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December 2022 CAPAJA Newsletter

Dear CAPAJA Member:

November was another busy and successful month for CAPAJA members. Here is the last CAPAJA newsletter for 2022 – See you again in the New Year!

NEWS

CAPAJA Endorsee Appointed to Superior Court

On November 7, Governor Gavin Newsom appointed Stephen Lau to serve as a Judge of the Sacramento County Superior Court. Most recently, soon-to-be-Judge Lau served as General Counsel at the Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System. CAPAJA is proud that another one of its endorsees has been appointed by the Governor. Congratulations, Stephen!

CAPAJA Member Sworn in as LASC Judge

Judge Adrian Gidaya Roxas was sworn in as a Los Angeles Superior Court judge on Oct. 31, 2022. The oath was administered by CAPAJA Member Judge Rick Ocampo, and many CAPAJA members attended the event including Past CAPAJA Presidents Judges Teresa Magno (2018-19) and Tammy Ryu (2005-06). Welcome to the bench, Judge Roxas! Pictures are attached.

CAPAJA Member Sworn in as Judge by Chief Justice

On November 9, CAPAJA Member and Chair of the Website Committee Pelayo Llamas, Jr. was sworn in as a Judge of the Alameda County Superior Court by none other than CAPAJA Member Chief Justice Tani Cantil Sakauye! California Attorney General Rob Bonta also made a special appearance. What an amazing celebration! Pictures are attached.

CAPAJA Member Honored by Eastern Bar Association of Los Angeles County

On Friday, December 2, the EBA will honor CAPAJA Member LASC Judge Bryant Yang with its Judge of the Year Award, to be held at Hamilton's Steakhouse in Covina. Congratulations, Judge Yang!

CAPAJA Members Meet at NAPABA Judicial Council Dinner

On November 4, NAPABA Judicial Council (NAPAJC) gathered for a dinner at the NAPABA Convention, held at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Las Vegas. The dinner, led by CAPAJA Member, NAPAJC President and LASC Judge Curtis Kin, gave CAPAJA Members the opportunity to meet,

get reacquainted and socialize with API judges from around the country. Twenty happy CAPAJA Members posed for a photo to commemorate the event. Two pictures of this dinner are attached.

CAPAJA Member Profiled in Waymaker column of ABA Publication

CAPAJA Member and Ninth Circuit Judge Lucy Koh was profiled in the Spring 2022 edition of The Judges' Journal, a publication of the American Bar Association's Judicial Division. Judge Koh's profile was written by U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Hawaii (ret.) Margaret Kuroda Masunaga, who circulated it to all present at the Annual Meeting of the NAPABA Judicial Council on November 5 in Las Vegas.

CAPAJA Past President Honored by APAWLA

On November 16, the Asian Pacific American Women Lawyers Alliance of Southern California (APAWLA) honored CAPAJA Past President Teresa P. Magno with its 2022 Public Service Award at APAWLA's Annual Installation Dinner held at the Los Angeles Music Center. Judge Magno engaged in a spirited "Fireside Chat" with APAWLA President Aimee Camua-Contreras and Community Impact Award winner Sandy K. Roxas (wife and former law partner of new LASC Judge Adrian Roxas). Congratulations, Judge Magno!

2023 LASC Leadership Positions Announced

The Presiding Judge Elect of the Los Angeles Superior Court, Judge Samantha Jessner, has announced that a number of CAPAJA Members will hold leadership positions in the LASC in 2023. The new Supervising Judge of the Criminal Division for 2023 will be CAPAJA Member Judge Rick Ocampo. CAPAJA Member Judge Akemi Arakaki has been designated Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court and CAPAJA Past President Elaine Lu and Member Judge Curtis Kin are the new co-Assistant Supervising Judges of the Civil Division. CAPAJA District 2 representative Judge Jana Seng has been named Assistant Supervising Judge of the Traffic Division as well as Site Judge of the Metropolitan Courthouse, and CAPAJA Member Judge Robert Wada will be Supervising Judge of Probate. Former CAPAJA President Tammy Chung Ryu will be Assistant Supervising Judge of the South Central District of the Court and Judicial Appointments Committee Co-Chair Lee Tsao will be Assistant Supervising Judge of the Southeast District. Judge Michelle C. Kim has been designated Site Judge for the East Los Angeles Courthouse, Judge Rob Villeza will be Site Judge for the El Monte Courthouse, and Judge Larry Cho will be Site Judge for the Santa Monica Courthouse. In other LASC news, CAPAJA President Elect, the Hon. Terry Truong, has been elected as the Commissioners' Representative to the Court's Executive Committee. Congratulations, all!

Interested in Travelling with CAPAJA to JAPAN in 2023?

The CAPAJA Travel Committee is back in business and planning for a trip to Japan in early November 2023 (approximate dates November 1-12, 2023). Please look out for a survey that will be sent out in a few weeks. This survey will let us know if you are interested in traveling

with your CAPAJA colleagues to Japan and some general parameters for your interest. For additional information, or if you would like to join the Travel Committee, please contact Roberta Hayashi (Santa Clara County Superior Court) at rhayashi@scscourt.org.

CAPAJA Thanks Judge Raj Chatterjee for His Service on its Social Committee and Seeks a NorCal Replacement

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Raj Chatterjee, who is currently the Supervising Judge of its Family Law Division, has stepped down from his position as Northern California Co-Chair of CAPAJA's Social Committee. CAPAJA thanks Judge Chatterjee for his service on the committee, which has held a number of successful social events for CAPAJA. **CAPAJA is looking for a volunteer to serve as Northern California Co-Chair of its Social Committee – Please contact President Sonny Sandhu if you are interested.** The Social Committee helps coordinate the social activities of CAPAJA, including annual meeting and mid-year meeting events, new judge gatherings and regional dinners.

CAPAJA Member Offers Summer Internship to Law Student Through NAPABA

CAPAJA Member and Ninth Circuit Judge Lucy Koh is offering a Summer Internship through NAPABA, linked to a \$1,000 scholarship. Also offering Summer Internships through the NAPABA program are Judge Edmon E-Min Chang (N.D. Ill.) and Georgia Supreme Court Justice Carla Wong McMillian. Your law school student mentees can apply for these amazing opportunities by submitting the materials described in the attached flyer and letter from CAPAJA Member and NAPABA Judicial Council President Judge Curtis Kin by January 15, 2023.

Support the CAPAJA Scholarship Fund!

Thanks to the generosity of our members, as well as the Robert M. Takasugi Foundation, CAPAJA was able to award three \$1,500 scholarships to law students who served as judicial interns/externs in 2022: Allen Sin (UC Hastings), Alfred Hwang (UC Irvine), and Jean Fang (Pepperdine). We hope to continue offering scholarships in the future and to grow our scholarship fund with your help. If you are a judge, please consider contributing via our website by scrolling to and clicking the "Donate" button on the bottom of the page: www.capaja.org/student-scholarship. Thank you!

With CAPAJA's best wishes to all its members for a healthy, happy and productive rest of the year!

Sonny Sandhu, CAPAJA President
Terry Truong, CAPAJA President-Elect

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, has written an article or is taking a new position, or if you learn 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.