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## March 2022 CAPAJA Newsletter

Dear CAPAJA Member:

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

### NEWS

#### 2022 CAPAJA Member Dues Are Due!

The good news is – the pandemic is over! OK, maybe not, but CAPAJA's pandemic dues-paying hiatus for 2020-2021 is over, so if you have not paid Lifetime Dues (a bargain at \$500!), please pay your Annual Dues of just \$50 to be paid-up through the end of 2022, or level up to Lifetime Membership 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.

#### CAPAJA President Speaks on Diversity & Inclusivity in Conversation for CJA

CAPAJA President Audra Ibarra was a featured speaker on February 16 in the second session of Conversation #14: "Did That Really Just Happen?" President Ibarra was a panelist on this CJA program on scenarios where panelists discussed their experiences with implicit and/or explicit bias. Past CAPAJA President Judge Roberta Hayashi served as a discussion group leader, and many CAPAJA members spoke and participated, including Past CAPAJA President Justice (ret.) Nate Mihara, Comm. Jenny Cheung Marino and Judges Akemi Arakaki, Firdaus Dordi, Alicia Blanco, Bryant Yang, Jeff Mangar, Johnny Gogo and many others. CAPAJA was well represented on this fascinating and informative program.

#### Support the CAPAJA Scholarship Fund!

CAPAJA is proud to announce its 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](http://www.capaja.org/student-scholarship)

#### CAPAJA Speed Mentoring Program A Success!

On February 24, 2022, CAPAJA's Law School Committee, chaired by Judge Jayne Lee and the Hon. Terry Truong, held an extremely successful Speed Mentoring event for law students. Over 35 law students and 20 CAPAJA members participated in this Statewide event. This program supports CAPAJA's goal that no APA California law student should graduate without meeting an APA judicial officer. Thank you to CAPAJA's members for your willingness to mentor API law students and congratulations to the Law School Committee and all participants on this excellent program which is the first of its kind for CAPAJA, with many more to follow!

### **CAPAJA Member Profiled in “Positively Filipino” Magazine**

CAPAJA Webmaster and Alameda County Superior Court Commissioner Pelayo Llamas Jr. had a wonderful profile story published about his family's 100 years of public service. See [A Judge in the Making — Positively Filipino | Online Magazine for Filipinos in the Diaspora](#)



Court Commissioner Pelayo A. Llamas aims to be Alameda County's first Fil-Am Superior Court Judge.

### **CAPAJA Law School Committee Co-Chair Jayne Lee Named to Court Leadership**

Judge Jayne Lee, who co-spearheaded together with the Hon. Terry Truong the wonderful Speed Mentoring events with Northern and Southern California law schools has been named Supervising Civil Judge for San Joaquin County Superior Court. It is so great to see our members rise up the ranks of Court leadership - Congratulations, Judge Lee!

### **Call for CAPAJA Retired Members to Apply to Serve on JNE**

CAPAJA has received this call for applicants from Friend-to-CAPAJA Judge Brenda Harbin-Forte (ret.):

Hi All,

Please pass this on to your retired members to see if anyone is interested. I am having a ball seeing the judicial evaluation process from the inside. It is a lot of work though, and everything is done electronically and in almost a paperless fashion, so the person has to be comfortable with navigating electronic portals to access information. I'm happy to answer any questions anyone may have. Brenda

*This message was sent on behalf of Sharon Lim, JNE/RJNE Program Analyst.*

Dear JNE Commission,

As ambassadors for the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE), we recognize your role in ensuring that the commission continues on as the gold standard in judicial evaluations. We are reaching out to you for assistance, as we highly value your opinion, in recruiting new members for the 2023 JNE Commission.

Detailed appointments information on the JNE Commission can be found [here](#). Please pass this information along to your friends, colleagues, organizations with which you are affiliated, and any other likely source of interested and qualified candidates. The deadline for filing an [application](#) is Friday, April 1, 2022.

Please feel free to contact me directly for further questions or assistance with the Appointments process. We look forward to this upcoming season!

Sincerely,  
Sharon Lim.

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## EVENTS

CAPAJA Past President Santa Clara Superior Court Judge Erica Yew will speak on Wednesday, March 2 at 12 PM PT on “Listening to Children and Families in Court” as the first conversation of the Brazelton Touchpoints Center’s *Learning to Listen: Conversations for Change* Spring series. As the program announcement describes: Judge Yew “will share what she has been learning over the course of her convention-shattering career, and the importance of listening to families and partnering with them to improve justice outcomes for all.” See the attached brochure to register.

Judge Yew is having a busy month for speaking! On March 9, she will be moderating a CJA panel on “When a Judge Has a Mental Illness – Generalized Anxiety Disorder and Serving Successfully on the Bench” from 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm by zoom. See the attached brochure for details and information on signing up.

With CAPAJA’s best wishes to all its members for a healthy, productive year!

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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, please send an email to Newsletter Editor Holly Fujie at [HFujie@LACourt.org](mailto:HFujie@LACourt.org), and we will feature it in the next newsletter.*