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Welcome Letter from the PRESIDENT

Dear Members, Distinguished Guests, Friends, and Supporters:

On behalf of the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY), I am honored to welcome you to our 13th Annual Fall Conference. We are excited to offer you a full day of CLE programs on cutting-edge topics and presentations reflecting our theme, “Forging a New Path to an Equitable Future.” In addition to the diverse slate of 14 panels, we invite you to join us for the plenary lunch session on “Asian American Voting Rights – What You Need to Know.”

We are also proud to host our popular Diversity Career Fair & Expo, which provides public and private employers an opportunity to meet diverse candidates, including experienced attorneys, law school graduates, and law students. We are pleased that nearly 30 employers are conducting first round on-site interviews, hosting informational tables, or collecting resumes during the Fall Conference.

As we return to our first in-person Fall Conference since 2019, we encourage you to take advantage of the networking opportunities and programming available throughout the day. In years past, we have seen over 400 attendees at our Fall Conference. We would like to thank Fordham University School of Law and its Center on Asian Americans and the Law for both hosting and co-sponsoring the Fall Conference. We are grateful for Fordham Law’s continued hospitality, partnership, and its longstanding commitment to the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) legal community.

Thank you to our members, supporters, volunteers, law students and attorneys for joining us and making the Fall Conference possible again. We are humbled to attract over 70 speakers, panelists, and moderators and thank each of them for their time on a Saturday to share their knowledge and expertise. We thank the program chairs and the FC22 Planning Committee for their time and commitment. Finally, we thank our sponsors, whose support is critical to AABANY.

At the halfway point of our fiscal year, I want to take a moment to recognize the accomplishments of AABANY as well as our members and supporters. Some of our accomplishments include:

- AABANY released its second report on anti-Asian hate and violence in New York City. The report, entitled “Endless Tide: The Continuing Struggle to Overcome Anti-Asian Hate in New York,” has received widespread coverage in the media since its release. The report has been cited by more than a dozen different publications to date, including CNN, CBS News, NBC News, and the New York Law Journal.

- Hon. Denny Chin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit was the recipient of the prestigious Learned Hand Medal from the Federal Bar Council. The Federal Bar Council is dedicated to the goal of promoting excellence in federal practice and fostering camaraderie among federal practitioners to encourage respect between the bench and bar. Each year it bestows this award to one distinguished federal leader.

- Hon. Lillian Wan was elevated to the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Department. Justice Wan is the first and only AAPI woman to serve in this position.

- Jennifer Wu, Partner at Paul, Weiss and AABANY Women’s Committee Co-Chair and Anti-Asian Violence Task Force member, and Lawrence Wee, Partner at Paul, Weiss and AABANY Board Director, were recognized by Bloomberg Law in an article entitled “Why Paul Weiss is the Pro Bono Go-To for Victims of Asian Hate.”

- AABANY was honored by the League of United Latin American Citizens of New York (LULAC NY) for its work in fighting anti-Asian hate and violence. For 93 years, LULAC has been fighting for the civil rights of the Latin American community.
• Asim Rehman was appointed as New York City’s Commissioner and Chief Administrative Law Judge to the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH). Commissioner Rehman is the first Muslim American and first person of South Asian descent to lead the office.

• William Lee, an associate at Mayer Brown and AABANY Student Outreach Co-Chair, was honored as Mayer Brown’s Pro Bono Associate of the Year.

• AABANY received the New York State Bar Association’s 2021 Bar Leaders Innovation Award for the creation and work of the Anti-Asian Violence Task Force (AAVTF), as well as AAVTF projects, including the Hate Eradication Active Response Team (HEART) program and the Endless Tide report.

• Yang Chen, AABANY Executive Director, received the Forest Hills Asian Association’s 2022 Community Advocate Award for his tireless dedication and work to combating anti-Asian hate and violence.

• Anna Mercado Clark, Partner at Phillips Lytle LLP and AABANY’s Development Director, will serve as President-Elect of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association for the 2022-23 Year.

At the end of the Fall Conference, I invite you to stay for the Cocktail Reception to connect or reconnect with AABANY friends and colleagues. During the Cocktail Reception sponsored by Shearman & Sterling, AABANY will present Kevin D. Kim, Commissioner for the NYC Department of Small Business Services, with the Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer Award. Commissioner Kim has been a long-standing leader in our community, a former AABANY Board Member, and a tireless mentor and role model for so many AAPI attorneys.

I encourage everyone to become a member and get more involved in AABANY. With approximately 1,800 paid members, AABANY is the largest diverse bar association in the country and the only Pan-Asian bar association in New York. The Fall Conference is one of AABANY’s signature events and we remain committed to providing our members and attendees an opportunity to meaningfully engage with each other in a full day conference. Our goal is to continue to promote and share our collective knowledge, experience, and expertise with the greater AAPI legal community on critical issues such as combating anti-Asian hate and violence and preserving AAPI voting rights, as well as new and practical legal topics such as the legalization of cannabis and regulation of technological innovations, which impact the various communities where we live, work, and serve.

We are excited for the second half of the AABANY year and look forward to seeing you at our Second Annual Founders’ Day Event, our monthly Pro Bono Legal Clinics in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens, our upcoming mental health and wellbeing events, and our numerous CLE and networking programs scheduled throughout the year.

Finally, we ask you to Save the Date for our 2023 Annual Dinner, which will be held on May 23, 2023 at Cipriani Wall Street. We look forward to hosting our Annual Dinner during AAPI Heritage Month, where we will be honoring Michael Wu, Chief Legal Officer of L Brands, with the Corporate Leadership Award and Prisca Bae, Vice President and Head of Partnerships of The Asian American Foundation, with the Women’s Leadership Award.

Thank you for your continued support of AABANY and we look forward to continuing to work with you on future programs and initiatives.

Respectfully,

William H. Ng
AABANY President
Fordham Law School
For Our Profession, Society, and World

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The History of AABANY

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 well over 1,800 members, including practicing attorneys in the private and public sectors, in-house lawyers, judges, professors and law students.
Conference SCHEDULE

8:00 am - 8:45 am
Breakfast and registration

9:00 am - 10:30 am
Morning Session A
- Let's Talk Settlement: The Ins and Outs of Resolving Your Case at the Negotiating Table (Rm 3-01)
- Distress in the Chinese Real Estate Market and its Global Implications (Rm 3-02)
- Combating Crimes Against Asian Americans: Through the Lens of Prosecutors (Rm-3-03)
- What Happens After You Report Your Hate Crime? (Rm 7-119)

10:45 am - 12:15 pm
Morning Session B
- The Rise of Asian-American Studies and Asian-American History in Schools (Rm 3-01)
- A Restorative Approach to Combating Anti-Asian Hate Crimes (Rm 3-02)
- Worthy Lawyering and Diverse Representation in Public Interest Law (Rm 7-119)

12:30 pm - 2:15 pm
Plenary Lunch Session (Costantino)
- Asian American Voting Rights - What you need to know

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Afternoon Session C
- Law Firms & Clients in the Driver’s Seat on the Path to Equity (Rm 3-01)
- Top Ethics and Diversity Issues for the Future of Technology (Rm 3-02)
- The Hunt for Unicorns and The Digital War: How Sovereign Funds are Reshaping Investment in the Digital Economy (Rm3-03)

4:15 pm - 5:45 pm
Afternoon Session D
- The General Counsel's Role in Forging a New Path to an Equitable Future (rm 3-01)
- Cannabis Law: Banking, Real Estate, Legalization and Addressing the Policies, Inequities and Racial Disparities (Rm 3-02)
- Have Your Cake (and Eat it Too) Debt Restructuring: A Legal Framework for Business Outcomes (Rm 3-03)
- Prejudice, Ageism, and Harassment: How to Navigate Challenges and Support Others (rm 7-119)

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Cocktail Reception (Bateman)
Please join us to celebrate the official launch of the Center on Asian Americans and the Law with a presentation and panel discussion on

The Lost History of Asian Americans and U.S. Civil Rights Litigation: Lessons for Today

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

In-Person and Online
5:30 – 7 p.m. Presentation & Panel Discussion
7 – 8 p.m. Reception

Fordham Law School | Costantino Room, Second Floor
150 W 62nd Street, NYC

There will be a presentation by Judge Denny Chin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and Thomas Lee, Leitner Family Professor of International Law, about four historic civil rights cases, and a distinguished panel of civil rights leaders and advocates will discuss anti-Asian hostility today. A reception will follow for those attending in person.

Scan the codes below to register

IN-PERSON

WEBINAR
The Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY) is proud to announce that Kevin D. Kim will receive the annual Norman Lau Kee Trailblazer Award at AABANY’s Thirteenth Annual Fall Conference, on October 8, 2022 at Fordham University School of Law and co-sponsored by the Center on Asian Americans and the Law.

AABANY’s Trailblazer Award is named after Norman Lau Kee, who was a revered legal and community pillar of New York City’s Chinatown for decades. The Trailblazer Award honors an accomplished leader in the legal profession who is of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) descent or who has demonstrated dedication to AAPI issues in the community. This award honors an individual who has carved a path for others to follow, served the community as a mentor and role model, and made a lasting impact on the AAPI community through his or her dedication and commitment.

Kevin Kim currently serves as Commissioner for the New York City Department of Small Business Services, appointed by Mayor Eric Adams to lead this agency “focused on equity of opportunity leading to economic self-sufficiency and mobility for New York City’s diverse communities.”

Kevin’s family moved from Korea to Sunnyside, Queens when he was only five years old. Along with his grandmother, they lived in a one-bedroom apartment for their first seven years in this country. His mother was an artificial flower designer and his father went door-to-door in the garment district to sell those flowers. He is a proud product of the NYC public school system, having attended K-12 in both Sunnyside and Bayside, Queens. He graduated as part of the first graduating class at Townsend Harris High School at Queens College. Kevin graduated from Stanford University in 1993 with both his B.A and M.A., going on to receive his J.D. from the Columbia University School of Law. In law school, he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and a Senior Editor of the Columbia Law Review, already showing his passion for law and his dedication to excellence.

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He started his legal career by clerking for then U.S. District Court Judge Denny Chin in the Southern District of New York, who was the first Asian American appointed as a United States District Judge outside of the Ninth Circuit. He then worked as an Associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell where he practiced corporate law.

Emigrating to the United States when he was 5, growing up in the cosmopolitan melting pot of New York, seeing the city elect David Dinkins, its first African American mayor – all of these experiences broadened his vision. Kevin saw the great diversity and realized that if Asian Americans wanted the same representation, they would have to diligently work for it. As he once said, the progress of Asian American inclusion is not a “function of time [...] You have to be active. You have to
demand. You have to contribute. You have to participate. That’s the only way to be seated at the table.” This realization pushed Kevin to transition into the government sector and directly change the structures that hinder Asian American representation. For four years, Kevin served as deputy director of community affairs for former Congressman Gary Ackerman (D-NY-05). Kevin’s time at the Congressman’s office allowed him to appreciate the importance of providing excellent constituent services and motivated him to consider running for office himself.

Throughout his distinguished career, Kevin has lived up to his own ideals and embodied the change he wants to see in the world. His professional activities and accomplishments have paved the road for AAPI attorneys to tread to higher places of leadership within their communities. His affiliation with the Friends of Thirteen (PBS), the American Red Cross of Queens, the International Student Conference, and countless other community organizations continually raise the bar for public service. Kevin’s numerous accolades and recognitions include:

- In 2009, Kevin became the first Korean American to win a New York City primary when he became the Democratic nominee for City Council District 19;
- In 2014, he was appointed as the first Asian American Commissioner of the New York State Liquor Authority;
- In 2015, the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (NECO) awarded Kevin with an Ellis Island Medal of Honor in recognition for his many years of community service;
- In June of 2017, Governor Andrew Cuomo appointed Kevin as a Trustee of the City University of New York (CUNY) making him only the third Asian American and the first Korean American to serve on the CUNY Board of Trustees;
- In 2020, he received the Hong Yen Chang Award at the 9th Annual Columbia Law School APALSA Conference; and
- In February of this year, Kevin was sworn in as a member of the President’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.

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Wen Zhang

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2004: Andrew T. Hahn
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2021: Terrence Shen
Each CLE-eligible program is approved for a maximum of 1.5 NY CLE credits. Each program listing will indicate the category of credit and appropriateness for transitional New York attorneys. Please be aware that not every program carries CLE credit. New York CLE credits are accepted on a reciprocal basis by Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut [1], Florida, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey [2], and North Dakota.

Certain other states, such as Rhode Island, allow the participant to request individual approval for out-of-state CLE activities on their own behalf; we will assist you with your application. Please obtain a Uniform CLE certificate from us for these states. Certain programs may satisfy Law Society of Ontario CPD requirements in Canada* [3].

1. Under Connecticut Practice Book §2-27A(b) and §2-27A(c)(6), New York-approved credits are accepted by Connecticut.
2. Under New Jersey BCLE Rule 201:4, no additional filing is required – you may use the New York certificate toward your requirements. New Jersey awards double credit for presenters, rather than triple credit in New York.
3. Substantive, non-Professionalism CPD credit only – please consult the Law Society of Ontario website.
DIVERSITY CAREER FAIR & EXPO

AABANY’s Career Placement Committee is hosting its Annual Diversity Career Fair & Expo at the 2022 Fall Conference from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The Diversity Career Fair & Expo will feature selected public sector, corporate sector, and law firm employers who will host informational sessions, meet and greet interested applicants, and/or conduct first round on-site interviews.

Here are this year’s participants at the Diversity Career Fair & Expo:

**Employers Conducting First Round On-Site Interviews:**
- Bronx County District Attorney’s Office
- Kings County District Attorney’s Office
- Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc. (intern/volunteer opportunities)
- New York County District Attorney’s Office
- NYC Administration for Children’s Services – Division of Family Court Legal Services
- Queens County District Attorney’s Office
- Richmond County District Attorney’s Office
- The Legal Aid Society

**Employers Hosting Informational Tables:**
- Bronx County District Attorney’s Office
- Communities Resist
- DC 37 Municipal Employees Legal Services
- Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- Herrick Feinstein LLP
- Jia Law Group P.C.
- Kings County District Attorney’s Office
- The Law Firm of Hugh H. Mo, P.C.
- The Legal Aid Society
- Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.
- Legal Services NYC
- National Labor Relations Board
- New York State Office of the Attorney General
- NYC Administration for Children’s Services – Division of Family Court Legal Services
- NYC Law Department
- Pollock Cohen LLP
- Queens County District Attorney’s Office
- Richmond County District Attorney’s Office
- Sonia & Celina Sotomayor Judicial Internship Program
- Mobilization for Justice
- U.S. Attorney’s Office, Southern District of New York
- Walt Disney Company

**Employers Collecting Resumes:**
- Berry Appleman & Leiden LLP
- Bronx County District Attorney’s Office
- Communities Resist
- DC 37 Municipal Employees Legal Services
- Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- Herrick Feinstein LLP
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We are grateful for all the participating employers at this year’s Diversity Career Fair & Expo.
We Proudly Present the Following Employers
PANELS & BIOGRAPHIES

AABANY FALL CONFERENCE 2022
LET'S TALK SETTLEMENT:
THE INS AND OUTS OF RESOLVING YOUR CASE AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE

Hosted by AABANY Litigation Committee

NY CLE: 1.0 credits in Skills, 0.5 credits in Ethics and Professionalism, transitional and non-transitional

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More and more disputes are being resolved through settlement. Why settle? Are there certain stages in litigation when parties are more amenable to settling? Are there client business considerations that weigh in favor of settling? Against? Are there ethical considerations that arise in the course of settlement negotiations? Hear from our panel of seasoned arbiters and advocates on navigating and evaluating litigation settlements.
LOIS AHN

Law Clerk, Honorable Kiyo A. Matsumoto of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

Lois Ahn is a law clerk for the Honorable Kiyo A. Matsumoto of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Prior to her clerkship, she was a litigation associate at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP. After her clerkship, she will be joining MoloLamken LLP’s Washington, D.C. office.

Lois received her J.D., cum laude, from Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, and her B.A., magna cum laude, from Boston College. Lois currently serves as one of the Co-Chairs of the Asian American Bar Association of New York’s Litigation Committee.

HON. SANKET BULSARA

Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Judge Bulsara was appointed as a Magistrate Judge of the Eastern District of New York on August 28, 2017. Judge Bulsara received an A.B. degree magna cum laude in 1998 from Harvard College and a J.D. degree cum laude from Harvard Law School in 2002. He is a graduate of Edgemont High School.

Upon graduating from law school, Judge Bulsara was a law clerk to Judge John G. Koeltl of the Southern District of New York. Thereafter, he was an associate at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr in New York, where he worked from 2005 to 2015, including as a partner of the firm. In 2015, he became the Deputy General Counsel for Appellate Litigation, Adjudication, and Enforcement at the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, DC. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Bulsara served as Acting General Counsel of the SEC.

Judge Bulsara is an Adjunct Professor of Law at St. John’s Law School where he teaches Remedies and Securities Litigation.
THEODORE CHENG

Mediator/Arbitrator, ADR Office of Theo Cheng

Theo Cheng is an independent, full-time arbitrator and mediator, focusing on commercial, intellectual property, technology, entertainment, and employment disputes, including breach of contract and negligence actions, trade secret theft, employment discrimination claims, wage-and-hour disputes, and IP infringement contentions. Mr. Cheng has been appointed to the rosters of the American Arbitration Association (AAA), the CPR Institute, Resolute Systems, the American Intellectual Property Law Association’s List of Arbitrators and Mediators, and the Silicon Valley Arbitration & Mediation Center’s List of the World’s Leading Technology Neutrals. He was recently appointed to the AAA’s Master Mediator Panel.

Mr. Cheng is an Adjunct Professor at New York Law School and was appointed a Practitioner in Residence at the Center for Intellectual Property x Innovation Policy (C-IP2) at George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School. Mr. Cheng serves on the AAA’s Council, and he is also the President of the Justice Marie L. Garibaldi American Inn of Court for ADR and a Past Chair of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) Dispute Resolution Section. Mr. Cheng has also been inducted into the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals and as a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators. He received the 2020 James B. Boskey ADR Practitioner of the Year Award from the New Jersey State Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section, and the National Law Journal named him a 2017 ADR Champion. He was also voted the 2021 Best Mediator/Arbitrator by the readers of the New Jersey Law Journal.

Mr. Cheng has over 20 years of experience as an IP and general commercial litigator with a focus on trademarks, copyrights, patents, and trade secrets. He has handled a broad array of business disputes and counseled high net-worth individuals and small to middle-market business entities in industries as varied as high-tech, telecommunications, entertainment, consumer products, fashion, food and hospitality, retail, and financial services. In 2007, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association named him one of the Best Lawyers Under 40.

Mr. Cheng received his A.B. cum laude in Chemistry and Physics from Harvard University and his J.D. from New York University School of Law, where he served as the editor-in-chief of the Moot Court Board. He was a senior litigator at several prominent national law firms, including Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, Proskauer Rose LLP, and Loeb & Loeb LLP. He was also a marketing consultant in the brokerage operations of MetLife Insurance Company, where he held Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant designations and a Series 7 General Securities Representative registration. Mr. Cheng began his legal career serving as a law clerk to the Honorable Julio M. Fuentes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the Honorable Ronald L. Buckwalter of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Cheng frequently writes and speaks on a wide variety of ADR issues. He writes a regular column called Resolution Alley in the NYSBA Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Journal, which addresses the use of ADR in those industries.
MANISHA M. SHETH

Co-Chair of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP’s Government and Regulatory Litigation Practice and its Sexual Harassment and Employment Discrimination Practice

Manisha M. Sheth is Co-Chair of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP’s Government and Regulatory Litigation Practice and its Sexual Harassment and Employment Discrimination practice. Ms. Sheth is a seasoned trial lawyer with twenty years of experience in both private practice and government prosecutions. Her practice focuses on complex civil litigation, white collar criminal defense, and internal investigations. Ms. Sheth recently served as the Executive Deputy Attorney General for the Division of Economic Justice at the Office of the New York Attorney General, where she supervised all of the Office's complex commercial investigations and enforcement actions in the areas of antitrust, securities fraud, cybersecurity and data privacy, consumer frauds, and government contracts fraud. Ms. Sheth was also a federal criminal prosecutor in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Sheth has extensive experience in a wide range of complex commercial disputes, involving issues such as breach of contract, securities fraud, antitrust, government contract fraud, privacy and data security, and other business frauds and torts. She also has served as lead trial counsel on over a dozen civil and criminal trials in federal and state court, including jury and bench trials.

As the Executive Deputy Attorney General, Ms. Sheth led the Division of Economic Justice which consists of 250 attorneys and staff in six affirmative litigation bureaus: Antitrust, Investor Protection (Securities), Internet & Technology, Taxpayer Protection, Consumer Frauds & Protection, and Real Estate Finance. She developed enforcement priorities for individual bureaus and the Division as a whole. Ms. Sheth was the lead attorney on several high-profile investigations and litigations, including a trial against former AIG CEO Hank Greenberg, a trial against FedEx Ground, and settlements of RMBS and LIBOR investigations. Under her leadership, the Division obtained the following victories, among others:

- A $65 million settlement against Wells Fargo in connection with its cross-selling practices;
- A record-breaking $42 million settlement against Bank of America/Merrill for fraudulent electronic trading practices;
- A $10 million settlement against Credit Suisse for fraudulent electronic trading practices;
- A $500 million and a $230 million settlement against RBS and UBS in connection with its sale of RMBS;
- Settlements against Deutsche Bank for $220 million, Barclays for $100 million, Citi for $100 million, and UBS for $68 million in connection with their LIBOR practices;
- A record $330 million settlement with Sprint in groundbreaking False Claims Act litigation involving unpaid sales tax;
- A $30 million settlement against New York-based investment manager for evading New York State and City taxes; and
- A record-breaking $174.2 million settlement against Charter Communications f/k/a Time Warner after commencing an enforcement action against it for misrepresenting internet speeds and access to content.

As a federal prosecutor in Philadelphia, Ms. Sheth indicted over thirty-five cases, conducted numerous trials, and argued several appeals before the Third Circuit. During her tenure at the United States Attorney's Office, Ms. Sheth conducted numerous long-term...
grand jury investigations and prosecutions for a wide variety of federal crimes, including health care fraud, financial institution fraud, money laundering, tax fraud, and regulatory crimes. Ms. Sheth was nominated for the Attorney General’s Award for Outstanding Service by a New Employee in 2005, the Executive Office of the U.S. Attorneys Director’s Award for Superior Performance as an AUSA in 2006, and the Federal Bar Association’s Younger Federal Lawyer Award in 2008. She also has been a speaker at numerous seminars and conferences regarding health care fraud prosecutions.


PATRICIA ASTORGA

Chief Legal Officer, Mintz Group

Patricia Astorga is Chief Legal Officer of Mintz Group. Ms. Astorga manages Mintz Group’s legal, compliance, and risk management functions and oversees its legal team. She also plays a critical role in the firm’s growth strategy.

Ms. Astorga joined Mintz Group from the U.S. Department of Justice, where she most recently served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey. As a federal prosecutor, Ms. Astorga led several jury trials to conviction and conducted investigations and prosecutions of the Anti-Kickback Statute; health care fraud; misconduct by drug manufacturers, pharmacies, physicians and medical practitioners; organized crime; narcotics conspiracies and distribution; domestic and international money laundering; federal firearms offenses; human trafficking; and child sex exploitation crimes.

Ms. Astorga was a litigator at two international law firms, Milbank, and Weil, where she represented corporate clients in all aspects of litigation and across jurisdictions and industries, including financial services, banking, transportation, insurance, private equity, manufacturing, real estate, and media & entertainment.

Ms. Astorga is admitted to practice in the State of New York, the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the U.S. Supreme Court. She served as a law clerk for the Honorable George B. Daniels in the Southern District of New York.

Ms. Astorga earned her Juris Doctor from Cornell Law School, and her Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, from New York University. Patricia is a member of the Federal Bar Council Inn of Court and has served in various leadership roles in the American Bar Association Section of Litigation.
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Elaine M. Chiu, Professor of Law, St. John’s University School of Law
Jacqueline L. Chung, Counsel, White & Case LLP
Tai H. Park, Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP
David Kim (Survivor)
Michael Z. (Survivor)

Moderator: Karen King, Partner, Morvillo Abramowitz Grand Iason & Anello PC

Since 2020, many AAPI Americans have been attacked on account of their race. All of them had to think about whether to report to the authorities what happened to them or not. Without engaging with law enforcement, Asian victims have been repeatedly told that the harassment and attacks will not stop. But what is the experience of reporting for victims? What does reporting lead to? Does it achieve any good? Does the criminal legal system provide meaningful redress for AAPI victims? Join us to hear directly from survivors themselves and from the pro bono attorneys who assisted them through the process. Learn also about the main findings of the Endless Tide report released in May 2022 by the Anti-Asian Violence Task Force of AABANY. Unlike any other study, it seeks to answer these important questions by tracing what happened in police investigations and in the criminal courts to reports of possible hate crimes committed against AAPI New Yorkers.
Professor Elaine Chiu is the inaugural Chairperson of the Anti-Asian Violence Task Force of the Asian American Bar Association of New York and led the data research in the task force’s recent Endless Tide report. She is also a Professor of Law at St. John’s University School of Law, a school that has provided access to the legal profession for marginalized communities throughout its almost 100-year history. From 2014 through 2022, she led the school’s Ron Brown Center for Civil Rights and its premier diversity law school pipeline program, the Ron Brown Prep Program.

Professor Chiu is a respected scholar who has written about difficult topics in contemporary criminal justice such as intimate partner violence and drug addiction. Each year, she teaches Criminal Law, Family Law, a civil rights scholarship course called Perspectives on Justice, and Lawyering.

Prior to coming to St. John’s, Professor Chiu was a Research Fellow at Columbia Law School, a Climenko-Thayer Fellow at Harvard Law School and an adjunct professor at Cardozo Law School. She also served for five years as an Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan under Robert Morgenthau. Professor Chiu is a first-generation college student and cum laude graduate of Cornell University. She earned her JD at Columbia University School of Law where she was a Senior Editor of the Columbia Law Review and a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.

Jacqueline Chung is counsel in the New York office of White & Case LLP. She specializes in commercial litigation and has extensive experience litigating business disputes that involve complex cross-border issues. In addition, Jacqueline is a volunteer lawyer for the Alliance for Asian American Justice (“AAAJ”), an organization dedicated to combatting anti-Asian violence. In connection with her work at AAAJ, Jacqueline represents victims of anti-Asian hate and co-leads the organization’s East Coast operations. She has also maintained an active pro bono practice representing wrongfully convicted individuals in civil and criminal proceedings. Jacqueline serves as co-chair of White & Case’s Asian Affinity Network. She graduated with a B.A. in English from Yale University and a J.D. from William & Mary School of Law.
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TAI H. PARK

Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP

Mr. Park is a Partner in the New York office of the international law firm, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP, who specializes in white collar criminal and regulatory defense, as well as complex commercial litigation. He is a co-founder and co-chair of the Alliance for Asian American Justice (“AAAJ”), a consortium of over 90 major law firms and 20 General Counsels of Fortune 500 companies that was formed in the wake of the recent escalation in violence against Asian Americans. In this capacity, Mr. Park coordinates the work of the AAAJ, including assignment of law firm litigators to victims of anti-Asian violence or threats of violence nationwide to ensure that such victims have legal counsel to help vindicate their rights as victims.

Mr. Park is a graduate of Columbia University where he obtained his B.S. in Philosophy, and the New York University School of Law where he obtained his JD. He served for ten years as an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York. Among other roles, he was chief of the Narcotics Unit as well as Senior Trial Counsel in the Securities & Commodities Fraud Task Force at the U.S. Attorney’s Office. Prior to joining Quinn Emanuel, Mr. Park was a partner at Shearman & Sterling, as well as a co-founding partner of Park Jensen Bennett, and partner at White & Case LLP. Mr. Park is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

KAREN KING

Partner, Morvillo Abramowitz Grand Iason & Anello PC

Karen R. King is a partner at Morvillo Abramowitz Grand Iason & Anello, PC. She has more than 20 years of experience in complex commercial litigation, regulatory investigations and enforcement matters, securities litigation, and strategic advice. She was recently named a “Distinguished Leader” by New York Law Journal and a “Notable Woman in Law” by Crain’s New York Business. In March 2022, Karen argued before the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of the petitioner in Golan v. Saada, an important case involving international treaty interpretation and the risk to children in households with domestic violence. On June 15, 2022, the Supreme Court issued a unanimous decision in favor of Karen’s client.

Karen has also been recognized for her commitment to pro bono work. She was the 2019 recipient of both the Federal Bar Council’s Thurgood Marshall Award for Exceptional Pro Bono Service, and the Pro Bono award from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. In addition to her work on anti-Asian violence matters, Karen’s pro bono clients include Asian-American police officers, survivors of domestic violence, students with learning disabilities, victims of gun violence, and prisoners on civil rights issues.
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Prosecutors from the Manhattan District Attorney's Office will discuss the types of crimes that Asian-Americans are often victims of, including anti-Asian hate crimes, elder abuse and financial fraud crimes. The speakers will discuss the nuts and bolts of prosecuting an anti-Asian hate crime case and the challenges of proving motive, building trust in the Asian-American community, and encouraging reporting. The speakers will also discuss the types of crimes that the elderly and/or immigrant population within the Asian-American community fall prey to and the cultural competencies required to successfully prosecute elder abuse or financial fraud cases.

Discussion will also highlight the challenges and importance of building alignment between the prosecutor's office and the police with regards to crimes against Asian-Americans, and how an effective law enforcement response to these crimes is critical to community safety.

Finally, the speakers will discuss the importance of approaching these cases with a multi-faceted, victim-centric approach and ways that DA's offices can go further in engaging with and educating the public, and providing support to victims.
CHANTERELLE SUNG

Executive ADA, Chief of Strategic Operations, Manhattan DA's Office

Chanterelle Sung is an executive Assistant District Attorney and Chief of Strategic Operations at the New York County District Attorney's Office, where she previously served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Trial Division from 2004 to 2011. Her work focuses on implementing the Office’s goals and priorities by identifying solutions, measuring outcomes, and aligning resources and functions for efficient and effective programmatic operations. As part of her role, Chanterelle oversees the expansion of the Office’s Hate Crimes Unit and AAPI community engagement initiatives. From 2015 to 2021, Chanterelle was a Director of Compliance for Governance and Advocacy at Pfizer, and the Director of Strategic Planning and Operations for Pfizer’s Global Security team. Prior to that, Chanterelle served as Director of Monitoring and Compliance for the New York State Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery, and as an Inspector General for the New York City Department of Investigation. Chanterelle has a J.D. from Boston College Law School and an A.B. from Princeton University.

HANNAH YU

Chief of Hate Crimes Unit, Manhattan DA’s Office

Hannah Yu is the Chief of the Hate Crimes Unit at the New York County District Attorney’s Office. She supervises the investigation and prosecution of all hate crime cases in Manhattan and manages a team comprised of herself, a deputy chief, approximately 20 Assistant District Attorneys, 2 senior investigative analysts, 2 investigators, and a trial preparation assistant. Since joining the Office’s Trial Division, Hannah prosecuted violent felony cases, including homicides, shootings, and robberies, as well as a variety of sex crime and intimate partner violence cases.

Hannah has served as Criminal Court Supervisor, Attorney-in-Charge of the Summer Law Fellowship Program, and is on the permanent hiring board where she interviews and evaluates prospective candidates for ADA positions. Prior to joining the Office, Hannah was an associate in the Litigation Department of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, and a clerk to Judge Brian Cogan of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Hannah earned her B.A. from Barnard College and her J.D. from St. John’s University School of Law in New York.
RYAN GEE

District Attorney, Manhattan District Attorney’s Office

Ryan Gee, a graduate of NYU Law and the NYU College of Arts and Sciences, joined the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office in 2010. He was initially appointed to the Appeals Division, where he argued cases at every level of the state’s appellate courts. In 2017, Ryan transferred to the Financial Frauds Bureau, and he was promoted in 2021 to the position of Deputy Bureau Chief. In the Financial Frauds Bureau, Ryan conducts and supervises long-term investigations, grand jury presentations, and felony jury trials involving a range of complex financial frauds. The Bureau also houses the Office’s Immigrant Affairs Unit, which investigates and prosecutes financial crimes targeting the immigrant community. Ryan has handled several such cases, including an employment scam that targeted multiple Spanish-speaking victims. In addition to his case work and supervisory responsibilities, Ryan has served as the Deputy Attorney in Charge and Attorney in Charge of the Office’s Summer Law Fellowship Program, and as a member of the District Attorney’s Equity and Social Justice Advisory Board.

EMILY CHING

District Attorney, Manhattan District Attorney’s Office

Emily Ching is originally from New York City and received a bachelor’s degree in Sociology and Public Relations from Syracuse University, and a JD from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. She joined the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office in 2003. In her current role as a line assistant, she handles investigations and prosecutions involving homicides and violent felonies and adult sex crimes. She has experience with cases involving human trafficking and domestic violence cases, and was assigned to the Child Abuse Bureau between 2010 and 2012. She served as her bureau’s Criminal Court Supervisor between 2013 and 2014. In 2020, she was appointed in a dual role as the Deputy Chief of the Elder Abuse Unit. She supervises and provides support in the investigation and prosecution of cases involving victims ages 60 years and older that are being handled by line assistants in the Trial and Special Victims Divisions.
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China’s real estate sector is one of its economy’s most important assets and has contributed considerably to China’s strong economic growth in the past few decades. Recently, however, structural economic problems are emerging, and real estate is among the first sectors in China to show signs of distress. Given its significance to the Chinese growth model, failure to address these issues would likely trigger a crash that would wreck the Chinese economy and disrupt the global economic system. This panel comprises of professionals from both the U.S. and China, who will provide insights on China’s real estate distressed debt issues and its global impact from both legal and financial perspective and share some practical recommendations on possible solutions for associated cross-border investments.
ALEX XIAO

Associate, Gibson Dunn

Alex Xiao is an associate in the New York office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher where he practices with the firm’s Business Restructuring and Reorganization Practice Group. His practice is focused on advising a variety of stakeholders in both in-court and out-of-court restructurings. Mr. Xiao received his J.D. from Duke University School of Law and B.A. magna cum laude from Brandeis University in Politics.

JASON KANG

Partner, Kobre & Kim

Jason Kang is a China-focused litigator who focuses on international judgment and award enforcement and other complex cross-border disputes. Mr. Kang has acted in a wide range of China-related disputes involving governments, state-owned enterprises, multinational corporations and high-net-worth individuals, including litigations in Hong Kong, the United States, the United Kingdom and other offshore jurisdictions such as the British Virgin Islands and Cayman Islands, as well as arbitrations under the Hong Kong International Arbitration Center (HKIAC) and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

Mr. Kang is particularly experienced in creating and implementing global strategies for enforcement of high-stakes judgments and awards.

Mr. Kang also has extensive experience working with Asia-based clients in navigating complex international regulatory schemes, including matters involving allegations of fraud, FCPA violations, corruption and other wrongdoings.

In addition, Mr. Kang is experienced in assisting clients with China-related disputes and investigations and providing information on the influences of the Chinese legal environment.

Before joining Kobre & Kim, Mr. Kang worked at the Hong Kong office of Stephenson Harwood, where he advised clients in complex commercial and intellectual property disputes.
YANHUA LIN

Partner, Fangda Partners

Ms. Yanhua Lin is a partner of Fangda Partners. Ms. Lin specializes in dispute resolution, including litigation, arbitration and regulatory investigation. Ms. Lin has represented clients in many complex disputes before well-known arbitration institutions such as the ICC, HKIAC, and CIETAC.

Ms. Lin is currently a Regional Representative of HKIAC HK45, and was the China representative of the ICC Young Arbitrators Forum. Ms. Lin also regularly handles commercial and administrative litigation before the PRC courts at all levels, and assists domestic clients in offshore proceedings. In addition, Ms. Lin has extensive experience in compliance matters relating to the financial and securities market, state secrecy, data privacy, and cross-border data production. She has represented companies in procedures including government enforcement and investigation, administrative review proceedings, etc.

Ms. Lin obtained an LL.B degree from Peking University, an MCL degree from University of Hong Kong and an LLM degree from Columbia University. Ms. Lin is admitted to practice in the PRC and qualified to practice in the State of New York, and is fluent in Mandarin, Cantonese and English.

JINGZHI (JD) DAI

Senior Vice President, Jefferies’ Debt Advisory & Restructuring Group

Jingzhi (JD) Dai is a Senior Vice President in Jefferies’ Debt Advisory & Restructuring Group. Mr. Dai has over 13 years of investment banking advisory and credit workout experience. At Jefferies, he has completed over 40 transactions ranging from transaction advisory, special situation financings (private placements), special situation and distressed M&A, out-of-court recapitalizations, and Chapter 11 bankruptcy restructurings for companies, creditors, and official committees. Prior to joining Jefferies in 2010, Mr. Dai was a member of CIT Group’s Problem Loan Management Group. Mr. Dai received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Emory University’s Goizueta Business School.
ANTHONY GROSSI

Partner, Sidley Austin

Anthony Grossi is a partner in the New York and Washington, D.C. offices of Sidley Austin, and a member of the firm’s Restructuring group. Anthony advises distressed companies in all aspects of Chapter 11 reorganizations and out-of-court restructurings. His experience includes top-tier large and complex Chapter 11 debtor cases for both company and creditor-side representations.

Prior to joining Sidley, Anthony served as the bankruptcy counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary. He was also a partner at another global law firm in New York and Washington, D.C.

MIKE PAEK

Chief Deputy Clerk, Bankruptcy Court SDNY

Mike Paek is the Chief Deputy Clerk for the Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Court. In that role, Mike manages and oversees all aspects of court operations for one of the busiest bankruptcy courts in the country. Mike is dedicated to fostering a first-class venue for distressed companies to reorganize and for individuals to achieve a fresh start. His leadership has been instrumental in guiding the court through the countless obstacles created by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Prior to his current role, Mike served as career law clerk to the Honorable Stuart M. Bernstein, assisting with numerous high-profile “mega” chapter 11 cases, chapter 15 cross-border cases, brokerage liquidations under the Securities Investor Protection Act, and multi-million-dollar adversary proceedings. He previously worked in the Business Reorganization Group of Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, where he represented debtors, creditors, DIP lenders and investors.

Mike was included in the American Bankruptcy Institute’s “40 Under 40” list of emerging leaders in the insolvency profession and teaches Advanced Business Bankruptcy at Fordham Law School as an adjunct professor. He is also a frequent contributor to well-regarded bankruptcy publications including the ABI Journal, Norton Bankruptcy Law Adviser and Norton Journal of Bankruptcy Law & Practice.
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The Anti-Asian Violence Task Force has been engaged in research and advocacy to address the crisis in hate facing AAPI New Yorkers. In addition to authoring two reports on hate crime, task force members have also been presenting to numerous audiences to educate around these issues. Education is a vital, long-term part of achieving a better, more inclusive future. This panel will look at the explosion in efforts across the country to add Asian American Studies and Asian American History to our schools from K-12 education to law schools. Come hear from experts who have been in the trenches advocating in state legislatures, teaching, developing curricula and analyzing trends.
ELAINE M. CHIU
Professor of Law, St. John’s University School of Law

Professor Elaine Chiu is the inaugural Chairperson of the Anti-Asian Violence Task Force of the Asian American Bar Association of New York and led the data research in the task force’s recent Endless Tide report. She is also a Professor of Law at St. John’s University School of Law, a school that has provided access to the legal profession for marginalized communities throughout its almost 100-year history. From 2014 through 2022, she led the school’s Ron Brown Center for Civil Rights and its premier diversity law school pipeline program, the Ron Brown Prep Program.

Professor Chiu is a respected scholar who has written about difficult topics in contemporary criminal justice such as intimate partner violence and drug addiction. Each year, she teaches Criminal Law, Family Law, a civil rights scholarship course called Perspectives on Justice, and Lawyering.

Prior to coming to St. John’s, Professor Chiu was a Research Fellow at Columbia Law School, a Climenko-Thayer Fellow at Harvard Law School and an adjunct professor at Cardozo Law School. She also served for five years as an Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan under Robert Morgenthau. Professor Chiu is a first-generation college student and cum laude graduate of Cornell University. She earned her JD at Columbia University School of Law and was a Senior Editor of the Columbia Law Review and a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.

CINDY TSAI
General Counsel, Committee of 100

Cindy Tsai is a member of the Anti-Asian Violence Task Force of the Asian American Bar Association of New York. She is also General Counsel for the Committee of 100, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to advocating for the full inclusion of Chinese Americans and by extension the AAPI communities. As General Counsel, Cindy handles internal legal matters for the organization and leads the Committee of 100’s advocacy division. The Committee of 100 recently published a detailed analysis of AAPI and Ethnic Studies requirements for K-12 curricula across the country. Prior to joining the Committee of 100, Cindy was a trial attorney at one of the largest law firms in the country focused on civil rights and social justice. Cindy is a graduate of Syracuse University where she majored in Marketing and Advertising. She went on to attend Loyola University Chicago where she received her JD/MBA and was a member of Loyola’s Law Journal and moot court team.
KATE LEE

Co-Founder & Executive Director, Make Us Visible

Kate Lee is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Make Us Visible. She is also a K-12 Curriculum Editor for the PBS Asian Americans docuseries and the Program Manager of the Asian American Education Project. Born and raised in San Diego, she has been a middle school teacher in Connecticut for over ten years. Kate also serves on the board of directors for the Immigrant History Initiative. She hopes to continue centering education as the long term tool in combating anti-Asian hate.

THOMAS LEE

Leitner Family Professor of International Law; Co-Director of Center on Asian Americans & the Law, Fordham Law School

Thomas Lee is the Leitner Family Professor of International Law at Fordham University School of Law. He holds A.B. (summa cum laude), A.M. (Regional Studies—East Asia), and J.D. degrees from Harvard, where he was Articles Chair of the Law Review and a Ph.D. candidate (ABD) in Government. He has written many articles and book chapters about constitutional law, international law, U.S. foreign relations law, federal courts, and legal history. He has also been a visiting professor at Columbia, Harvard, and the University of Virginia Law Schools; U.S. law adviser to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Korea; and Special Counsel to the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Defense.

Before his academic career, Professor Lee clerked for Chief Judge Michael Boudin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and for Associate Justice David Souter of the U.S. Supreme Court and served as an active-duty U.S. naval cryptology officer ashore in Korea, Japan, and Washington DC, and afloat in the Pacific and Indian Oceans. He is also Of Counsel at Hughes, Hubbard & Reed, adjunct professor at NYU School of Law, and a member of the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) Panel of Conciliators and of the American Law Institute. Professor Lee was born in Seoul, Korea, and emigrated to the United States with his family in 1974.
VIVIAN LOUIE

Professor of Urban Policy and Planning, Hunter College, CUNY

Vivian Louie is Professor of Urban Policy and Planning and Director of the Asian American Studies Center and Program at Hunter College (CUNY). Dr. Louie studies American identity, civic participation and civic education at the intersection of race, ethnicity, immigration, social class and gender. She also writes about the factors that shape educational and workplace success among immigrants and their children. She is the author of two books, Compelled to Excel: Immigration, Education and Opportunity Among Chinese Americans, Keeping the Immigrant Bargain: The Costs and Rewards of Success in America, and co-editor of a third book, Writing Immigration: Scholars and Journalists in Dialogue, along with 30+ academic publications.

Dr. Louie frequently comments on why PK-12 schools and higher education should offer courses in the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) to United States history, society, economy, and culture, and why this education is also needed in non educational settings. Hunter College has the largest undergraduate program in Asian American Studies within the City University of New York (CUNY). Both Hunter’s AAS courses, along with its AAS Center events, highlight the coalition building across racial and ethnic lines and among diverse AAPI groups to build the common good.

Dr. Louie has been associate and assistant professor, and postdoctoral fellow in education, as well as lecturer in sociology at Harvard, and a program officer at the William T. Grant Foundation. She earned her Ph.D. and M.A. from the Yale University Department of Sociology, M.A. from the Stanford University Department of Communication, and A.B. (Magna Cum Laude) in History and Literature from Harvard.
A RESTORATIVE APPROACH TO COMBATING ANTI-ASIAN HATE CRIMES

Hosted by AABANY ADR Committee

NY CLE: 1.5 Credits in Skills, transitional and non-transitional

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This CLE program will overall involve the panel discussing about the rise of Anti-Asian hate crimes during COVID-19, the current status of the Anti-Asian hate crimes, how have Anti-Asian Hate crimes been addressed in the communities thus far, and the problems encountered in addressing Anti-Asian hate crimes. This program will transition to introducing the attendees to restorative justice and how restorative justice has been used in the communities. The panel will also share their thoughts of how restorative justice measures could support combating or addressing Anti-Asian hate crimes. Finally, we’ll end with a Q&A session for the attendees.
Karen Kithan Yau

Attorney, Getman, Sweeney & Dunn PLLC

Karen is an attorney at Getman, Sweeney & Dunn. Karen dedicates her work to vindicating the rights of employees and workers. She has over two decades of legal experience working with employees, workers, and immigrants, including over nine years as an Assistant Attorney General in the Labor Bureau at the New York State Attorney General, where she led investigations into labor violations in numerous industries, including the agricultural, greengrocer, moving, restaurant, and taxi industries.

In addition, Karen has had varied law teaching and policy-related experiences. She was a recipient of a Skadden Fellowship at the National Employment Law Project and a Robert M. Cover Teaching Fellowship at Yale Law School and held an assistant professorship at Syracuse University College of Law. Karen also worked in management and leadership positions in not-for-profit policy and advocacy organizations.

Karen is active in bar associations and community organizations. She is on the board of directors of the Asian American Law Fund of New York (AALFNY). She was a director of the board of the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY). Karen co-chaired AABANY's Pro Bono and Community Service Committee and spearheaded its Pro Bono Advice and Referral Clinic, a recipient of the New York State Bar Association's Bar Leaders Innovation Award. In addition to AABANY, Karen is also a member of the Federal Bar Association, the National Employment Law Association/National and New York Chapter, and the New York City Bar Association.

Karen has been honored by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) and the Chinese-American Planning Council – Brooklyn Community Services for her pro bono work and contributions to the Asian American Pacific Islander community. She frequently conducts training, speaks, and writes on employment matters, Asian America, cross-cultural competencies, and immigrants’ rights. She currently teaches at CUNY Law School.

Karen received her law degree from Northeastern University School of Law and graduated from Stony Brook University and Brooklyn Technical High School. She is admitted in New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

CHRIS KWOK

Mediator, Arbitrator, Referee/Special Master, Hearing Officer, JAMS

Chris Kwok is a JAMS Neutral. He is the Chair of AABANY’s newly formed Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee (2022) and was the founding Co-Chair of the Labor & Employment Committee at the Asian American Bar Association of New York. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Asian American Studies at Hunter College.

HANNAH YU

Chief of Hate Crimes Unit, Manhattan DA’s Office

Hannah Yu is the Chief of the Hate Crimes Unit at the New York County District Attorney’s Office. She supervises the investigation and prosecution of all hate crime cases in Manhattan and manages a team comprised of herself, a deputy chief, approximately 20 Assistant District Attorneys, 2 senior investigative analysts, 2 investigators, and a trial preparation assistant. Since joining the Office’s Trial Division, Hannah prosecuted violent felony cases, including homicides, shootings, and robberies, as well as a variety of sex crime and intimate partner violence cases.

Hannah has served as Criminal Court Supervisor, Attorney-in-Charge of the Summer Law Fellowship Program, and is on the permanent hiring board where she interviews and evaluates prospective candidates for ADA positions. Prior to joining the Office, Hannah was an associate in the Litigation Department of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, and a clerk to Judge Brian Cogan of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Hannah earned her B.A. from Barnard College and her J.D. from St. John's University School of Law in New York.
JOANN KAMUF WARD

Deputy Commissioner for Policy and External Affairs, the New York City Commission of Human Rights

JoAnn Kamuf Ward is currently the Deputy Commissioner for Policy and External Affairs with the New York City’s Commission of Human Rights. Prior to joining the Commission, Kamuf Ward directed the Human Rights in the U.S. Project at the Columbia Law School Human Rights Institute, where she promoted the use of a human rights framework to strengthen racial, gender, and socio-economic justice, and focused on strengthening government accountability. She has written about U.S. human rights policy on Just Security and Politico, and co-authored several law review articles. JoAnn was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, where she currently resides with her husband and two children.
WORTHY LAWYERING AND DIVERSE REPRESENTATION IN PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

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Asian American attorneys are significantly underrepresented in the public interest profession, despite a growing representation among law graduates. This panel, comprised of current and former public interest and pro bono attorneys, will speak to why they chose public interest careers or pro bono work and why it is important to foster new generations of public interest attorneys. Our panelists will speak to their vision of their role in representing and reflecting their communities in the public interest sector, why equitable representation in public interest work matters, and the unique challenges that may arise in a career in public interest.
LISA OHTA

President, Association of Legal Aid Attorneys (ALAA)

Lisa Ohta (she/her) is the president of the Association of Legal Aid Attorneys (ALAA), UAW Local 2325, where she represents more than 2,700 legal and social service workers, including attorneys, paralegals, social workers, investigators, receptionists, interpreters, advocates, administrative staff, and counselors at over twenty non-profits throughout New York. Prior to her current position, Lisa was a staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society, protecting tenants from unlawful evictions and representing clients whose federal disability benefits had been denied or discontinued. Lisa is a proud graduate of CUNY School of Law.

TUOZHI LORNA ZHEN

Tuozhi Lorna Zhen is a Senior Supervising Attorney in the Domestic Violence Law Unit at NYLAG, where she has worked for the past eight years. Lorna represents survivors of domestic violence in Family and Supreme Court in cases involving divorce, child custody, child and spousal support, visitation and family offenses, including collateral issues such as domestic violence-based immigration applications and victim’s compensation. Lorna works closely with clients from Asian immigrant communities and supporting organizations to help clients understand and navigate the legal system while remaining sensitive to cultural differences and issues. Lorna also supervises a team of staff attorneys, paralegals, legal interns and law clinic students. Prior to joining NYLAG, Lorna was an agency attorney with the Administration for Children's Services (ACS) where she represented the agency on child abuse and neglect cases in the Bronx. Lorna received her J.D. from Boston University School of Law in 2010 and graduated with honors from the University of Virginia in 2007 where she double majored in History and Economics, with a minor in Art History.
SINA CHOI

Supervising Attorney, Housing Works

Sina Choi is a Supervising Attorney with Housing Works. She joined this healing community as a Staff Attorney in June 2013, and focuses on housing and benefits cases for clients. Prior to joining Housing Works, she did similar work at CAMBA Legal Services in Brooklyn for a number of years, representing low-income individuals facing eviction. Sina also conducts civil rights litigation to combat the sadly prevalent housing discrimination that many of her clients suffer on a daily basis. As part of the 2018 Conference hosted by the Project for Integrating Spirituality, Law and Politics at the American University Law School, she spoke on a panel addressing the importance of Contemplative Practice in social justice lawyering, and she has formerly served on the Steering Committee of the Brooklyn Tenant Lawyers Network. She received her J.D. at the City University of New York (CUNY) Law School and a B.A. at Columbia University.

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HON. DEAN KUSAKABE

Family Court Judge, NY Court System

Honorable Dean T. Kusakabe has been presiding as a Family Court Judge since his appointment in 2012. He currently handles Juvenile Delinquency proceedings in Queens County Family Court. Prior to this assignment, Judge Kusakabe presided over Custody, Visitation, and Family Offense proceedings in Kings County Family Court. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Kusakabe represented children in child protective and juvenile delinquency proceedings at the Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Division and parents in various Family Court proceedings as a member of the assigned counsel panel.

Judge Kusakabe serves on the New York State Commission on Parental Legal Representation, and is a member of the Attorneys for Children & Assigned Counsel Advisory Committee for the 2nd, 11th and 13th Judicial Districts. Judge Kusakabe is a member of the Asian American Judges Association of New York and has previously served as the vice president for the association. Judge Kusakabe is also a member of the New York State Family Court Judges Association.
HARI SINGH

Court Attorney, Queens Family Court

Hari K. Singh, Esq. currently serves as Supervising Court Attorney to the Hon. Gilbert Taylor, Supervising Judge, Queens County Family Court. Prior to his current role, he was a Senior Court Attorney in NY County Family Court, and an attorney with the New York City Administration for Children’s Services, in the Bronx and NY County. His prior legal experience includes his service at the Guyanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he was Head of the Legal and Treaties Division, and during which time he also served at the United Nations Headquarters.

Hari Singh was awarded the Bachelor of Laws Degree (2001), and the Post-Graduate Diploma in International Studies (2004) from the University of Guyana; the Legal Education Certificate (2003) from the Hugh Wooding Law School; and Master of International Human Rights Law Degree (2007) from Lund University. In addition to his active involvement with various bar associations, Hari Singh also serves on Bronx Community Board 12, where he is Chair of the Disciplinary Committee, Vice-Chair of the Land Use Committee, and member of the Executive Committee.
ASIAN AMERICAN VOTING RIGHTS – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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This program will address the political importance of Asian American votes; the history of voting rights laws; recent and potential voting rights litigation impacting the Asian American community; voter protection issues that arise during early voting and on Election Day; and what attendees can do to help protect the electoral process. It will be geared towards those who have less knowledge of the electoral process as well as those who have more experience with voting rights laws, by providing a high-level overview as well as drilling down a bit more into select issues of relevance. The objective is for attendees to walk away with an understanding of how elections impact the Asian American community, an appreciation of why AABANY members should be concerned about the electoral process, and an awareness of how they can help to protect free and fair elections.
Carlyn Cowen

Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer, Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC)

Carlyn (she/they) is an advocate, activist, and Filipina-American who believes in the power of transformative systemic change to build social, racial, and economic justice. She is currently the Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer of the Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC), the nation’s largest Asian-American social services organization, where she is responsible for public policy, advocacy, government affairs, and community engagement. She also works at the Reducetarian Foundation, organizing a yearly conference on how to reduce societal animal product consumption, attended by leaders in the environmental, technology, health, sustainability, and food industries.

Most recently, Carlyn served as a Senior Policy Analyst at FPWA, leading campaigns on economic equity issues. Previously, Carlyn worked at the New York City Mayor’s Office of Contract Services, coordinating research and data analysis for over $4 billion in human services contracts. She has managed consulting projects for the United Nations Development Programme (Zambia and Republic of Georgia), Oxfam International and BloombergPhilanthropies’ What Works Cities.

Carlyn completed her Master’s in Economic and Political Development and Nonprofit Management at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) and holds a double Bachelor’s in International Relations and Philosophy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Evelyn Gong

Founder, The Law Office of Evelyn Gong, PLLC

Evelyn Gong is the founder of The Law Office of Evelyn Gong, PLLC. Her practice is dedicated to serving leaders in public interest, politics, and forward-thinking enterprises.

Evelyn’s experience working on voter protection and voting access issues extends to national as well as local political campaigns. In 2016, Evelyn served as in-house counsel for Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign, where she handled voter protection matters in key battleground states.

Subsequently, Evelyn was Senior Attorney at Perkins Coie LLP, in the firm’s Political Law Group, where she represented Democratic party committees, political action committees, federal- and state-level candidates, members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, as well as non-profits, including charities and issue organizations. Evelyn’s work there included developing a post-election shadow canvass program for President Joe Biden’s campaign and the Democratic coordinated campaign.

More recently, Evelyn handled election protection matters for a mayoral campaign in New York City. Evelyn’s passion for voting rights was ignited as a law student in 2006, when Evelyn organized fellow law students to volunteer for AALDEF’s Asian American Election Protection and Poll Monitoring project.
SOPHIA LIN LAKIN

Interim Co-Director, ACLU Voting Rights Project, American Civil Liberties Union

Sophia Lin Lakin (@sophlin229) is the Interim Co-Director of the ACLU’s Voting Rights Project, and assists in the planning, strategy and supervision of the ACLU’s voting rights litigation nationwide. Sophia has an active docket protecting voting rights and combating voter suppression across the country and has led or worked on successful challenges to discriminatory voting laws in Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia.

Currently, Sophia is lead counsel in Alpha Phi Alpha v. Raffensperger, a redistricting challenge to Georgia’s state legislative maps, Arkansas State Conference NAACP v. Arkansas Board of Apportionment, a redistricting challenge to Arkansas’s state House plan, and the ACLU’s lead counsel in Sixth District of The African Methodist Episcopal Church v. Kemp, a federal lawsuit challenging multiple provisions of Georgia’s sweeping new voter suppression law S.B. 202. Her other cases have included: Common Cause Indiana v. Sullivan (lead counsel in case successfully challenging an unlawful purge program in Indiana); Hotze v. Hollins (co-lead counsel in case defending against attack on the use of drive-thru voting in Harris County, Texas); Trump Campaign v. Boockvar (represented voters against attempt to block certification of 2020 presidential election results); Texas v. Crystal Mason (representing Ms. Mason in her appeal of her conviction and 5-year sentence for allegedly improperly casting a provisional ballot); Missouri NAACP v. Missouri (lead counsel in case challenging the in-person notary requirement for mail voting in Missouri during the COVID-19 pandemic, which she argued before the Missouri Supreme Court twice); League of Women Voters of Tennessee v. Hargett (co-lead counsel in successful challenge to a Tennessee law that imposed onerous requirements and substantial criminal and civil penalties on community based organizations that conduct voter registration drives); and Fish v. Kobach (successful challenge to the documentation requirements for voter registration in Kansas).

Sophia has testified on election law issues before Congress and has presented at conferences and conducted voting rights trainings nationwide. She is a frequent commentator on voting rights issues, appearing on television programs including The 11th Hour; and has written opinion pieces for The Hill and The Boston Globe.

Before joining the ACLU, Sophia clerked for the Honorable Raymond J. Lohier, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the Honorable Carol Bagley Amon of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

Sophia received her J.D. from Stanford Law School. She also received her M.S. in Management Science & Engineering and B.A. in Political Science from Stanford University.
REYNA S. WALTERS-MORGAN

Director of Civic Engagement and Voter Protection, Democratic National Committee

Reyna Walters-Morgan is the Director of Civic Engagement and Voter Protection for the Democratic National Committee, where she leads the organization’s national voting rights and voter protection strategy. Reyna started her voting rights work as an undergraduate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she initiated efforts that led to the first satellite polling location within walking distance of campus. Reyna graduated from Howard University School of Law, and worked in private practice at Kirkland & Ellis LLP and later as a Senior Attorney for the Social Security Administration.

In 2016, she decided to leave her “good government job” to follow her passion for voting rights, which took her to Ohio to serve as a Regional Voter Protection Director for the Clinton Presidential Campaign, back home to North Carolina to open her own law practice, Walters-Morgan Law PLLC, and manage North Carolina’s 2018 nonprofit Election Protection program, and eventually to the DNC. When Reyna isn’t working to save our democracy, she is an avid traveler, with 36 countries (and counting) under her belt.
A panel discussion between law firm partners, general counsels and deputy general counsels at client institutions to highlight innovative ways in which companies and law firms can promote and hold each other accountable in the advancement of diversity, equity and inclusion at their institutions and beyond, such as through talent acquisition, mentorship programs, building diverse talent pipelines, diversity tracking, and partnering on pro-bono efforts that make a difference in the communities they serve. This program will underscore how together clients and their law firm partners can serve as the leading force in forging a more diverse and inclusive legal industry.
SAPNA PALLA

*Partner, Allen & Overy LLP & Past President, AABANY*

Sapna Palla is a partner in the firm’s Intellectual Property Litigation Department. She has spent over two decades representing clients in patent, trademark, copyright, and complex commercial matters, including successfully litigating disputes in a range of jurisdictions. She also has extensive experience with alternative dispute resolution, including arbitration and mediation.

Sapna also counsels and represents a variety of U.S. and international clients regarding U.S. intellectual property by providing them with infringement, validity, enforceability, and clearance opinions and by advising them in licensing and antitrust matters. She has also conducted intellectual property due diligence investigations in connection with acquisitions and licensing deals. Sapna also counsels clients about patent law in Asia, including China and India.

Sapna’s patent experience covers a broad array of technologies, including pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, drug delivery systems and medical devices, mechanical devices, batteries, software, and agrochemicals. Outside the patent area, she has represented clients in trademark, trade dress, and copyright litigation as well as in counseling clients on trademark and copyright registration, strategy, and licensing. Sapna has also handled a number of complex commercial disputes involving complex contractual matters in the oil, renewable energy, construction, and food services industries.

Sapna was selected as the 2021 Diversity and Inclusion Champion award recipient by the New York City Bar Association. She has been honored by the City and State of New York (NY) as “one of the most influential Asian Americans in New York politics and policy” in 2020. She frequently writes and speaks on a range of topics, including developments in litigation, e-discovery, patent law, patent reform, intellectual property law in Asia, pharmaceuticals, biosimilars, biotechnology, and medical devices. Her programs have been presented by the Practicing Law Institute and WestLegal Ed, and she has been published and quoted in leading publications, including Practicing Law Institute, Forbes, ABA Litigation Journal, IP Law360, New York Law Journal, Corporate Counsel Connect, Pharmaceutical Patent Analyst, and Bloomberg/BNA.

She is an adjunct professor at Pace University School of Law, addressing antitrust and patent topics. She clerked for the Honorable Judge Robert J. Hurley of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

Sapna is Immediate Past President of the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY) and the co-founder of the AABANY Leadership Development Institute. She was previously on the Board of Directors at AABANY and served as co-chair of the Women’s Committee. Sapna is co-chair of the Patent Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association. She is an inaugural member of Judge Janet Bond Arterton’s Intellectual Property American Inns of Court and is a member of the New York Intellectual Property Association and its Litigation and Legislative Action Committees.

Sapna is committed to pro bono legal services. In 2008, she was honored by the Pennsylvania Capital Representative Project for extraordinary efforts on behalf of Pennsylvania’s death row inmates. In 2001, she received the Legal Aid Society award for Outstanding Pro Bono Representation.

Sapna has lived and studied in both India and Tanzania. She is fluent in Hindi and Marathi and conversant in French.
GRACE FU

*KAYAK/OpenTable*

Grace Fu is General Counsel of KAYAK and OpenTable, where she oversees all legal and compliance matters for the companies. Prior to her current role, she was Deputy General Counsel & Corporate Secretary at Revlon, General Counsel, Executive Vice President of Human Resources & Secretary at Barneys New York and Deputy General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer at Tiger Management. She began her career as a mergers and acquisitions attorney at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in New York City.

She is currently Co-Chair of the In-House Committee of the Asian American Bar Association of New York, a role she has held since 2017. Additionally, Grace is a member of the Dean’s Alumnae Advisory Council and the Law School Alumni Council at the University of Virginia School of Law. She has served as adjunct professor at Fordham University School of Law and Cardozo School of Law.

Grace is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law and holds master’s and bachelor’s degrees from Harvard University.

JOHN HWANG

*Partner, U.S. Head, International Capital Markets Group, Allen & Overy LLP*

John is a partner in the New York office of Allen & Overy LLP and the U.S. Head of the firm’s International Capital Markets Group. John is also a member of the firm’s global partner compensation Equity Committee, the partner chair of the firm’s Asian Affinity Network and a member of the firm’s U.S. Diversity Committee.

John’s practice focuses on securitizations and asset finance with extensive experience in SEC-registered offerings, private placements (Rule 144A, Regulation D and Section 4(a)(2)) and Regulation S offerings. His work also includes advising clients in connection with asset purchases and dispositions. John has advised numerous clients on the development of innovative structures involving structured finance products.

John is listed as a recommended lawyer in ranking directories, including Chambers USA and Legal 500.
RUTH ARNOULD

Managing Director and Associate General Counsel, Bank of America

Ruth Arnould is Managing Director and Associate General Counsel at Bank of America in New York. Ms. Arnould has been an attorney in Bank of America’s fixed income legal group since 2013. She currently leads the global markets legal department’s coverage of credit derivatives, futures, clearing and financial market infrastructure globally and heads the coverage of interest rate derivatives in the US. Prior to these roles, Ms. Arnould was the global coordinator for Latin American with respect to all fixed income derivatives.

Ms. Arnould also served as the Chair of the Derivatives and Structured Products Committee of the New York State Bar Association and is currently serving as the President of the Futures Industry Association’s Law & Compliance Executive Committee. She is a frequent speaker at ISDA, FIA, ABA and SIFMA conferences on clearing and derivatives issues. In 2020, she co-authored a chapter of “OTC Derivatives Regulation Under Dodd Frank: A Guide to Registration, Reporting, Business Conduct and Clearing”. She was also named as a “Rising Star” in Global Derivatives by Derivatives Week.

Ms. Arnould was in private practice advising on derivatives and complex structured finance transactions in New Zealand, Australia and London before moving to New York and joining Bank of America. She received a Bachelor of Laws (Honors) and Bachelors of Commerce (Accounting) from the University of Auckland, New Zealand. She is admitted as a solicitor in New York, New Zealand, New South Wales, Australia and England and Wales.
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Technology innovations are transforming every aspect of how we work, live and play. While many of these advances in technology promise many benefits to so many of us, these new technologies raise novel and complicated ethical and diversity issues. This program will address some of the key ethics and diversity issues implicated by some of today’s most cutting-edge technology. Our speakers will cover topics such as:

- Bias in AI
- Digital surveillance and data privacy
- Misinformation, deep fakes and Section 230
- Biometrics, health tracking and genetic testing
- Accessibility and inclusion
James Q. Walker represents executive-level professionals, companies, and board committees in securities regulatory matters as well as internal investigations and Am Law-ranked law firms and attorneys in professional liability matters. He has over 20 years of experience representing clients in government enforcement actions and represents digital asset companies and/or their business partners in securities enforcement matters. James is frequently engaged in parallel proceedings involving simultaneous government investigations and related litigation.

James has been active in state bar committees focused on professional ethics and developing standards of professional conduct. He has served on the New York City Bar Association’s Professional Discipline, Professional and Judicial Ethics, Professional Responsibility, and Securities Regulation committees. James is a frequent lecturer on securities enforcement and professional ethics and has published articles on the intersection of professional ethics and the regulation of digital assets. He serves on the editorial board of the ABA/BNA Lawyers’ Manual of Professional Conduct and Law360’s Legal Ethics publication.
ANDREW S. PAK

Senior Counsel, Perkins Coie LLP

Combining insight with ability, Andrew S. Pak counsels businesses on cybersecurity, data protection, risks, compliance, and litigation matters requiring deep technical knowledge.

Andrew draws on his experience as a former federal prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and as in-house counsel to a global Fortune 500 financial institution to advise clients on issues ranging from cybersecurity risk, incident response, and privacy to litigation, internal investigations, and regulatory matters. As a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Andrew’s skillset includes both legal and practitioner-level knowledge and experience on cybersecurity issues.

Andrew is a former assistant U.S. attorney and cybercrime coordinator for the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey, where he litigated malicious hacking cases and fraud-related matters. In this role, he prosecuted the largest computer hacking and securities fraud scheme charged to date, the largest credit card hacking case charged to date, and an international stock manipulation scam involving botnets.

Andrew also previously served as senior trial counsel at the DOJ Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section, where he prosecuted cybercrime matters, coordinated national DOJ litigation strategy relating to email search warrants, and worked on policy and legislative matters.

Andrew is the recipient of two Federal Law Enforcement Foundation “Prosecutor of the Year” awards and has received letters of recognition for his service from two directors of the U.S. Secret Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Andrew received a J.D., magna cum laude from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, and is admitted to the bar in the state of New York.
DENNIS HOPKINS

Partner, Perkins Coie LLP

Dennis Hopkins is a partner in the firm’s Intellectual Property and Patent Litigation practices. He focuses his practice on all aspects of intellectual property law, with an emphasis on patent, copyright, and trade secret litigation. Dennis has significant experience in all phases of IP litigation, including mediations, trials, and appeals. In addition, his practice includes counseling clients on issues relating to litigation strategies and intellectual property asset management.

He is also experienced in all aspects of brand and domain name protection and management. His IP experience also includes drafting and negotiating agreements and licenses, preparing written opinions of counsel, and providing general IP counseling to clients, including counseling on patent, copyright, trade secret, brand management, and other trademark matters.
THE HUNT FOR UNICORNS AND THE DIGITAL WAR: HOW SOVEREIGN FUNDS ARE RESHAPING INVESTMENT IN THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

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Winston Ma, Author, Investor, Attorney, and Adjunct Professor at NYU will discuss China as a Tech Power in the Digital World. He will focus on how China and sovereign funds have shaped and influenced and impacted both the US Domestic and Global Economic Markets. He will further discuss the impact of the Digital World on Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain and Cyberspace. He will talk about misconceptions and help the audience understand what the future of these new concepts will bring.

In addition, Winston will talk about his latest book entitled: Blockchain and Web3- Building the Cryptocurrency, Privacy and Security Foundations of the Metaverse. Joining Winston Ma will be Paul Downs, co-author of their book: The Hunt for Unicorns: How Sovereign Funds are Reshaping Investment in the Digital Economy. Paul has practiced international law for more than four decades. He has represented sovereign investors transacting in assets globally.
VINCENT CHANG

Partner, Litigation & Dispute Resolution Group, Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch LLP

Vincent T. Chang is a Partner at Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch, specializing in complex litigation in such areas as bankruptcy, real estate, insurance, mortgage securitizations, hedge funds, reinsurance, bondholder litigation, investment banking, antitrust, and securities.

Mr. Chang is a graduate of Harvard College, magna cum laude, and Harvard Law School, cum laude. Mr. Chang clerked for the Hon. Robert B. Krupansky, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and was an associate and then counsel at Davis Polk & Wardwell. Mr. Chang is a past President of the Asian American Bar Association of New York (“AABANY”). He is the President of the New York County Lawyers Association and chairs its Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Mr. Chang has co-chaired NYCLA’s Federal Court and Public Policy Committees and has served as NYCLA’s Treasurer, Vice President, and President Elect. He also serves on the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association, serves on its Nominating Committee and served on its Committee of Bar Leaders and Federal Legislative Priorities Committee. Mr. Chang serves on the ABA’s Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary, which rates federal judicial nominees nationwide. He has served on the Standing Committee on the American Judicial System of the American Bar Association and has served as Vice Chair of two committees of the Antitrust Section of the American Bar Association. Mr. Chang is Vice President of the Asian American Law Fund of New York and has served on the Board of Directors of the South Asian Bar Association of New York. Mr. Chang served on the Board of Directors of Legal Services NYC. Mr. Chang served on the Judiciary Committee of the New York City Bar Association and is a recipient of its Diversity and Inclusion Champion Award.

Mr. Chang serves as an adviser on the Second Circuit Judicial Council Committee on Civic Education & Public Engagement. Mr. Chang was a member of the Departmental Disciplinary Committee for the First Department and was a member of the New York Continuing Legal Education Board. Mr. Chang has been listed as a “Super Lawyer” in business litigation in New York.
PAUL DOWNS

Retired Partner, Hogans Lovells

Paul practiced international law for more than four decades, most recently as a partner at Hogan Lovells in New York, where he co-founded the Sovereign Investor Practice and initiated the annual Sovereign Investor Conference.

Paul is co-author of The Hunt for Unicorns: How Sovereign Funds are Reshaping Investment in the Digital Economy (Wiley 2020). He has represented sovereign investors transacting in assets globally, has spoken and published on the topic and guest lectured at Columbia and New York University law schools.

In addition to acting for LPs, sponsors and placement agents, Paul has been active as a lawyer, investor, mentor and board member in startups and growth stage private companies, bringing cross border expertise to international ambitions for US and non-US based companies. Paul has also served on the board of a NYSE-listed company and has represented numerous publicly-traded companies in transactions, particularly cross border M&A.

He served as President of the American Foreign Law Association and is a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the International Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

He is a current or past director of not-for-profit organizations, including International House, New York, The Council for the United States and Italy, the China US Business Alliance and EST/LA. Paul is fluent in Italian and conversant in Spanish.

Paul is the father of two millennials and lives in Manhattan with his wife, Rebecca, where he is also an amateur boxer.

Paul is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School.
WINSTON MA

Managing Partner, CloudTree Ventures; Author of The Hunt for Unicorns, The Digital War, and Blockchain and Web3; Adjunct Professor, NYU Law School; former MD and Head of North America at China Investment Corporation (CIC), China’s SWF Fund.

Winston Ma, CFA & Esq., is an investor, attorney, author, and adjunct professor in the global digital economy. He is a Co-Founder and Managing Partner of CloudTree Ventures, a seed to early growth stage venture capital firm empowering interactive entertainment companies. He is currently the board Chairman of Nasdaq-listed MCAA, a European tech SPAC, an advisory board member of Capgemini, and an Adjunct Professor at NYU Law School.

For the last 10 years, he was Managing Director and Head of North America Office for China Investment Corporation (CIC), China’s sovereign wealth fund. Prior to that, Mr. Ma served as the deputy head of equity capital markets at Barclays Capital, a vice president at J.P. Morgan investment banking, and a corporate lawyer at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP. He was selected in 2013 to be a Young Global Leader at the World Economic Forum (WEF), and in 2014 he received the NYU Distinguished Alumni Award.

Mr. Ma is one of a small number of native Chinese who have worked as investment professionals and practicing capital markets attorneys in both the United States and China. A nationally certified Software Programmer as early as 1994, Mr. Ma is the book author of eight books, including The Digital War: How China’s Tech Power Shapes the Future of AI, Blockchain and Cyberspace (2021) and The Hunt for Unicorns: How Sovereign Funds are Reshaping Investment in the Digital Economy (2020). His new book is “Blockchain and Web3 – Building the Cryptocurrency, Privacy, and Security Foundations of the Metaverse” (Wiley, September 2022).
The General Counsel’s Role in Forging a New Path to an Equitable Future

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The General Counsel Panel will explore the role of General Counsels in creating an equitable future within their companies and in the broader legal profession. Panelists will discuss challenges and goals with respect to forging a new path toward an equitable future. The General Counsel panelists will draw on personal and professional experiences. As with prior Fall Conference GC panels, the General Counsel panelists will also discuss their respective paths to GC and advice for those looking to be General Counsels in the future.
SHAUN J. MATHEW

Corporate Partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Shaun J. Mathew is a corporate partner in the New York office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP and is a leader of the Firm’s Shareholder Activism & Hostile Takeover Defense practice, which was named by The Deal as Activist Defense Law Firm Practice of the Year in 2020. Shaun has been recognized as among the best lawyers for activism and takeover defense in the United States by The Legal 500 and Chambers USA, and was profiled by Insider as one of “13 lawyers representing activist investors and helping companies fight them off in proxy battles.”

Shaun counsels public companies and their boards of directors on shareholder activism and hostile takeover response and preparedness, investor engagement, and corporate governance matters, including those related to diversity, sustainability and other ESG related issues. In addition, Shaun is a member of Kirkland’s Crisis Response practice group, counseling clients on internal and external communications in high-profile crisis situations.

Shaun was recognized as a Fellow of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) in 2021 and is a founding member and New York lead of Kirkland’s South Asian Affinity Group.

His recent experience includes defending public companies and private equity sponsors in several of the most high profile challenges to M&A transactions, and he has defended clients against campaigns mounted by a number of activist investors including Starboard Value, Elliott Management, Alden Global Capital, Carl Icahn, JANA Partners, and Engaged Capital.

Shaun is also a frequent speaker on shareholder activism, corporate governance and ESG topics and has guest lectured at Harvard Law School and the University of Michigan Law School, among others. His articles have been featured in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and he has been quoted in leading publications including The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Deal and Law360.

REGGIE RASCH

Chief Legal Officer and Secretary, Party City

Reggie is the Chief Legal Officer and Secretary of Party City (NYSE: PRTY), a publicly traded manufacturer and retailer of party and celebration products. Reggie reports to the CEO and is responsible for all aspects of the company’s legal affairs, including corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, commercial matters, employment law counseling, intellectual property, compliance and litigation. Reggie also oversees the company’s government affairs initiatives.

Reggie works collaboratively with all levels of management and the Board to achieve desired business outcomes. Before joining Party City, Reggie served as Head of Legal for Rakuten Americas, where he held several leadership positions of increasing responsibility from 2000 to 2021. Before joining Rakuten, Reggie worked as a corporate associate at New York law firms Warshaw Burstein, LLP and Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, and Connecticut law firm Cummings & Lockwood LLC. Reggie serves on the Board of the Greater Jamaica Development Corporation. He is a past president and board member of the Association of Corporate Counsel, New York City Chapter, and a past member of the Advisory Board of the Minority Corporate Counsel Association. Reggie holds a B.S. in Business from the State University of New York at New Paltz and his J.D. degree from St. John’s University School of Law.
JUNG CHOI

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Boxed

Jung Choi is General Counsel & Secretary at Boxed. She serves as a member of the senior executive team and is responsible for all legal and compliance matters, including corporate and securities law, corporate governance, litigation, commercial transactions, employment and intellectual property. She also serves as Corporate Secretary to the Board of Directors and its committees.

Most recently, Jung served as Vice President, Assistant General Counsel & Assistant Secretary at Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. (SBD), a diversified global provider of hand and power tools, industrial applications, and healthcare solutions. She served as a key member of the senior leadership team with responsibility over public company reporting and securities regulation, corporate governance, executive compensation and the SBD’s Environmental Social and Governance (ESG) shareholder engagement strategy. She also oversaw the Global Ethics and Compliance department and the Global Privacy Office. In addition, Jung directly supported the SBD board and its committees.

Prior to joining SBD, Jung worked at Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, a global biopharmaceutical company, where she was responsible for public company reporting, capital markets transactions, corporate governance and ESG.

Jung began her legal career as a corporate associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP in New York and Hong Kong. Jung received her J.D., cum laude, from Georgetown University Law Center, and her B.A. in Political Science and International Studies, cum laude, from Yale University.

Jung is a recipient of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Best Under 40 Award, is a fellow for the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity and has served in several leadership positions for the Society of Corporate Governance and the Asian American Bar Association of New York. Jung regularly speaks on securities law, governance, ESG and other legal topics.

ANOUCK GIOVANOLA

General Counsel, TOM FORD

Anouck Giovanola is General Counsel of TOM FORD. Prior to her time at TOM FORD, she was Vice President, Law & Litigation, at Revlon, Inc., and a partner in Jenner & Block’s Investigations, Compliance, and Defense group. She began her career as a litigation associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton, & Garrison, and clerked in the Southern District of New York. Anouck is a graduate of UC Berkeley and Stanford Law School.
JUDY ESTES

Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Services & Strategic Growth, Mastercard

Judy Estes is Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Services & Strategic Growth at Mastercard. She is responsible for leading global legal teams that support Mastercard’s Data & Services, Cyber & Intelligence, and Strategic Growth business units, which collectively provide services including consulting, data analytics, cyber security, AI, fraud and authentication services, marketing and loyalty services, predictive analytics, insights, SaaS, and supports our engagement with government partners. Ms. Estes and her team are responsible for helping to shape the future of Mastercard as it evolves its business beyond payments. Ms. Estes also serves on executive management teams in the business units and the law department to help set and deliver on the groups’ strategic initiatives as well as day-to-day operational goals.

Prior to her current position, Ms. Estes managed a legal team that provided transactional expertise and other general support that drive revenue, strategic initiatives and general matters in the US Markets. Prior to this role, Ms. Estes held a few positions at Mastercard supporting the company’s largest and global customer relationships and other strategic transactions, including managing the then-newly formed Strategic Transactions Group, a legal team that provides support to Mastercard’s mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures and global initiatives that launched innovative products and partnerships.

Prior to joining Mastercard, Ms. Estes was a corporate associate with the law firm, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, and managed clients and handled various complex transactions in connection with mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, project finance, private and public financings and general corporate matters.

Ms. Estes graduated from Fordham University School of Law and received her Bachelor of Science degree from Binghamton University, School of Management, with a double concentration in Finance and Management Information Systems.
CANNABIS LAW: BANKING, REAL ESTATE, LEGALIZATION AND ADDRESSING THE POLICIES, INEQUITIES AND RACIAL DISPARITIES

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This program will focus on the latest issues regarding the legalization of cannabis. Speakers will discuss the implementation of cannabis licenses; retail stores; banking issues; and real estate leases and acquisitions. The legalization of cannabis has been challenging in light of the current status of federal marijuana legalization, which is still pending in Congress. On the local level, states have been faced with the difficulty of reconciling cannabis legalization in light of the fear of punishment and sanctions from Washington. Of equal importance is whether the economic opportunities and benefits afforded by the business of cannabis are being distributed in an equitable and fair manner. The need for fair cannabis policies in light of racial disparities and inequities must be considered and enforced.
WEI HU

Partner, MRTA Law, P.C.

Wei Hu, Esq. specializes in NY cannabis law and the NYS Marijuana Regulation & Taxation Act (MRTA). Since the inception of New York State’s MRTA on March 31, 2021, Wei has been representing and providing legal counsel to clients, businesses and ancillary companies on areas of Adult-Use Cannabis licensing, compliance, corporate, and legislative issues. He also developed the curricula for and will be teaching “Social and Economic Equity in Cannabis” (LIM College, Masters of Professional Studies – Fall 2022) and “NY Cannabis Law: Social Justice and Economic Equity under the MRTA” (CUNY School of Law – Spring 2023). He has presented and held legal clinics on New York State’s new law (Criminal Procedure Law 440.46-a(2)) to expunge prior marijuana convictions not subject to automatic vacatur.

Prior to founding MRTA Law, P.C. as a boutique NYS Cannabis Law practice, Wei honed his legal practice in NYS administrative/regulatory, public benefits, and litigation while working for the City of New York Department of Social Services. Wei has been in public service for over 15 years – from the Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Division, to NYC Administration for Children’s Services, to NYS Attorney General’s Office, Bureau of Investor Protection, and to NYC DSS/HRA. His career has focused on delivering public benefits and services to New Yorkers in need, and he has helped administer them in the largest social services district in the United States, with billions of federal TANF and SNAP funding disbursed to low-income households annually.

Wei earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and German from Wesleyan University, and his Juris Doctor degree from CUNY Law School, where he was an Associate Editor of the New York City Law Review. He is admitted to practice law in Connecticut, New York State, and the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York.

WENDY YU

Real Estate Attorney

Wendy Yu is a solo practitioner, real estate attorney with an office in Bayside, NY since 2017. Wendy represents individuals and businesses, buying or selling residential or commercial real properties in New York City, Long Island, and Westchester.

Wendy co-founded the AABANY Solo and Small Firm Committee with Pauline Yeung-Ha in 2011. She co-chaired the AABANY Real Estate Committee with Margaret T. Ling from 2011 – 2014, and 2019 to present. In addition, Wendy is a 1st Vice President of the Community Education Council for New York City School District 25.
KEVIN KIM

Commissioner, NYC Department of Small Business Services

Kevin D. Kim was appointed by Mayor Eric Adams to serve as the Commissioner for the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) in January 2022. As a son of immigrant small business owners, and a former co-founder/operator of several small businesses, Commissioner Kim knows first-hand the various challenges that small businesses face. Commissioner Kim is an attorney, entrepreneur, and public servant. He received his B.A. and M.A. from Stanford University and his J.D. from Columbia Law School.

PETER SU

Senior Vice President, Green Check Verified

Peter Su is a Senior Vice President with Green Check Verified (“Green Check”), the top Cannabis banking compliance and software consultancy in the space. A long-time banker, Peter has spent over 20 years in finance with stops at HSBC, Signature Bank, Dime Bank and East West Bank. He has personally spearheaded two separate cannabis banking programs and in his current role at Green Check, is responsible for the growth of over 100 Cannabis banking programs all over the country. A frequent speaker and a sought-after thought leader, he has been featured in Bloomberg, American Banker, Rolling Stone and other notable publications.

An active member of the Cannabis community, Peter currently chairs the Banking and Financial Services Committee for the New York City Cannabis Industry Association and Hudson Valley Cannabis Industry Association (NYCCIA & HVCIA). He is also Vice Chair and founding member of the Cannabis Banking Committee for ASTM Int’l. Peter is on the board of the Asian Cannabis Roundtable, serving as its treasurer. Additionally, he writes for Rolling Stone Cannabis Culture Council. Peter holds several designations: Accredited Cannabis Banking Professional (ACBP); Certified Treasury Professional (CTP); Certified Cannabis Banking Professional (CCBP); Certified Commercial Cannabis Expert (CCCE); and is Endocannabinoid Systems qualified.

Peter also previously served as an advisory panel board member for Pace University’s Lubin School of Business, and is a U.S. Army veteran.

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JASON BERGMAN

Vice President and Senior Underwriting Counsel, Benchmark Title Insurance Company

Jason C. Bergman, CRE®, is Vice President and Senior Underwriting Counsel at Benchmark Title Agency, LLC in White Plains, New York. He has extensive experience in assessing and mitigating risk in complex transactions and ambiguous situations, and is recognized as an industry leader in insuring foreclosures and distressed assets.

Among his professional activities, Jason is a three-term Chair of the New York State Land Title Association’s Law Committee, Vice-Chair of the American Bar Association Real Estate, Condemnation, and Trust Litigation Committee’s Title Insurance subcommittee for six years, and Co-Chair of its Mortgage and Foreclosure Subcommittee. He also sits on the Editorial Board for the CRE® publication, The Counselor Quarterly Journal, and writes regularly on compelling title, real estate law and practice subjects for multiple publications, including the New York Law Journal.

He is also a Board Member of Seton Hall University’s Stillman School of Business Customer Experience Program, and was a Board Member of Rutgers’ Center for Innovation Education, Professional Science Master’s Degree, Customer Experience Certificate Program.

Jason was awarded the CRE® credential by The Counselors of Real Estate, an international consortium of credentialed real estate practitioners who provide expert advice on complex real property and land-related matters. Membership is extended by invitation and includes principals of real estate, financial, legal, and accounting firms, as well as developers, economists, futurists, and leaders of Wall Street and academia.

He received a B.A. in History/Government from Muhlenberg College, and a J.D. from New York Law School.

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PREJUDICE, AGEISM, AND HARASSMENT: HOW TO NAVIGATE CHALLENGES AND SUPPORT OTHERS

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Attorneys at every level of experience have to manage professional challenges, not least of which involve misogyny, ageism and other forms of harassment, which may be subtle and pervasive. It will be impossible to forge a new path to an equitable future without facing these issues head on, including by making space for meaningful discourse about these issues and how to navigate them.
DIANNA LAM
Assistant Vice President, Blackstone

Dianna Lam is currently an Assistant Vice President at Blackstone in the Legal and Compliance Department. She recently graduated from Fordham Law School while working full-time during the day and attending law school in the evenings.

Dianna was recognized for her commitment to public service and was awarded the Archibald R. Murray Public Service Student Award at Fordham Law School. Additionally, she received The Adele Monaco Memorial Award – as a member of her graduating J.D. class in the evening division who made a positive impact on the lives of evening division students through the demonstration of compassion, courage, determination, and commitment to public service.

Dianna has been committed to giving back to her local community and co-led initiatives in Manhattan Chinatown during the height of the pandemic. She currently serves as Co-Chair of the Membership Committee with the Asian American Bar Association of New York and will continue to be a resource to those in need.

ANNA MERCADO CLARK
Partner, Phillips Lytle LLP

Anna Mercado Clark, Esq., CIPP/E, CIPP/US, CIPM, FIP is a partner at Phillips Lytle LLP, a full service law firm in the U.S. and Canada. She leads Phillips Lytle’s Data Security & Privacy and e-Discovery and Digital Forensic Practice Teams and is the co-team leader of the firm’s Cryptocurrency & Bitcoin Mining Practice Team. Additionally, Anna focuses her practice in the areas of business and commercial litigation and as a former district attorney, also handles white-collar criminal matters and investigations. She regularly counsels sophisticated clients on technology solutions, risk mitigation, data protection, and compliance strategies given the constantly evolving regulatory landscape, and speaks at national and international conferences as a subject-matter expert on these issues. Ms. Clark is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham University, School of Law, teaching a course on data security and privacy, as well as fundamental lawyering skills.

Ms. Clark obtained her BA in Biology from Rutgers University and J.D. from Fordham University School of Law. She was recognized in Crain’s New York Business Notable Women in Law 2022 publication, named to The Responsible 100 list and the Above & Beyond Innovators list in City & State magazine, the Lawyers of Color’s Inaugural Nation’s Best List and is a recipient of the Hon. Denny Chin ‘78 Alumni Awardee for Excellence in the Legal Profession from the Fordham University School of Law Asian Pacific American Law Student Association, among other awards. She is also a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Most recently, Ms. Clark was named a Ponemon Institute Distinguished Fellow and an IAPP Fellow of Information Privacy.

Ms. Clark is a member of her firm’s Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee, where she designs and facilitates an award-winning diversity pipeline program titled, “Peace Out!” She is a founding member of the Filipino American Lawyers Association of New York (FALA NY), for which she was the inaugural vice president. Ms. Clark is also on the Board of the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY) where she serves as Development Director and is the Northeast Regional Governor of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA). She serves as the Science & Technology Law Section Cloud Computing Committee Vice-Chair and Privacy and Computer Crime Committee Co-Chair.
CONNIE MONTOYA

Partner, Hinshaw Culbertson

Concepcion (“Connie”) A. Montoya is a Partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, a national full-service law firm with offices throughout the United States. Connie is the only Filipina-American partner in a firm of over 400 lawyers. Connie is also a member of Hinshaw's Diversity Committee. Connie's practice focuses on the areas of employment litigation defense and counseling as well as consumer class action defense.

Other than her legal practice, Connie is deeply involved with diversity and inclusion efforts in the legal community. Connie is a founding member and a Past President of the Filipino American Lawyers Association of New York. She is a Board Member of the National Association of Women Lawyers and Co-Chair of its Diversity Committee. Connie is also a member of the Board of Directors of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, and a former Board Member of the LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York. She is a former Co-Chair of the LGBTQ Network of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. She served as Co-Chair of the Litigation Committee of the Asian American Bar Association of New York for several years.

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