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April 2022 CAPAJA Newsletter

We hope everyone is having a happy, healthy and productive year. Here is the news for this month.

NEWS

New APA Superior Court Judge Appointed By the Governor

Leonard Nguyen Trinh was appointed by Governor Newsom to the San Diego County Superior Court on April 14, 2022. Judge-designate Trinh was at the time of his appointment a Deputy District Attorney in San Diego County, and he previously served in the same capacity in Orange County. Congratulations and Welcome to CAPAJA!

Another New CAPAJA Member!

Judge Dorothy Chou Proudfoot recently notified CAPAJA that we have a new member in Kings County, Judge Melissa D'Morias, who was appointed in November 2021. Judge D'Morias was a Kings County Deputy District Attorney and before that she was an attorney for Fresno Child Advocates. Welcome to the bench, Judge D'Morias!

LASC Names Two new APA Commissioners

The Los Angeles Superior Court has announced that Tiffany Tai and Christine Gonong have been elected by the Judges of the Court to be Commissioners. Both have been notified of their free membership in CAPAJA through the end of the year and are looking forward to becoming active members.

CAPAJA Members Profiled in Daily Journal

On March 7, 2022, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge and CAPAJA member Judge Scott Yang was profiled in the Daily Journal. Judge Yang eloquently expressed the experience which he shares with many CAPAJA members as a child of immigrant parents struggling to deal with the legal system, and his desire to enter the legal profession to increase access to justice.

On March 11, 2022, the Daily Journal profiled CAPAJA member Sacramento County Superior Court Judge John Sugiyama (ret.), who since his retirement has been a neutral at JAMS. The profile discussed his mediation strategy and his 18-year career on the bench.

CAPAJA Members Participate in Korematsu Day 2022

CAPAJA Past President Judge Roberta Hayashi and Board member Judge Johnny Gogo were key players in the annual Korematsu Day celebration held in March in Santa Clara County. Attached is a link to a video created to commemorate this occasion, with music provided by Judge Gogo's niece!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=UyvRazfzqU>

Support the CAPAJA Scholarship Fund!

Please consider providing financial support to CAPAJA's first scholarship for law students intending to serve as summer judicial interns/externs for Summer 2022. We will be awarding at least two \$1,500 scholarships this year and hope our scholarships will continue to grow with your help. If you are a judge, please consider contributing here: www.capaja.org/student-scholarship

CAPAJA Mid-Year Meeting to Be Held on Zoom

CAPAJA will hold its Mid-Year meeting on Zoom on April 26, 2022 starting at 4:30 pm. Details and a Zoom link will be provided to all members soon.

2022 CAPAJA Member Dues Are Due!

Thanks to so many of our members who have paid either Lifetime Dues or CAPAJA Annual Dues for 2022. If you have not yet done so, please pay your Annual Dues of just \$50 so that you will be paid-up through the end of 2022, or level up to Lifetime Membership for \$500 so you never have to worry about paying your CAPAJA Annual Dues again! Here is a [link](#) for easy payment. If you first became a judicial officer in 2022, your membership is free through the end of the year, although getting a Lifetime Membership would be a wonderful way to celebrate your new career.

With CAPAJA's best wishes to all its members for a healthy, productive April!

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If you have news or know of any CAPAJA member who has been or will be honored, has spoken, or will speak at an event or is taking a new position, or of a new potential CAPAJA member, please send an email to Newsletter Editor Holly Fujie at HFujie@LACourt.org, and we will feature it in the next newsletter.