany.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=139.

AABANY on Social Media
The Communications Committee also continues to expand its social media presence by:
- Regularly updating AABANY’s Blog, which has quickly become a valuable source of information for AABANY members looking for APA legal, cultural and social events;
- Utilizing Facebook for special events such as AABANY’s Annual Picnic and various Committee Happy Hours;
- Expanding AABANY’s presence on Twitter and live tweeting events;
- Creating new subgroups on our LinkedIn Profile for the Intellectual Property and Litigation Committees.

AABANY’s Media Rapid Response Protocol (MRRP)
Finally, in 2012, AABANY created the Media Rapid Response Protocol (MRRP), by which Officers or Directors of the Board can bring to the President’s attention a breaking news story that bears on issues or matters affecting or relating to AABANY’s mission and which requires a quick response from AABANY. The MRRP team consists of the Chairs of the Issues and Communications Committees, and a Board member, whose responsibility it is to make recommendations to the President whether AABANY shall issue a statement for immediate release.

The Communications Committee looks forward to another busy and successful year in 2013.
CORPORATE LAW COMMITTEE

P. Stephen Kim and John Rogers, Committee Co-Chairs

The Corporate Law Committee consists of law firm attorneys who are interested in sharing their ideas and experience as law firm practitioners, with respect but not limited to issues facing Asian Pacific American lawyers, through conferences, CLE classes and social networking events.

In 2012, Committee Co-Chair John Rogers kicked off the year with a CLE program co-sponsored with KALAGNY entitled, “What Transactional Attorneys Need to Know About Financial Statements.” Presented by John Rogers, who is a Corporate Partner at Herrick Feinstein, together with Jeffery Katz of BDO Consulting, this program helped attendees understand how to navigate their way through financial statements, with a focus on which aspects of a financial statement transactional attorneys need to focus on.

The Corporate Law Committee also collaborated with the In-House Counsel Committee to organize what has become a perennial favorite on the AABANY calendar, the Annual Wine-Tasting and Networking Reception for Law Firm Attorneys and In-House Counsel.

The Corporate Law Committee, again working with the In-House Counsel Committee, helped organize the first Fall Conference Pitch Session, providing a platform for in-house counsel to meet with law firms and solo practitioners who can perform needed legal work for them. The Pitch Session turned out to be a highly successful and worthwhile offering at the Fall Conference, augmenting the already full slate of CLE programming with opportunities for developing business or fostering relationships to develop future business.

The Corporate Law Committee looks forward to putting on more programs in 2013 of relevance to APA lawyers practicing in the corporate sector.

The AABANY 5th Annual Winetasting and Networking Reception presented by the In-House Counsel Committee and Corporate Law Committee was held on June 27, 2012 at Alcon Gallery. The event drew 120 attendees, including in-house attorneys from 46 companies and organizations. There were 9 general counsels in attendance, including Vernon G. Chu of BBC Worldwide Americas, Inc., Pearl Hou of Sen Yu International Holdings, Inc., Charles Kwak of GE Capital Real Estate – Global Investment Management, Carol Lee of Taconic Capital Advisors LP, Parkin Lee of The Rockefeller Group, Bobby Liu of MD Sass Investors Services, Inc., Don Liu of Xerox Corporation, Sonia Low of Chinese-American Planning Council, Inc. and Joseph Yi of Lam Group.
AABANY’s Government and Public Sector Committee presents programs geared to the concerns of APA lawyers working in the government and public sector, through CLE seminars, career panels, networking events, and other programs. (Note: Co-Chair Lillian Wan stepped down over the summer upon joining the Civil Court bench.)

On April 19, our Committee held a networking mixer at Lani Kai, a restaurant/bar in New York’s Soho neighborhood to bring together APA attorneys in public service.

On May 23, our Committee presented an Ethics CLE program, Everyday Ethics for the Government & Public Sector Attorney. Alex Kipp, the Director of Training at NYC Conflicts of Interest Board, and Pery D. Krinsky, Esq. were presenters. Co-Chair Lillian Wan served as the moderator.

On June 20, our Committee, along with the Pro Bono and Community Service Committee and the Issues Committee, co-sponsored a "Get to Know AABANY" networking event at the Arctica Grill and Ice Bar with AABANY’s Student Outreach Committee.

On October 10, our Committee, together with four other AABANY committees and Brooklyn Law School APALSA, presented a CLE program at Brooklyn Law School on sex trafficking, “Exploring Sex Trafficking Cases: Criminal Justice, Immigration and Social Perspectives.” The five distinguished panelists were John Temple, Esq., an Assistant District Attorney in Charge of the Human Trafficking Program with Manhattan District Attorney’s Office; Amanda Kramer, Esq., Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York; the Hon. Toko Serita, who is assigned to the Queens County Prostitution Diversion Court; Laura Matthews-Jolly, Esq., City Bar Justice Center’s Immigrant Women and Children Project; and Fay Sardjono, Esq., Director of External Affairs at RESTORE. Co-Chair Richard Tsai served as the moderator.

In 2013, the Government and Public Sector Committee hopes to continue to present and co-sponsor informative programs.
IMMIGRATION & NATIONALITY LAW COMMITTEE

Rio Guerrero and Tsui Yee, Committee Co-Chairs

Our Committee provides a forum for U.S. immigration law attorneys and those interested in immigration law, to network professionally and socially. We deliver timely and valuable continuing legal education courses concerning fundamentals and/or changes in U.S. immigration law. We also promote the professional and ethical practice of U.S. immigration law in the community.

On April 22, 2012, the New York County District Attorney’s Office hosted an Immigration Service Fraud Prevention Seminar for the Chinese immigrant community. Our Committee co-sponsored this event, which was held at St. Patrick’s Youth Center in lower Manhattan and attended by well over 200 people. Rosemary Yu, a Co-Director of the Immigrant Affairs Program – and an AABANY member – introduced Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., who encouraged the audience to report immigration fraud and scams to their office. Following Mr. Vance’s remarks, Tsui Yee, Co-Chair of our Committee, gave a presentation explaining various immigration procedures and offered tips on how to avoid common scams and pitfalls. Jacob Pang, Program Coordinator of the Immigrant Affairs Program, also gave a presentation explaining how victims of immigrant services fraud can seek help from the Immigrant Affairs Program.

On May 19, 2012, Committee Co-chairs Rio Guerrero and Tsui Yee as well as other Committee members and AABANY members volunteered at the CUNY Citizenship Now! Citywide Citizenship Application Assistance Event, which was held at John Jay School of Criminal Justice. More than 400 participants received assistance in applying for U.S. citizenship. This event was proudly co-sponsored by our Committee.

On May 23, 2012, our Committee, AABANY’s Real Estate and Solo and Small Firm Practice Committees and Wells Fargo Bank co-sponsored the panel discussion, “Market and Sustain Your Practice in 2012,” a marketing seminar for solo and small firm attorneys which focused on helping attorneys identify the right niche for their practice; nurture referrals; and become branded experts in their field of practice.

On June 1, 2012, our Committee presented a panel at the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association’s Eastern Super Regional Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey to discuss Immigration and Custom Enforcement’s recent prosecutorial discretion initiative; how it has been implemented; and what impact it has had on the immigrant community.

On June 6, 2012, our Committee, AABANY’s Real Estate and Solo and Small Firm Practice Committees and Wells Fargo Bank co-sponsored the panel discussion, “5 Ways to Use Search Engines for Marketing,” a marketing seminar for solo and small firm attorneys.

On July 29, 2012, our Committee presented a Deferred Action Fraud Prevention Seminar, organized in conjunction with the New York County District Attorney’s Immigrant Affairs Program. The seminar, aimed at informing the Chinese community about avoiding immigration fraud in connection with Deferred Action, took place at St. Patrick’s Youth Center located on Mulberry Street in Manhattan.

On August 14, 2012, our Committee co-sponsored a Deferred Action Workshop for the benefit of undocumented youth and parents. The event was conducted by the New York State Youth Leadership Council, which is the largest undocumented youth-led organization in New York that seeks to empower undocumented youth and create equal access to higher education for all, regardless of immigration status.

On August 16, 2012, our Committee members enjoyed lively company and great food at Stitch Bar and Lounge on West 37th Street near 8th Avenue in Manhattan. The “Get to Know AABANY Summer Social,” co-sponsored by AABANY’s Women’s Committee, Immigration and Nationality Law Committee, and Student Outreach Committee, drew over 40 AABANY members to the spacious midtown lounge.

For the AABANY Fall Conference on September 15, 2012, our Committee co-organized and conducted the panel entitled, “Ethical Considerations in an Interdisciplinary Approach.” Committee Co-Chair Tsui Yee, along with the
other panelists, identified and discussed common ethical concerns encountered in various practices, including immigration, real estate, and trusts and estates.

On September 16, 2012, our Committee participated in the “Immigrants Connect” statewide effort led by various state agencies to educate the community regarding what government and community resources are available to immigrants and small businesses.

On September 19, 2012, our Committee, AABANY’s Real Estate and Solo and Small Firm Practice Committees presented a CLE entitled, “Social Media Marketing Made Simple for Attorneys.” This event was sponsored by Chase and attended by 25 attorneys.

On October 3, 2012, our Committee, AABANY’s Real Estate and Solo and Small Firm Practice Committees presented a CLE entitled, “Understanding the Foreign Purchaser in New York City.” The event was sponsored by Citibank and attended by over 95 attorneys.

On October 10, 2012, five AABANY Committees—Women’s, Government and Public Sector, Prosecutors’, Immigration and Nationality Law, Pro Bono and Community Service—together with the Brooklyn Law School APALSA presented a CLE program exploring sex trafficking from the criminal justice, social and immigration perspectives.

Planned committee events for 2013:

- Sterling National Bank: Lunar New Year Networking Event with Immigration and Nationality Committee and Solo/Small Firm Committee.
- CLE on Real Estate Ethics: to be co-hosted with Immigration and Nationality Committee and Solo/Small Firm Committee.
- CLE, “Immigration 101” to be co-sponsored with Nigerian Lawyers Association.
IN-HOUSE COUNSEL COMMITTEE

Vincent Hull and Duane Morikawa, Committee Co-Chairs

The In-House Counsel Committee (“IHCC”) consists of in-house counsel interested in sharing their ideas and experiences as members of corporate legal departments on a variety of issues facing Asian Pacific American lawyers and providing a support network with in-house counsel members. The IHCC has sponsored events such as CLE courses, networking events and other programs.

The IHCC held its kick off meeting on April 23, 2012 to introduce Vincent Hull as the new co-chair, discuss the events planned for the year and meet existing and new committee members.

The main event for the IHCC was the Fifth Annual Summer Wine-Tasting and Networking Reception for In-House Counsel and Attorneys on June 27, 2012, co-hosted by the IHCC and AABANY’s Corporate Law Committee (“CLC”) at the Aicon Gallery with the generous support of ten corporate and law firm sponsors. We were honored to have Gail M. Inaba, Managing Director and Associate General Counsel of J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. as our keynote speaker for the event. The evening featured wine tastings supplied by Veritas Ridge Winery and hors d’oeuvres from Dish Food & Events, along with the opportunity to bring together IHCC and CLC members, their colleagues, potential new members, and some of AABANY’s top sponsors. The attendees represented in-house counsel from over 46 corporations and other organizations and attorneys from 29 law firms.

The IHCC participated in the Annual AABANY Fall Conference on September 15, 2012 by sponsoring the In-House Counsel Forum and two CLE courses, including a panel discussion on Legal Issues Surrounding Social Media in the Workplace and a General Counsel Roundtable, and by co-sponsoring the pitch sessions with the CLC. The In-House Counsel Forum was a new program for the Fall Conference in which general counsels and senior in-house counsels were invited to discuss pressing issues of particular importance to in-house counsel. The pitch sessions were also new for the Fall Conference and provided an opportunity for law firm attorneys to make pitches to in-house attorneys that indicated a current need for legal representation from an outside law firm.

The IHCC will continue to develop programs and events to meet the needs and interests of its members.
AABANY’s Intellectual Property Committee (“IP Committee”) has three main goals. First, it strives to provide practical skills training, support, and opportunities for practicing and aspiring intellectual property lawyers in the New York area. Second, it seeks to be a resource for artists, authors, and inventors in the Asian American community. Third, it serves as a forum to explore U.S.-Asia intellectual property issues.

The IP Committee started in 2011 with a full slate of committee meetings, practical skills workshops, and panel presentations on topics ranging from IP litigation to advising start-ups.

In 2012, the IP Committee continued its practice of inviting guest speakers to committee meetings to speak to committee members about their career paths in IP law. The February 23, 2012 meeting featured Ashima Dayal (Davis & Gilbert LLP) and Helen Wan (Time, Inc.), who discussed their career paths in entertainment and media law.

The IP Committee also organized a lecture and book signing with Professor Sonia K. Katyal at Fordham University School of Law on March 21, 2012, featuring her book Property Outlaws (co-authored with Eduardo Peñalver) and forthcoming book on trademark law. This event was co-sponsored by the AABANY Student Outreach Committee and the Fordham Media & Entertainment Law Society.

In April 2012, the IP Committee focused on patent law, starting with a committee meeting hosted by Ben Hsing of Kaye Scholer LLP. Both Ben and John Flock (Kenyon & Kenyon LLP) discussed their career paths in patent law, particularly in patent litigation. The month continued with the fourth installment of the committee’s IP Skills Workshop CLE series on April 12, 2012, which featured Bobby Pierson and Ha Kung Wong of Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto leading a workshop on counseling clients before filing patent applications.

On April 19, 2012, Eugene Chang (Willkie, Farr & Gallagher LLP) and Lucien Chen (Lombard & Geleibter, LLP) presented a Patent Law Primer to discuss the basics of patent law and how to pursue a career in patent law for new and aspiring patent attorneys.

By popular demand, the IP and Women’s Committees co-organized a fashion law CLE panel presentation entitled, “Counseling the Fashion Client,” hosted by Ben Hsing & Kenyon LLP (courtesy of John Flock) on April 26, 2012. Panelists included Robin Silverman (Golenbeck Eiseman Assor Bell & Peskoe LLP), Ethan Yat Fai Lau (Coach, Inc.), and Giacomo Corrado (Corrado Montgomery; Adjunct Professor, Fashion Business Management at NYU and FIT).

On May 17, 2012, the IP Committee sponsored an IP Ethics CLE entitled, “Intellectual Property Ethics from the In-House Perspective.” David Kalow of Kalow & Springut LLP spoke about ethics issues that arise in the practice of intellectual property law.

On June 13, 2012, the IP Committee explored anti-counterfeiting issues in its CLE panel presentation “Fighting Fakes: Private and Public Enforcement in the U.S. and China,” co-sponsored by AABANY’s Prosecutors’ Committee and hosted by Fross Zelnick Lehrman & Zissu, PC. Speakers included Dean Gaida of FTI Consulting, Giselle Huron of Fross Zelnick Lehrman & Zissu, PC, James Lin of the NY County District Attorney’s Office (and also co-chair of AABANY’s Prosecutors’ Committee), and Ethan Yat Fai Lau of Coach, Inc. IP Committee Co-Chair Karen Lin moderated.

In collaboration with the Asian American Journalists Association of New York, the IP Committee organized a CLE panel presentation, “Intellectual Property 101 for Journalists,” aimed at an audience of journalists and lawyers on July 18, 2012. The program was hosted by Fulbright &

Charles Colman (Charles Colman Law; “Law of Fashion” blog) moderated the presentations and lively panel discussion.

On January 24, 2012, the IP Committee was awarded the “Outstanding Committee of the Year” at AABANY’s Annual Meeting. Pictured are Executive Director Yang Chen, IP Committee Co-Chairs Jane Chuang and Karen Lim, and 2011 President Linda Lin.

Photo courtesy of Yang Chen
Following a busy slate of programs during the first half of the year, the IP Committee convened for a strategic planning meeting on July 31, 2012 to discuss the relevance of the committee’s programming, future growth, and role within AABANY (hosted by King & Spalding LLP, courtesy of Vinny Lee). After the meeting, committee members networked over drinks at AVA Lounge at the Dream Hotel. As an outgrowth of that discussion, the Committee launched a survey of its members in January 2013.

The IP Committee proudly presented two CLE programs at the 2012 AABANY Fall Conference, “Leaping to New Heights,” on September 15, 2012. Panelists Adrienne Fields (Artists Rights Society) and Raymond Dowd (Dunnington, Bartholow and Miller LLP) debated the impact of the Supreme Court’s decision in “Copyright Law after Golan v. Holder: Practical Perspectives on Counseling Clients;” in a panel discussion moderated by Eric Tam (Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts). The copyright law panel was followed later in the day by a panel on U.S.-Asia Data Privacy Issues featuring panelists Ankur Kapoor (Constantine Cannon), William Min (Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide, Inc.), and Andy Roth (SNR Denton, formerly Chief Privacy Officer at American Express), and moderated by Amin Kassam (Bloomberg LP).

Rounding out the year, the IP Committee co-sponsored a networking and shopping event with the Women’s Committee at Banana Republic Soho. While learning about the latest styles and getting to know each other, members of both committees helped raise donations for the Asian American Federation’s Hurricane Sandy Fund.
ISSUES COMMITTEE
Joe Gim, Committee Chair

AABANY’s Issues Committee examines and considers a variety of issues that impact, directly or indirectly, the Asian Pacific American (APA) community and provides recommendations to AABANY’s Board on whether or not the association should, consistent with its mission, take action on the issues, and if so, in what way and to what extent.

The Committee advised the Board on various issues affecting the APA community in 2012. During the height of Linsanity, racist statements were made in the media against Jeremy Lin, then a player for the New York Knicks. While other APA groups quickly responded to decry these remarks and successfully obtained apologies from various media outlets, AABANY was not able to respond as swiftly, leading AABANY to develop a Media Rapid Response Protocol (MRRP) to allow AABANY to more quickly speak out on issues that matter to the APA community. The Issues Committee is an integral part of that protocol.

The Issues Committee helped AABANY formulate a response to press editorials against judges who issued rulings on stop-and-frisk cases which the press claimed was too easy on the criminals, leading to improper personal attacks in the press against members of the judiciary. Exercising the MRRP, AABANY was able to timely weigh in and join the New York County Lawyers Association to denounce these unfair attacks on the judiciary.


In 2013, the Committee plans to continue addressing issues affecting the APA community and will be studying the topic of the hiring, retention and promotion of APA lawyers in New York.

Above: AABANY joined the New York County Lawyers Association in their support of New York’s judiciary, judicial independence and against the improper personal attacks leveled by the New York Post and the Daily News against judges for their decisions in recent stop and frisk cases.

Left: Redistricting reform is one of the many issues the Committee worked on in 2012. Pictured is Steve Choi, AABANY member and Executive Director of the MinKwon Center for Community Action. Steve spoke at a press conference and testified at the New York City Districting Commission’s public hearing, held in August 2012 at the Flushing Library, on the need to protect Asian American “communities of interest” in the upcoming redistricting process. The AABANY Advocate profiled Steve in its Winter 2013 issue.


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AABANY’s Judiciary Committee seeks to increase the number of qualified Asian Pacific Americans in the federal and state judiciary and to preserve and promote judicial independence.

The Judiciary Committee’s efforts fall into four main categories.

1. It screens candidates for the judiciary to determine whether AABANY should formally support those candidates. The methodology for AABANY’s screening process is posted on the AABANY website.

2. It recruits and prepares candidates seeking their first judicial office, as well as sitting judges seeking higher judicial office.

3. It lobbies and supports candidates for the judiciary whom AABANY has endorsed.

4. It takes positions and engages in advocacy (speeches, legislative testimony, public fora, amicus briefs, and editorials) on issues related to judicial independence and judicial selection.

Additionally, the Judiciary Committee seeks to increase awareness of issues relating to the judiciary among AABANY’s members.

The past year was another productive year for the Judiciary Committee.

In 2012, the Judiciary Committee vetted and/or supported a number of candidates for various positions. We supported a judge on the Appellate Division, Second Department (Randall T. Eng) for the Presiding Judgeship of the Second Department, for which he was ultimately appointed by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo. We also supported and helped prepare a candidate (Lillian Wan) for interviews with Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg’s Committee on the Judiciary for a seat on the New York City Family Court, for which she was ultimately appointed. We further provided guidance to candidates and potential candidates for several other state judgeships. We continued our support for Lorna G. Schofield, who was confirmed last year as a federal judge for the Southern District of New York.

We also continued our support for Pamela K. Chen, who was approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee late last year for a seat on the Eastern District of New York bench; although her nomination lapsed at the end of the 112th Congress, she was re-nominated by President Barack Obama on January 7, 2013. Additionally, we vetted one other candidate for the federal bench and supported him with letters to Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, as well as two other candidates for the New York Court of Appeals, one of whom (Kathy H. Chin) was recommended by the Commission on Judicial Nomination.

The Judiciary Committee participated in open meetings of the New York County Democratic Party’s Judiciary Committee to establish the party’s 2012 Independent Judicial Screening Panel for Civil Court candidates. The Judiciary Committee also recruited and prepared AABANY members to serve on various judicial screening panels, including the Democratic Party’s panel and the Joint Minority Bar Screening Panel.

With respect to increasing awareness about judiciary matters, the Judiciary Committee authored articles published in the AABANY Advocate; one article provided a basic overview and introduction to federal bankruptcy judges and the bankruptcy courts, and another reviewed the new federal removal and venue provisions that went into effect last year. We also co-sponsored and participated in a panel discussion at the New York City Bar about the role of judicial screening panels and how interested individuals can serve on such panels. Additionally, the Judiciary Committee organized and sponsored a lively and interesting discussion on various judiciary-related issues in a closed-door session at AABANY’s Third Annual Fall Conference.

The Judiciary Committee looks forward to continuing its work in 2013. If you have any questions about the committee or about the judiciary and the judicial selection process, please do not hesitate to contact us at judiciary-chairs@aabany.org.
The Litigation Committee is dedicated to attorneys and law students who are interested in litigation. The committee provides a forum and resources for networking and learning, and sponsors events that are of interest to its members. The Committee met periodically throughout 2012 to plan events geared toward current and prospective AABANY members and to discuss issues of relevance to the litigation practices of its members. Below are some of the events that the Committee organized:

On April 11, the Litigation Committee held its first meeting of 2012 at Seyfarth Shaw. The meeting allowed members to discuss strategy and plans for the rest of 2012. Great ideas flowed and the year was mapped out.

On May 24, 2012, the Litigation Committee, the Young Lawyers’ Committee and the Student Outreach Committee held the AABANY Pre-Memorial Day Happy Hour at The Hill. It was Part I of “Get to Know AABANY,” and provided an opportunity for new members and law students to meet members of the Litigation Committee.

On July 11, 2012, the Litigation Committee presented a “Depositions Bootcamp + Ethics Minefield” CLE with the following panel of senior litigators: Vincent T. Chang (Partner, Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch), James P. Chou (Senior Counsel at Akin Gump Hauer Strauss & Feld LLP), Tristan C. Loanzon (Principal at Loanzon Sheikh LLC), Concepcion A. Montoya (Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP), James S. Yu (Partner, Seyfarth Shaw LLP) and Yang Chen (Executive Director, AABANY). The panel was moderated by AABANY Litigation Committee Co-Chair William Wang (Partner at Lee Anav Chung LLP). Winston & Strawn LLP did an exceptional job hosting the event, with the assistance of Louis A. Russo, an associate at Winston & Strawn LLP and the staff, taking the event to the next level. The CLE was well attended and a great success, thanks to the wonderful panelists who explained the basics of depositions, how to prep a witness for deposition, and the nuances of ethics while also doing a demonstration of what not to do in a deposition. CLE materials were provided, which included resources attendees can reference for guidance, articles, PowerPoint slides and caselaw on important developments and aspects of depositions. Overall, the attendees found the CLE informative and comprehensive and “one of the best CLEs” with a “very knowledgeable panel.” With the help of Francis Chin from the Professional Development Committee, attendees left with certificates for 3 CLE credits, including one hour in Ethics credit.

During the Fall Conference, the Litigation Committee and Young Lawyers’ Committee co-hosted the first Trial Advocacy Program. For attorneys desiring to learn or brush up on trial skills, AABANY offered a day-long Trial Advocacy Program that trained participants on making opening and closing statements and conducting effective examinations. Among the all-star faculty were the Honorable Doris Ling-Cohan and the Honorable Jeffrey K. Oing. Lorna Schofield, then Of Counsel at Debevoise & Plimpton, and now United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, was also a faculty member.

The Litigation Committee met on September 28, 2012 and was privileged to have the Honorable George A. Yanthis speak at its meeting at Phillips Lytle’s office in midtown Manhattan. The meeting was well attended thanks to Judge Yanthis, who discussed preferred practices, notable cases and his path to the judiciary. Judge Yanthis also shared the importance of diversity and public advocacy, as exemplified by his own experience. Attendees had the opportunity to ask practical questions on how to better advocate for their clients. Afterwards, attendees remained to continue networking with each other. Anna Mercado, associate at Phillips Lytle and AABANY member, hosted the Litigation Committee meeting.

The Litigation Committee hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Happy Hour at The Barrel Room (Park Avenue Tavern) and its third committee meeting on November 29, 2012. Volunteers, panelists, and litigation committee members mingled while enjoying cocktails on a cold November night.

The Litigation Committee hopes to build on its success in 2013.
PRO BONO & COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE
Tony Lu and Karen Wu, Committee Co-Chairs

The AABANY Pro Bono and Community Service Committee (“Pro Bono Committee”) seeks to encourage and facilitate pro bono service among Asian American attorneys and seeks to support the efforts of the private bar and the non-profit sector to serve those who are denied access to justice.

In 2012, the Pro Bono Committee submitted several nominations for pro bono awards in an effort to ensure that Asian American attorneys are recognized for their pro bono and public service achievements. To ensure that this process continues, the Pro Bono Committee is developing a database and calendar of such award programs.

In 2012, the Pro Bono Committee represented AABANY in collaborating with over a dozen community-based organizations to provide educational outreach and assistance to the Chinese community on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). In a joint effort with AABANY’s Immigration Committee, we recruited about a dozen AABANY members to participate in the program, which was held on November 19th in Chinatown.

The Pro Bono Committee was one of five AABANY committees that co-sponsored a 3-hour CLE program entitled, “Exploring Sex Trafficking Cases: Criminal Justice, Immigration, and Social Perspectives,” held at Brooklyn Law School on October 10, 2012. The event was very well attended, bringing together law students and attorneys with diverse interests and expertise to discuss how the issue is currently being handled within the American legal system, and highlight restorative efforts that are being undertaken to support victims of sex trafficking.

The Pro Bono Committee is working on an organizational policy through which AABANY can review and evaluate potential pro bono opportunities. AABANY is not a direct pro bono legal services provider, and instead, partners with existing legal service providers by recruiting pro bono attorneys and law students, advertising pro bono opportunities, setting up community educational workshops, and providing technical assistance. The Pro Bono Committee is working on a framework to ensure that AABANY enters into partnerships that provide meaningful pro bono opportunities for its members. An emphasis will be placed on collaborating on pro bono programs that assist Asian American communities.

On August 9, AABANY hosted an evening of Ping Pong and Pool at Slate. Karen Wu, co-chair of the Pro Bono and Community Service Committee, co-organized the event with Kai Cheng of Merrill Lynch/Bank of America. Attendees included Bobby Liu, General Counsel at MD Sass, past AABANY President James Chou, current President Jean Lee, and the Hon. Robert Reed. Karen ran a mini speed tournament in which contestants took turns exchanging volleys. Participants received goodies donated by JOOLA, official sponsor of USA Table Tennis. The ping pong took place in a private section of Slate that was reserved for AABANY. Those who were more inclined to billiards shot some 8 ball and 9 ball at the pool tables downstairs. A wonderful time was had by all.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Francis Chin, Committee Co-Chair

The continuing mission of the Professional Development Committee is to help the advancement of AABANY’s members in their professional careers. This is done through the administration of our continuing legal education program, as well as providing opportunities for members to work together.

Continuing Legal Education

This year we are proud to have provided 26 free or low-cost Continuing Legal Education (CLE) program for our members and the legal community in the New York City area. All of our programs are organized and presented by volunteers and are sponsored by generous law firms, corporations, and community organizations. We seek to provide these resources free or at low cost without compromise in the quality or educational value of our programs.

Programs are sponsored by AABANY’s committees or with one of AABANY’s partners, including the Network of Bar Leaders, the MinKwon Center for Community Action, and the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund. The role of the PDC is to provide guidance in organizing and documenting the programs according to the requirements of the New York State Continuing Education Board, issuing CLE credits to participants, and making the required periodic reports to the Office of Court Administration.

A day-long CLE event, the annual AABANY Fall Conference,Table: Continuing Legal Education Programs offered in 2012

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* CLE Categories: Ethics= Ethics & Professionalism; Areas= Areas of Professional Practice; Skills; LPM=Law Practice Management
was held on September 15, 2012. Eight one-credit programs were presented by an array of AABANY’s committees in a wide range of subjects, such as handling social media in the workplace, interdisciplinary ethics, election redistricting, real estate fraud, and data privacy issues. A full-day intensive program in trial advocacy based on the National Institute for Trial Advocacy was taught by experienced judges and attorneys.

In total, we offered 45.5 credits of continuing legal education. This included 9.5 credits of ethics. All of these credits were free for members except for the cost of the Fall Conference ($100 for members in private practice, $75 for public sector members). This represents a great savings over the cost of CLE programs elsewhere.

**Legal Reenactments**
Led by Hon. Denny Chin, Vincent Chang, and Kathy Hirata Chin, a group of AABANY members researched, wrote and presented the sixth in a series of Asian Pacific American trial reenactments entitled, “Heart Mountain: Conscience, Loyalty, and the Constitution” at the NAPABA Annual Convention in Washington D.C. on November 16. This CLE program format is based on the reenactments performed by the Inns of Court. The group was also invited to present at the New Jersey Judicial Conference a previous presentation, “Building Our Legacy: The Murder of Vincent Chin” on November 19. These programs continue to bring Asian Pacific American historical events alive to a new generation of legal practitioners.

**Legal Referral Service Pilot Program**
During the course of 2012, we have continued to lay out the foundations for a legal referral service in which we can facilitate access to legal services with members of the Asian Pacific American community. We are currently looking into possible partnerships with the New York City Bar, the Brooklyn Bar Association, and Pro Bono Net to provide technical assistance in operating the program. Once these partnerships have been established, we will make the program available to our members and the public.

**Conclusion**
In conclusion, we have had a successful year in providing one of the primary benefits of membership, and we hope to continue next year. We are very grateful for the many active members and volunteers who have generously contributed their time and experience to make this possible.

The May 22, 2012 performance marked the 30th anniversary of the murder of Vincent Chin. “Revisiting Vincent” was co-produced by the Asian American Arts Alliance (a4), the Asian American Bar Association of New York, and the Museum of Chinese in America. From top: Audience members gather before the show; A scene from the reenactment; Judge Chin and Dean Wu lead the talkback after the performance.
The goals of the Prosecutors’ Committee include the advancement and professional development of Asian American prosecutors, the establishment of a network between former and current Asian American prosecutors, the recruitment of Asian American law students to become prosecutors, and the cultivation of trust and communication between the Asian American community and the local prosecutors’ offices. There are currently over one hundred Asian American prosecutors serving New York City.

May 14, 2012: The Prosecutors’ Committee and the Kings County District Attorney’s office celebrated Asian Pacific American Heritage Month by co-sponsoring an annual event honoring both individuals and organizations for their work on behalf of APAs in the Brooklyn community. The honorees were: Assistant Chief Thomas M. Chan, Patrol Borough Brooklyn South, N.Y.P.D.; Dr. Jonathan Chang, President of the Myanmar American Medical Education Society, Inc.; and the community organization SAYA (South Asian Youth Action). Kings County District Attorney Charles Hynes presided over the event. The event was held at the Kings County District Attorney’s Office. Light snacks and refreshments were served.

May 16, 2012: The Prosecutors’ Committee and the New York County District Attorney’s office celebrated Asian Pacific American Heritage Month by co-sponsoring an “After Work Breather” for the Asian American prosecutors at the New York County District Attorney’s office. It was both a celebration of diversity at the New York office and a recruitment drive on behalf of AABANY that gave the Asian American prosecutors an opportunity to catch up, learn about AABANY, and simply relax. The event was held at Mika Restaurant in Manhattan’s Chinatown. Appetizers and light entrees were served.

June 13, 2012: The Prosecutors’ Committee co-sponsored a CLE Panel with AABANY’s Intellectual Property Committee entitled, “Fighting Fakes: Private & Public Enforcement.” The panel provided insights into combatting trademark counterfeiting in the U.S. and China. It was held at the offices of Fross Zelnick Lehrman & Zissu, PC, across from the United Nations. The panel was moderated by IP Committee Co-Chair Karen Lim. Prosecutors’ Committee Co-Chair James Lin was one of the panelists, along with representatives from COACH, Inc., FTI Consulting, and Fross Zelnick Lehrman & Zissu, PC. Light refreshments were served.

June 28, 2012: The Prosecutors’ Committee held its 4th Anniversary Reception at the New York University School of Law, Vanderbilt Hall. This year, the Prosecutors’ Committee, co-chaired by Cristina S. W. Park of the Bronx County D.A.’s Office and James S. Lin of the New York County D.A.’s Office, honored Sandra Leung, General Counsel of Bristol-Myers Squibb, displays her sense of humor as she accepts her award.

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Myers Squibb, and Thomas M. Chan, Assistant Chief of the New York City Police Department. Ms. Leung was the first female Asian American prosecutor in the New York County D.A.’s Office, and in her speech, recounted how her invaluable experience as a prosecutor propelled her rapid rise in the ranks at Bristol-Myers Squibb. Assistant Chief Chan is the highest ranking Asian American officer in NYPD’s history, and during his address, spoke of his passion to help the community as the driving force behind his illustrious career. These two individuals were honored for their dedication to diversity and as trailblazers for the Asian American community in New York.

The honorees and attendees were welcomed by Jeannie Forrest, the Vice-Dean of NYU School of Law. Nearly 120 guests attended the reception and congratulatory remarks were given by: Charles J. Hynes, the District Attorney of Kings County; Daniel R. Alonso, the Chief Assistant District Attorney for New York County; Daniel L. Master, the Chief Assistant District Attorney for Richmond County; and Steven M. Goldstein, the Chief Assistant District Attorney for the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor. Closing remarks were delivered by Jean Lee, the President of AABANY.

Dignitaries in attendance at the reception included Judge Doris Ling-Cohan, New York State Supreme Court, Judge Gilbert C. Hong, New York City Criminal Court, Daniel D. Chu, Chair of the Civilian Complaint Review Board, and Hugh H. Mo, one of last year’s Trailblazer Honorees. The reception was covered by members of the media.

September 15, 2012: The Prosecutors’ Committee co-sponsored a CLE panel with AABANY’s Real Estate Committee at AABANY’s Fall Conference. The panel was entitled, “Fighting Real Estate Fraud & Mortgage Fraud in the Big Apple: War Stories & Real Cases.” The moderator was Real Estate Committee Chair Margaret Ling. On the panel was Richard Farrell, the Chief of the Kings County District Attorney’s Office’s Mortgage Fraud & Real Estate Crimes Unit.

October 10, 2012: AABANY through five of its Committees—Women’s, Government and Public Sector, Immigration and Nationality Law, Pro Bono and Community Service and Prosecutors’—together with Brooklyn Law School APALSA presented an excellent CLE program, “Exploring Sex Trafficking Cases: Criminal Justice, Immigration and Social Perspectives.” The program presented a case study of a hypothetical human trafficking victim and how the various government and non-government agencies would report, investigate, and resolve the case and render assistance to the victim. Among the panelists were Assistant District Attorney John Temple, Attorney in Charge of the Human trafficking Program at the New York County District Attorney’s Office; Assistant United States Attorney Amanda Kramer, Human Trafficking Coordinator for the United States Attorney’s Office, S.D.N.Y.; and the Honorable Toko Serita, New York City Criminal Court, presiding over the Queens Prostitution Diversion Court. The moderator was Richard Tsai, Co-Chair of AABANY’s Government & Public Sector Committee.

November 16 & 17, 2012: NAPABA Convention. Three prominent members of the Prosecutors’ Committee were CLE panelists at this year’s convention in Washington, D.C. Former Co-Chair of the Prosecutors’ Committee and the long time Director of Legal Training at the Kings County District Attorney’s office, Kin Ng, helped present a panel entitled, “Ethical Practices for Modern Day Prosecutors and Defense Attorneys,” and he was joined by prosecutors and judges from across the country. Senior Assistant District Attorney Maria Park, Appeals Bureau, Kings County District Attorney’s office, and former Brooklyn prosecutor and now criminal defense attorney Vinoo Varghese, of Varghese & Associates, PC, helped present a panel entitled, “When Immigration & Criminal Law Meet.” Both programs were well attended and very informative.

November 16, 2012: The National Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition. Held annually at the NAPABA National Convention, members of the Prosecutors’ Committee volunteered their time and energy to judge preliminary rounds at this year’s convention in Washington, D.C. Prosecutors’ Committee members Mao Lin, Elizabeth Mo, Carey Ng, and Samuel Yee, along with Co-Chair James Lin, all participated as volunteer judges. The Prosecutors’ Committee has supported and will continue to support this rewarding and important competition.
REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
Margaret T. Ling, Committee Chair

The Real Estate Committee is chaired by Margaret Ling and provides advice, information, and professional development to law students interested in the area of real estate, newly admitted attorneys and experienced APA attorneys.

In 2012, the Committee has continued to focus on the following areas:

• Mentoring law students and attorneys on job skills, resumes, and interviewing.
• Understanding and representing the Asian foreign purchaser in both residential and commercial transactions.
• Community outreach to the solo and small firm attorneys throughout Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island. This has been successfully accomplished with the co-partnership of the AABANY Immigration and Nationality Committee co-chaired by Rio Guerrero and Tsui Yee and the AABANY Solo and Small Firm Committee co-chaired by Pauline Yeung-Ha and Wendy Yu.
• Addressing foreclosure relief to homeowners in a weak economy through collaboration with banks such as Chase, Wells Fargo, and Citibank.
• Cross-partnership and joint events with other community not-for-profits including the Asian Real Estate Association of America, the Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York, the National Hispanic Association of Real Estate Professionals, MinKwon Center, Asian Americans for Equality, and the Metropolitan Black Bar Association.
• Cross-partnership and joint events with federal, state and New York City governmental agencies including HUD, the Fair Housing Administration, and the Obama White House Asian Pacific Initiative on Housing.
• Ethics programs on mortgage and real estate fraud in New York City.
• Commercial real estate development within the Asian community: office condos, hotels, and shopping centers.
• Representing the first-time home buyer.

The Real Estate Committee offers CLE seminars and networking events with corporate and bank sponsors including Summit Associates, Cathay Bank, Citibank, Chase Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Sterling National Bank, HSBC, and Bank of America.

During the 2012 fiscal year, the Real Estate Committee organized, presented and co-partnered on the following events (all attendance figures are approximate and estimated):

(1) January 11, 2012: CLE, “Financial Services for Young Lawyers and Solo and Small Firms,” sponsored by Wells Fargo and co-partnered with Young Lawyers’ Committee and Solo and Small Firm Practice Committee.
(2) February 28, 2012: CLE, “Short Sales and Title Insurance: Basic Foreclosure Procedure and
Defenses in New York,” sponsored by Chase Bank and co-partnered with the Asian Real Estate Association and the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals; attended by 75 attorneys at the Sheraton LaGuardia Hotel, Flushing, New York.


(4) April 2, 2012: Panel Presentation, “Understanding the U.S. Real Estate Market for Foreign Investors”; panel included Margaret Ling; Rio Guerrero, Chair of AABANY Immigration Committee; and John Rogers, Co-Chair of AABANY Corporate Law Committee. This panel was presented at the Asian Real Estate Association’s Global Summit: “Reinvesting in America” which took place at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City and was attended by over 600 real estate professionals and foreign Asian investors.

(5) May 23, 2012: CLE, “Market and Sustain your Practice in 2012,” sponsored by Wells Fargo and co-partnered with Immigration and Nationality Committee and Solo and Small Firm Committee; attended by 35 attorneys at Wells Fargo Bank.

(6) June 6, 2012: CLE, “5 Ways to Use Search Engines for Marketing,” sponsored by Wells Fargo and co-partnered with Immigration and Nationality Committee and Solo and Small Firm Committee; attended by 35 attorneys at Wells Fargo Bank.

(7) June 16, 2012: Distressed Homeowner Outreach Workshop, sponsored by Asian Real Estate Association, AAFE, MinKwon, Chhaya CDC, Chase Bank, Wells Fargo, and Bank of America; attended by over 200 homeowners and real estate professionals to provide counseling for distressed homeowners on the verge or in the midst of foreclosure. Venued at The Sheraton LaGuardia Hotel, Flushing, New York.


(11) October 3, 2012: CLE, “Understanding the Foreign Purchaser in New York City,” sponsored by Citibank, co-partnered with Immigration and Nationality Committee and Solo and Small Firm Committee; attended by over 95 attorneys, venued at Holiday Inn – Soho.

For 2013, the Committee is planning a similar mix of CLE and networking events in partnership with other AABANY committees and with the support of various bank sponsors.

On September 19, 2012, AABANY co-sponsored with Chase a CLE program on “Social Media Marketing Made Simple for Attorneys” at a Chase branch near City Hall. The seminar was organized by Margaret Ling, AABANY Real Estate Committee Chair, and Pauline Yeung-Ha and Wendy Yu, AABANY Solo and Small Firm Practice Committee Co-Chairs. The seminar provided a wealth of information about how social media can be an effective tool to market one’s practice. The discussion included ethical issues relating to advertising and solicitation via the Internet and social media platforms. One CLE credit in the Areas of Professional Practice category was awarded to all attendees, and AABANY members received their credits for free.
SOLO & SMALL FIRM PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Pauline Yeung and Wendy Yu, Committee Co-Chairs

The Solo and Small Firm Practice Committee’s continuing goals are providing support and guidance in professional development to newly-admitted attorneys, solo attorneys and small APA firms, including practice management, law firm formation, marketing techniques, capital funding, and ethical concerns. Our Committee also organizes CLE and non-CLE programs on topics popular and of interest to attorneys practicing in New York City.

The Solo and Small Firm Practice Committee enjoyed a very successful year in 2012. Not only was our Committee able to sustain its current members, it also increased its membership by 60%. Further, in 2012, our Committee had the pleasure to work with the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee, Real Estate Committee, and Young Lawyers’ Committee to successfully provide AABANY members and attorneys five CLE programs and one non-CLE program:

- January 11, 2012: “Financial Services for Young Lawyers and Solo and Small Firms” at Wells Fargo. Program co-sponsored with Wells Fargo, Real Estate Committee and Young Lawyers’ Committee.
- May 23, 2012: Marketing Seminar Part I, “Market and Sustain Your Practice in 2012” at Wells Fargo. This program was done in co-sponsorship with the Real Estate Committee and Immigration and Nationality Law Committee.
- June 6, 2012: Marketing Seminar Part II, “5 Ways to Use Search Engines for Marketing” at Wells Fargo. This program was done in co-sponsorship with the Real Estate Committee and Immigration and Nationality Law Committee.
- September 15, 2012: AABANY’s Fall Conference at Gibson Dunn, “Ethical Considerations in an Interdisciplinary Approach.” This program was done in co-sponsorship with the Real Estate Committee and Immigration and Nationality Committee.
- September 19, 2012: Due to positive feedback and high level of interest from Marketing Seminars Part I & II, our Committee, along with the Real Estate Committee and Immigration and Nationality Committee, organized a CLE program entitled, “Social Media Marketing Made Simple for Attorneys,” sponsored by JPMorgan Chase Bank.
- October 3, 2012, “Understanding the Foreign Purchaser in New York City” at Holiday Inn – Soho sponsored by Citibank, N.A. This program was done in co-sponsorship with the Real Estate Committee and Immigration and Nationality Law Committee.

Our Committee is unique in that it encompasses solo and small APA firms from many areas of law. We continue to welcome and encourage attorneys from all areas of practice to join our Committee and share with us their experiences, concerns, and ideas. We will continue to provide valuable events and programs to meet their needs and interests.

The Solo & Small Firm Committee, Immigration Committee and Real Estate Committee put on a two-part marketing CLE event. On May 23, the committees presented part one: “Market and Sustain Your Practice in 2012.” On June 6, they presented part two: “5 Ways to Use Search Engines for Marketing.” Speakers for event were Tsui Yee (Guerrero Yee LLP), Pauline Yeung-Ha (Grimaldi & Yeung LLP), and Vikram Rajan (Practice Marketing, Inc.). The event was held at Wells Fargo’s offices in midtown Manhattan. Pictured from L to R: Margaret Ling, Pauline Yeung-Ha, Vikram Rajan, Tsui Yee, Connie Kong, Jimmy Chae and Sam Yee.
AABANY’s Student Outreach Committee (“SOC”) sponsors career programs, networking events, and social activities to assist Asian Pacific American (“APA”) law students in their academic and professional development while in law school. Currently, there are more than 350 APA law student members in AABANY, and the SOC works with approximately 18 law schools in the tri-state region. Upon graduation, many law student members become active members, committee chairs, directors and officers of AABANY.

The success of the SOC is attributed to reaching out and working directly with the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) of each law school to promote the benefits and networking opportunities available to law students who join AABANY. In 2012, the SOC remained one of the most active AABANY committees, and the SOC sponsored, organized, and participated in approximately 20 events throughout the year.

The SOC kicked off the fall semester on September 22, 2012 by introducing 1Ls to AABANY via the first annual Meet AABANY & Law School Survival Workshop. The event was held at Brooklyn Law School and drew students from Brooklyn, New York Law School, Fordham, CUNY, Cardozo, Columbia, NYU, and Hofstra.

In addition to continuing to introduce law students to AABANY’s committees via the “Get To Know AABANY” Happy Hour series, SOC worked with outside organizations such as the Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York (“KALAGNY”) and the Association of Various Lawyers Aligned for Non-discrimination, Community, Honor, and Excellence (“AVALANCHE”) to create a dynamic resume review and mock interview workshops which were hosted, respectively, at Shearman & Sterling and Herrick, Feinstein LLP.

On Saturday, October 27, 2012, the SOC continued its commitment to visiting APA law students attending upstate law schools by participating in another upstate inter-APALSA event at Syracuse University College of Law, where a Mock Interview Workshop, a Career Panel, and a Networking Dinner were held with law students from SUNY Buffalo and Syracuse.

This year, the AABANY 1L Exam Writing Workshop torch was passed from Chris Chan to Richard Tsai. Richard put together an excellent and informative presentation that received rave reviews from 1Ls and upperclassmen who attended the November presentations at Brooklyn Law School and Fordham.

In 2013, the SOC looks to continue to strengthen its relationships with local APALSA in order to provide guidance to APA law students as well as practical, relevant and useful career and professional development programs to help APA law students obtain internship positions and full-time employment. Additionally, SOC continues to seek opportunities to work with other committees and present more opportunities for students and young lawyers to get involved in AABANY.
WOMEN’S COMMITTEE

Vinny Lee and Liza Sohn, Committee Co-Chairs

AABANY’s Women’s Committee (“Women’s Committee”) strives to foster the involvement of women in the law and to organize programs geared toward the female APA attorney. This year the Women’s Committee developed and presented a broad range of professional, career, and practice development-related programs. Through these programs, the Women’s Committee has provided its members with meaningful opportunities to develop and promote their legal and professional skills.

At the Women’s Committee Kick-Off Committee Meeting and informal meet-and-greet held on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, members brainstormed ideas for upcoming events. This input provided the foundation for several major programs presented by the Women’s Committee during 2012, which are discussed more fully below.

CLE Programs

On April 26, 2012 the Women’s Committee, together with AABANY’s Intellectual Property Committee, co-sponsored a fashion law panel, “Counseling the Fashion Client,” which highlighted three important areas of law pertinent to fashion clients: trademarks, anti-counterfeiting, and licensing. Moderated by Charles Colman (Charles Colman Law, PLLC and “Law of Fashion” Blogger), the panel included Robin E. Silverman (Golenbock Eiseman Assor Bell & Peskoe LLP), Yat Fai Lau (Coach, Inc.), and Giacomo J. Corrado (Corrado Montgomery & Adjunct Professor, Fashion Business Management [New York University and FIT]). This panel was Part I of a two-part series hosted by the two committees, which concluded with a networking and shopping event at Banana Republic during the second half of the year (see below).

During AABANY’s Third Annual Fall Conference, held September 15, 2012, the Women’s Committee presented, “Wearing Two Hats: Considerations for Attorneys with Dual Roles,” a program which addressed the ethical challenges of an attorney juggling legal and non-legal roles whether in the private or public sector. Sonia Low (General Counsel, the Chinese-American Planning Council, Inc.) moderated a panel featuring perspectives from the Honorable Jeffrey Oing (NYS Supreme Court), Bobby Liu (COO & GC, M.D. Sass), and Lesley Rosenthal (VP General Counsel & Secretary, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts).

On October 10, 2012, together with the Government & Public Sector, Immigration & Nationality Law, Pro Bono & Community Service, and Prosecutors’ Committees, and Brooklyn Law School APALSA, the Women’s Committee presented a comprehensive CLE program, “Exploring Sex Trafficking Cases: Criminal Justice, Immigration and Social Perspectives.” The discussion was led by moderator Richard Tsai (Principal Court Attorney to Justice Michael D. Stallman, Civil Branch, Supreme Court of New York). Panelists included John Temple (ADA/Attorney in Charge of Human Trafficking Program, New York County District Attorney’s Office), Amanda Kramer (AUSA/Human Trafficking Coordinator, Southern District of New York), the Honorable Toko Serita (New York City Criminal Court, Queens Prostitution Diversion Court), Laura Matthews-Jolly (City Bar Justice Center’s Immigrant Women and Children Project), and Fay Sardjono (Director, External Affairs, RESTORE).

At the Women’s Committee Soft Skills workshop entitled, “Mindset for Success,” held September 25, 2012 at King and Spalding, Paramjit Mahli, an executive coach from The Rainmakers Roundtable, gave insightful advice on taking risks, managing time, and developing new habits to achieve success. Attendees enjoyed an engaging discussion afterwards and shared workplace experiences.
**Workshops**

On July 19, 2012, approximately thirty attorneys and law students participated in Part 1 of the Women’s Committee’s Soft Skills Workshop Series, a workshop entitled, “In Your Own Style - Building Relational Selling Skills,” co-sponsored with King & Spalding LLP. The workshop featured Audrey Lee, a Principal, Executive Coach and Lead Trainer at Hyun & Associates, who engaged participants in a lively and interactive discussion that explored the impact of cultural values on networking and building relationships, as well as the elements for developing successful relational selling skills.

On September 25, 2012, the Women’s Committee presented Part 2 of its Soft Skills Workshop Series in a workshop entitled, “Mindset for Success,” at King & Spalding LLP where featured guest speaker, Paramjit Mahli, an Executive Coach from The Rainmakers Roundtable, led an interactive discussion of topics including managing risk, time management, habit development, and other guiding principles for achieving success.

On June 26, 2012, the Women’s Committee co-sponsored a financial planning workshop with SABANY entitled, “Personal Finance Workshop for Women,” presented and hosted by Ameriprise Financial Services. The workshop featured a discussion on personal finance topics tailored to the professional working woman, such as budgeting, establishing an emergency fund, and tax and retirement planning.

**Networking Events**

On May 3, 2012, over fifty women attended the Women’s Committee’s inaugural “Women in Law Connect” mixer at the AVA Lounge, which was co-sponsored with the Women’s Committees of SABANY, MBBA, and KALAGNY. Attendees from the participating bar associations included general counsels, law firm associates, solo practitioners, law students, recent law graduates, consultants, and public interest and government attorneys, who networked and exchanged business cards over cocktails and hors d’oeuvres. Special thanks to R. Nadine Fontaine (President, MBBA), Verena Powell (Director, MBBA), Lisa Khandhar (SABANY), Shannon Hanson (KALAGNY) and committee member Lian Kuang for their help and support in making this event such a success.

Building on the success of the first Women in Law Connect mixer, the Women’s Committee hosted a second installment of its popular networking event, Women in Law Connect II, on October 25, 2012 at the chic Volstead lounge in midtown Manhattan. Women attorneys from various practice areas and law students connected over drinks and hors d’oeuvres and eagerly shared their legal experiences with each other. Special thanks to committee member Rebecca Ulich for her enthusiastic assistance in coordinating this event.

On August 16, 2012, the Women’s Committee, together with AABANY’s Immigration & Nationality Law and Student Outreach Committees, hosted a “Summer Social” Happy Hour at Stitch Lounge. The event had a strong turnout amongst AABANY members, attorneys, and law students alike.

On November 8, 2012 the Women’s Committee and AABANY’s IP Committee co-sponsored a shopping and networking event called, “Fall into Fashion with Banana Republic,” during which Banana Republic presented a night of styling advice and discounted shopping to over thirty men and women. In addition, Banana Republic collected clothing and canned goods for donation to victims of Hurricane Sandy, and AABANY matched pledges for contributions to support the Asian American Federation’s Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund, raising over $300. Special thanks to Naf Kwun for her tireless efforts in coordinating this event.

The Women’s Committee looks forward to building on the momentum of 2012 and invites interested members to get involved in developing and planning programs in 2013. Events in the works for 2013 include a third installment of Women In Law Connect, as well as a unique panel featuring APA attorney-authors, including Helen Wan, Associate General Counsel at Time Inc., and Blossom Kan, Assistant General Counsel at MetLife, who will discuss their writings and experiences as APA women lawyers rising through the ranks.

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AABANY members enjoy a presentation on the latest styles at Banana Republic Soho, while raising funds for victims of Hurricane Sandy.

*Photo by Naf Kwun*
YOUNG LAWYERS’ COMMITTEE

Stephen Kim and William Ng, Committee Co-Chairs

The AABANY Young Lawyers’ Committee (“YLC”) focuses on the concerns of lawyers admitted to practice ten years or less but is open to all lawyers and law students. Activities include networking receptions, panel discussions and CLE courses of interest to newly-admitted attorneys. This year the YLC sponsored a number of successful events.

Highlights include:

• YLC Kickoff Meeting on April 5, 2012. Approximately 25 young lawyers gathered at Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP to discuss YLC’s programs and social/networking events for 2012.

• Fifth Annual Central Park Picnic on July 28, 2012 (co-sponsored with the Litigation Committee). On Saturday, July 28, 2012, over 60 attorneys, law students, family and friends joined AABANY for its 5th Annual Picnic in Central Park. This year, the picnic was held at the Great Hill, one of the highest points in the Central Park, located near 105th Street and Central Park West. The Great Hill was a wonderful location for the picnic as AABANY members, family and friends were able to mingle and comfortably enjoy delicious sandwiches, snacks and drinks in a peaceful setting. AABANY’s Annual Picnic has become a fan-favorite event and provides an opportunity for members to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Experienced attorneys traded recent “war stories” while law student graduates commiserated with their post-bar exam stories. As expected, rain cut the picnic short but AABANY quickly moved its event indoors to the nearby Village Pourhouse. Thanks to AABANY’s social media presence on Facebook and Twitter, many attendees immediately learned that AABANY was moving to its alternative location. At the Village Pourhouse, members enjoyed hot appetizers and cold drinks in a private section of the bar and continued socializing until the early evening.

• Financial Planning Workshop on October 11, 2012. During the final event of the year, YLC organized an event with Ameriprise Financial, Inc. to provide a presentation on how young lawyers could better plan for their financial future. Committee members asked questions about investment planning, strategies for student loan repayment, planning for a family, and improving cash flow.

The Committee encourages all AABANY members to participate in the YLC and looks forward to 2013.
MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Julie Kwon, Program Coordinator

The Mentorship Program was initiated in 2011 in response to the demand for a more formalized program after a long history of AABANY members engaging in informal mentoring relationships. The program presently enjoys the participation of over 100 mentors and 200 mentees.

The mission of the program is to connect mentors with mentees and provide them with the structure and opportunities to support professional growth and development. When matching mentors with mentees, the program focuses on personal interests and hobbies, in addition to practice areas, in order to facilitate long-lasting relationships that are compatible both personally and professionally.

Paired-up mentors and mentees connected on their own as well as at various AABANY events.

In May 2012, AABANY held a Mentor-Mentee Happy Hour at Pranna Lounge. Many current and prospective mentors and mentees met, mingled, and caught up over food and drink. Among the many interesting people in attendance were Roslyn Tom, a partner at Baker & McKenzie who was once the first woman at a Japanese securities firm; Don Liu, General Counsel at Xerox who was an avid disco dancer in his high school days; and Margaret Ling, Senior Counsel at Summit Associates and Chair of the Real Estate Committee, who swore in Mick Jagger when she clerked for the Honorable Constance Baker Motley.

The 2012-13 Mentorship Program was launched at AABANY’s Fall Conference, where mentors and mentees met each other face-to-face for the first time during the cocktail reception.

In January 2013, we held a Mentor-Mentee Meetup at the offices of Seyfarth Shaw LLP. The event included a roundtable discussion to give mentors and mentees the opportunity to share their thoughts on how best to maximize the benefits of the mentoring relationship.

For the upcoming year, the Mentorship Program will continue to organize networking events and other opportunities to support its participants’ professional growth and advancement. Moreover, it will be developing guidelines to help foster meaningful and rewarding mentoring relationships.
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Officers and Directors from AABANY's Board pose for a group photo at the 23rd Annual Dinner on February 29, 2012. From left to right: Jane Chuang, Margaret Ling, Karen Kim, Linda Lin, Mike Huang, Jean Lee, James Lin, Clara Ohr, Francis Chin, James Yu, James Chou, Will Wang, Robert Leung, Judy Kim, William Ng, and Yang Chen.