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April 2025 CAPAJA Newsletter

Dear CAPAJA Member:

We hope everyone is enjoying a fine Spring! Here is the CAPAJA news for April of 2025.

HELLOS and GOODBYES: Appointments, Swearing Ins, and Retirements

Governor Appoints New API Judges

On March 17, Governor Gavin Newsom appointed five new API judges! They are: Doris Ng to the Alameda County Superior Court; William Shin and Faye Chen Barnouw to the Los Angeles Superior Court; Commissioner Chamandeep Johal to the Merced County Superior Court; and Commissioner Cecilia Joo to the San Bernardino County Superior Court. Doris and Cecilia received CAPAJA's endorsement, and Cecilia was on the CAPAJA South Korea trip! CAPAJA is delighted at all of these wonderful appointments, and all our members wish you all a long, happy and fulfilling time as judges.

Below are their profiles taken from Governor Newsom's website (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/03/17/governor-newsom-announces-judicial-appointments-3-17-25/>):



Doris Ng, of Alameda County, has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the Alameda County Superior Court. Ng has served as a Trial Attorney at the U.S. Department of Labor since 2023. She served multiple roles at the California Department of Industrial Relations, including Chief Counsel from 2020 to 2023 and Staff Attorney in 2007 and from 2013 to 2020. Ng worked as Supervising Attorney at the Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach from 2011 to 2013 and as a Staff Attorney at the Bay Area Legal Aid from 2008 to 2011. She was a Supervising Clinical Attorney at the Women's Employment Rights Clinic from 2003 to 2007 and a Staff Attorney at Equal Rights Advocates from 1998 to 2003. Ng was an Associate at Rosen, Bien and Asaro from 1996 to 1998 and an Associate at Gough & Cohen from 1994 to 1995. Ng received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Gregory Syren. Ng is a Democrat.



William Shin, of Los Angeles County, has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Shin has served as a Deputy Attorney General at the California Attorney General's Office since 2005 and as a Staff Judge Advocate and Deputy Staff Judge Advocate at the California Air National Guard since 2019. Shin was an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate at the United States Air Force Reserve from 2011 to 2019. He was a Deputy District Attorney at the Riverside County District Attorney's Office from 2004 to 2005 and an Associate at Franscell Strickland Roberts & Lawrence from 2001 to 2004. Shin received a Juris Doctor degree from Loyola Law School. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Julie Fox Blackshaw. Shin is a Democrat.



Faye Chen Barnouw, of Los Angeles County, has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Barnouw has served as an Assistant Regional Director at the Federal Trade Commission since 2019, and was an Attorney there from 2001 to 2019. She was a Trial Attorney with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission from 1997 to 2001, and an Associate at Parker Milliken Clark O'Hara & Samuelian from 1994 to 1997. She served as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Warren J. Ferguson at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 1993 to 1994. Barnouw received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Deborah L. Sanchez. Barnouw is a Democrat.



Chamandeep Johal, of Merced County, has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the Merced County Superior Court. Johal has served as a Commissioner at the Mariposa County Superior Court since 2023 and as a Family Law Facilitator at the Merced County Superior Court since 2018. She was the Principal Attorney at Johal Law from 2010 to 2018. She was a Partner at Connich & Grewal, LLP from 2008 to 2010 and an Associate at the Law Offices of Michael J. Connich from 2004 to 2008. Johal received a Juris Doctor degree from the Santa Clara University School of Law. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Donald Proietti. Johal is registered as no party preference.



Cecilia Joo, of Riverside County, has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the San Bernardino County Superior Court. Joo has served as a Commissioner at the San Bernardino Superior Court since 2023. She has served in several roles at the San Bernardino District Attorney's Office since 2007, including Supervising Deputy District Attorney and Deputy District Attorney. Joo received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of LaVerne College of Law. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Michael R. Libutti. Joo is non-partisan.

CAPAJA Welcomes New Member

Thanks to CAPAJA Member Judge Corey Lee of the San Bernardino Superior Court, who alerted us to the fact that Judge James M. Taylor, who was appointed to serve as a Judge in the San Bernardino County Superior Court on October 9, 2024, is API and therefore a member of CAPAJA! James was a Sole Practitioner since 2000, and he served as an Attorney for the San Bernardino County Indigent Defense Program from 2001 to 2020 and for Conflict Defense Lawyers from 2005 to 2014. A belated welcome to CAPAJA, James!

Below is his profile taken from Governor Newsom's website

(<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2024/10/09/governor-newsom-announces-judicial-appointments-10-9-24/>):



James M. Taylor, of Riverside County, has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the San Bernardino County Superior Court. Taylor has been a Sole Practitioner since 2000. He was an Attorney for the San Bernardino County Indigent Defense Program from 2001 to 2020 and for Conflict Defense Lawyers from 2005 to 2014. Taylor earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Western State College of Law. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Ingrid A. Uhler. Taylor is registered without party preference.

New CAPAJA Members in Sonoma and Orange Counties

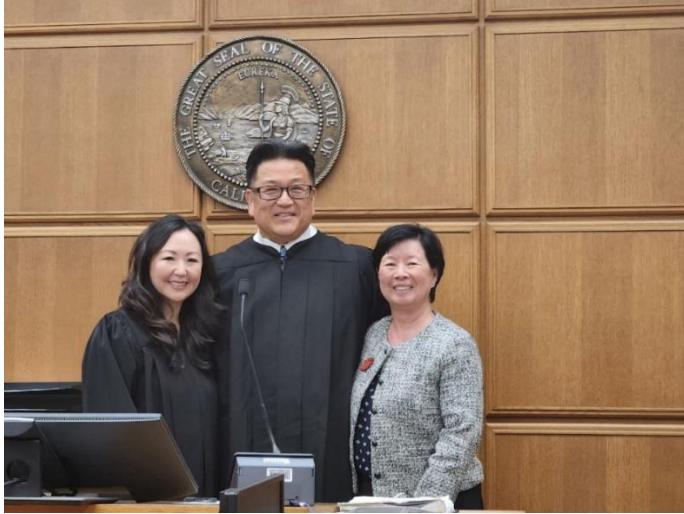
This month, CAPAJA gained another two members when Lydia Kim was elected as a Commissioner in Orange County and Rosie Dhillon was sworn in as a Commissioner in Sonoma County (see picture). Both have been given the traditional hearty CAPAJA Welcome by President Jayne Lee, together with warm offers of mentors and membership. Welcome to the bench, Lydia and Rosie!



Commissioner Rosie Dhillon (Sonoma County) with her family at her swearing-in ceremony.

New CAPAJA Member Sworn in by CAPAJA Member!

On March 10, new appointee LASC Judge Jacob Yim was sworn in by CAPAJA Member Judge Esther Kim in her Courtroom at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse.



From left to right: Judge Esther Kim, newly sworn in Judge Jacob Yim, and Judge Holly Fujie

CAPAJA Member Retires After 39 Years on the Bench

Judge Fumiko Wasserman was a municipal court judge and then a LA Superior Court judge, and after 39 years of judicial service, she recently retired. On March 7, 2025, a fun, Hawaiian themed retirement party was held at the Compton Courthouse, where she was serving as a civil judge. There was a great turnout for this send-off which included the presentation of a plaque from her Compton colleagues that had a Mercedes Benz hubcap (a tradition at this Courthouse since Compton is the “Hub City”), and a beautiful rendition of the song “My Girl” performed by Judge Kelvin Filer.

To learn more about Judge Wasserman’s distinguished career and to read words of tribute from Judge Holly Fujie, her former law firm colleague, who later joined her on the bench, please use this link to the MetNews article: http://www.metnews.com/articles/2025/wasserman_022625.htm



Judge Akemi Arakaki shares some stories about her friendship and work with Judge Wasserman.



On behalf of her Compton colleagues, Judge Ashley Price presented Judge Wasserman with a plaque bearing a Mercedes Benz hubcap as a tribute to her work in the “Hub City.”



Judge Wasserman is surrounded by her judicial colleagues who came to wish her a happy retirement.

Judge Wasserman shared some brief but emotional words with the attendees at her retirement party.



UPCOMING CAPAJA EVENTS

CAPAJA seeks volunteers for speed mentoring event

The CAPAJA Student Outreach Committee has teamed up with LMU Loyola Law's APALSA group to create a speed mentoring event on April 9, 2025. About 30-40 judicial officers are needed to make this event a success. If you would like to participate as a mentor, please see the attached flyer and use this link to RSVP. <https://forms.gle/SpMVxU6wsLGubXea8>. The deadline for judicial officers to RSVP their willingness to volunteer at this worthy event is **Monday, April 7, 2025**.

CALIFORNIA ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN JUDGES
ASSOCIATION (CAPAJA) STUDENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

with LMU LOYOLA LAW APALSA

presents...

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA


**SPEED MENTORING
WITH MIXER TO FOLLOW**


Wednesday, April 9, 2025
5:30 - 7:30pm — Burns Lounge, Loyola Law School
919 Albany St., Los Angeles, CA 90015

*Inviting Law Students to Meet and
Connect with API Judicial Officers*

Attendance is limited. Please **RSVP before 3/26** to secure a spot to meet 4-5
judicial officers during the first hour of speed mentoring and then mingle for the
second hour with all judicial officers in attendance who can share their pathways
to different legal careers in criminal, civil, family, probate, and dependency law as
well as their journeys to the bench.

Finger foods from Porto's and light refreshments will be served.

 Law Students
RSVP here

 Judicial Officers
RSVP here

RSVP by 3/26

Interested in Advancing to Court Leadership? Attend this Program!

The past few years have witnessed a dramatic increase in APIs in Court leadership in California. Could you be part of this wonderful trend? Find out how to advance into Court leadership with this amazing program! On Thursday, April 17, from 12:15 to 1:15 pm, CAPAJA's Education Committee will present **"The Road to Supervising Judge,"** a virtual panel discussion via Zoom. The panel will be moderated by CAPAJA Member and Associate Justice Joanne Motoike of the 4th DCA, and will feature CAPAJA President Judge Jayne Lee, Supervising Judge, Civil of San Joaquin County Superior Court; Judge Cheri Pham of the Orange County Superior Court; and Judge Ben Reyes of Contra Costa County Superior Court. Registration is required – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84161192086> - Meeting ID: 841 6119 2086.



CAPAJA
California Asian - Pacific American Judges Association
The Voice of the California Asian Pacific American Judiciary

The CAPAJA Education Committee presents

The Road to Supervising Judge

Moderated by Justice Joanne Motoike
CA 4th District Court of Appeal

Thursday, April 17, 2025 - 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm

Virtual Panel Discussion via Zoom



HON. JOANNE MOTOIKE
Associate Justice
CA Court of Appeal



HON. JAYNE LEE
Supervising Judge Civil
San Joaquin County



HON. CHERI PHAM
Superior Court Judge
Orange County



HON. BEN REYES
Superior Court Judge
Contra Costa County

Registration Required
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84161192086>
Meeting ID: 841 6119 2086

CAPAJA's Travel Committee is Planning a Staycation!



CAPAJA WEEKEND IN SAN FRANCISCO

Friday November 14- Sunday, November 16, 2025

Enjoy Asian Food and share Asian American History with your CAPAJA colleagues!

Are You Interested in The CAPAJA Weekend in San Francisco?

Highlights:

- November 14, 2025 CAPAJA NorCal Dinner
- A Scenic Ferry Boat Ride to Angel Island, for a docent-led tour of the Immigration Center, which was the point of entry for Asian Immigrants in the late 19th and early 20th century
- Meeting with Dr. Karen Korematsu, Executive Director of the Fred Korematsu Institute
- Sunday Dim Sum Brunch

Other options under consideration: SF Chinatown Food Tour; Wine Tasting (Napa Valley or Livermore Valley)

Please reply the online survey (link below) by April 18, 2025, and let us know how likely you are to attend. This is not a reservation. We are just trying to determine how many people may be interested for planning purposes. Further information regarding the specific hotels and pricing will be forthcoming. Please contact Roberta Hayashi (rhayashi@scscourt.org) for additional information. Thank you!

To respond to the survey, please click on this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CGDV9KM>

Save the Date May 21, 2025 4:30 to 6:00 pm Joint CAPAJA/CJA Presentation:

CAPAJA and CJA will be presenting a session as part of the Diversity and Inclusivity Conversation. Our own Judges Mark Hanasono, Johnny Gogo, Chuck Kobayashi, and Soon-to-be Judge Mike Madokoro will be discussing Lessons from the Japanese Internment.

Judges – Please Give Generously to the CAPAJA Scholarship Fund!

Dear CAPAJA Members,

The California Asian Pacific American Judges Association (CAPAJA) is pleased to foster the growth of students who share our goals of promoting diversity in the bench and bar, improving the administration of justice, and ensuring access and fairness for all who use the courts.

CAPAJA will once again be awarding scholarships to two deserving law students who currently or intend to serve as a judicial clerk, intern, or extern in a California court. Thanks to donations from CAPAJA members like you, we are able to increase the amount of each scholarship to \$2,500.00. Our partner organization, the Robert M. Takasugi Public Interest Fellowship, fully funds a third scholarship, and has committed to matching this increase.

Last year's Takasugi Fellowship recipient, Sauntharya Manikandan shared her thoughts:

“I am honored to be a recipient of the CAPAJA Scholarship and deeply grateful for the support it provides in furthering my legal education and career aspirations....I am inspired by CAPAJA's dedication to fostering the growth of law students who share these values, and I am committed to carrying forward these principles in my legal career. The generous support of CAPAJA and the Takasugi Foundation is instrumental in helping students like me access opportunities that shape our future in the legal profession, and I am profoundly grateful for their investment in my journey.”

For 2025, please consider making a contribution of \$150.00 to the CAPAJA Scholarship Fund, via the Robert M. Takasugi Public Interest Fellowship, an IRC section 501(c)(3) organization. Your donation is tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

You can donate in any amount to the CAPAJA Student Scholarship in the following ways:

By PayPal: [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

By Check: Make check payable to “Robert Takasugi Fellowship - CAPAJA Scholarship” and mail the check to CAPAJA, 11138 Del Amo Blvd. #453, Lakewood, CA 90715-1103.

We appreciate your support and generous donation to the CAPAJA Student Scholarship.

Sincerely,

ALJ Dorothy Chou Proudfoot
Co-Chair CAPAJA Student Outreach and Scholarship Committee
San Francisco Rent Board

MAKING AN IMPACT
Highlighting the Work of CAPAJA Members

CAPAJA Member Leads Efforts on Language Access

Judge Richard Lee of the Orange County Superior Court is the Chair of the OCSC Standard 10.20 Committee – called the Equal Access to Justice And Elimination of Bias Committee. On Feb. 18, 2025, his Committee put on a program on Linguistics on Trial: Race, Language and the Law. The event was

picked up by the Daily Journal. Attached to the email is the press release issued by the OC Superior Court about this event. Thanks for spearheading this very necessary work for our Courts, Rich!

CAPAJA Past President Reads to Elementary School Classes

CAPAJA Past President Audra Ibarra of the Santa Clara Superior Court took time from her busy schedule to read and then give books to elementary school students in her county. Attached is a photo of Audra reading the book “I am Sonia Sotomayor” by Brad Meltzer to a second-grade class on March 7 for the Santa Clara Court’s Read Across Santa Clara Program. She read the book, inscribed it and gave it to the students, then they talked about the justice system, the courts, what a trial judge does and how to become a judge. On March 14, Audra read the book to three fifth grade classes. She will host those classes later in the school year when they tour the Hall of Justice and visit her courtroom. Audra really takes our role in Civic Engagement seriously and puts her time and effort into it! Way to represent!



CAPAJA Member Honored by CAALA

On March 8, the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles (CAALA) honored CAPAJA Member Judge Ruth Kwan of the L.A. Superior Court with their Trial Judge of the Year award.



*From left to right:
Assistant Presiding Judge Ricardo
Ocampo
Judge Christine Gonong
Judge Janet Hong
Judge Ruth Kwan
Judge Jana Seng
Judge Tony Cho
Judge Esther Kim.*

CAPAJA Member Celebrated by Thurgood Marshall Bar Association

On March 13, 2025, CAPAJA Member Judge Richard Lee of the Orange County Superior Court was given the President's Award of the Thurgood Marshall Bar Association at its Annual Gala and Awards Dinner. Rich received the Award for his efforts putting on the Linguistics program discussed above, as well as a 2024 educational program commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education decision. Congratulations, Rich – You make us all proud!

*Rebekah Thomas, Esq. (President of the
Thurgood Marshall Bar Association
Foundation) and Judge Richard Lee.*





Tremayne Wilson, Esq., (Past President of the Thurgood Marshall Bar Association) and Judge Richard Lee.

CAPAJA Member Honored By AABA

On March 27, the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area honored CAPAJA Member Magistrate Judge Donna M. Ryu of the Northern District of California with the Minami Impact Award in recognition of her contributions to and impact on the API legal community. Congratulations, Donna on this well-deserved honor! Attached to the email is an article by AABA which includes a picture from the event and a picture of Donna.

CAPAJA Members Star in Ethics Video!

Everyone who attends the new QE9 class will have the opportunity to see the excellent acting skills of the many CAPAJA Members who participated in the videos used in the class. The videos starred CAPAJA Members Pahoua Lor, Shama Mesiwala, Nadia Keilani, Bryant Yang, Danette Castillo Brown and Past CAPAJA presidents Sonny Sandhu and Terry Truong. We hope that Hollywood doesn't lure these judges from the Bench!

IN OTHER NEWS...

Interested in Becoming an Appellate Justice? Attend this Program:

On Tuesday, April 15 at 12 pm, CAPAJA Member Associate Justice Dorothy Kim of the 2d DCA will speak on a zoom panel on "A Day in the Life of an Appellate Court Justice." This panel, which is presented by the California Judicial Mentoring Program (Appellate) will be of particular interest to CAPAJA Members interested in applying for the appellate bench. Register by April 8, 2024 at https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_RY5zDFukT86CPHRtfN7WuQ#/registration

The California Judicial Mentor Program (Appellate) Presents

A Day in the Life of an Appellate Court Justice



Justice Dorothy Kim Justice Marla Miller Justice Maurice Sanchez

Moderated by
Presiding Justice Teri L. Jackson



TUESDAY, APRIL 15 at 12:00PM

Ever wondered what happens behind the scenes at the Court of Appeal?
Interested in serving as an appellate justice or research attorney?
Hear how justices from Northern and Southern California do their jobs!

REGISTER [HERE](#) BY APRIL 8, 2025



Spread the Word About CJA Webinar for ALJs and Tribal Court Judges!

Ethics and Emotional Intelligence for Handling Hearings with Exemplary Demeanor
Intended audiences are California ALJ's and Tribal Court Judges

SPEAKERS: Dr. Tammy Mc-Coy-Arballo, Psy.D., and Judge Erica Yew

Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Time: 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Location: Zoom

Description:

Judicial demeanor misconduct has been the broadest area in which judges have been disciplined in California by the Commission on Judicial Performance (CJP). As bench officers, we encounter challenges every day from difficult litigants to an overly burdened system with limited resources. This program is geared toward administrative law judges and Tribal Court judges. It will draw upon ethical cases and guidelines from California and nationally.

Dr. McCoy-Arballo is an expert in trauma. She has provided counseling services to survivors of mass shootings and first responders; she has also served as a hostage negotiator and works with the FBI's behavioral threat assessment team. She will have tips for bench officers to help manage challenges that arise in hearings and help them maintain exemplary judicial demeanor. Judge Yew served nine years on the CJP and as its chair for two and a half years; she also serves on the California Supreme Court

Committee on Judicial Ethics Opinions and has served as faculty for a number of CJER programs instructing on judicial ethics and demeanor. As the immediate past president of the California Judges Association and while Chair of the CJP, she spear-headed the implementation of two statewide judicial support programs.

Zoom Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84325640336?pwd=j9CfqYQyOPMaGjJoSnLhxG3bMHYmea.1>

Meeting ID: 843 2564 0336

Passcode: 700874

CAPAJA Members Participate in Judicial Applicant Mentoring

CAPAJA Member Judge Esther Kim of the LASC alerted us to an event called “Cross the Judicial Application Finish Line with Lunchtime Mentorship” to be held on April 16 from 12:1:30 pm. See attached flyer. Be sure to let your LASC applicant mentees know about this great program, which will feature many CAPAJA Members as mentors. They can register now at

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=x8OU3Ei7_0CTBeRz_W9qFpYa9_zuQuZPvgP391puc65URFU0VIFZVkyV0xZWU5LSkYxR05HSVNZRy4u

We have learned that the Newsom Administration has set an August 2025 deadline for judicial applications.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION IN TIME!



Cross the Judicial Application Finish Line with Lunchtime Mentorship



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Presiding Judge
Superior Court of Los Angeles County



Luis Céspedes
Judicial Appointments Secretary,
Office of Governor
Gavin Newsom



Helen Zukin
Associate Justice
California Court of Appeal
Second Appellate District, Div. 4
& Judicial Selection Advisory
Committee Chair

April 16, 2025 | 12-1:30 p.m.

REGISTER NOW: bit.ly/43HbDnd

This virtual workshop is a great opportunity for attorneys and commissioners in Los Angeles County who are interested in exploring a career on the bench. Join this free, virtual discussion from **Noon to 1:30 p.m. on April 16** and hear first-hand accounts from judges and other officials on the judicial appointments process. This workshop will also feature a judicial mentorship breakout session where Judicial Mentor Program judges will work directly with participants to familiarize them with the personal data questionnaire (PDQ) and answer any general questions they may have.

If you aspire to serve in California's judiciary, a judicial mentor is available to guide you through the application process. Don't miss this 90-minute session, the latest offering of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County's Judicial Mentor Program.

CAPAJA Members Welcome to Join NAPABA Judicial Council

Have you ever been involved in the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association? NAPABA has wonderful annual conferences (this year will be in Denver) and a very active Judicial Council that sponsors annual externships for law students and scholarships. If you are interested in joining the NAPABA Judicial Council, read the attached letter and fill out the attached application and get involved! If you have any questions, feel free to email CAPAJA Member Judge Curtis Kin, who is also the Judicial Council's President, at ckin@lacourt.org or CAPAJA Past President Holly Fujie, who is Vice President of the Judicial Council, at HFujie@LACourt.org.

The National Judicial College invites you to check them out

If you have ever been interested in attending trainings in other parts of the country or the world, on subject matters including Climate & Water: Droughts; Judicial Writing; or Evidence Challenges for Administrative Law Judges, then check out The National Judicial College (NJC) at www.judges.org (flyer

attached). Classes are taught in virtual, webinar or in-person format. There are even scholarships available for CAPAJA members with your first class.

There are also opportunities to teach at The College. CAPAJA member, Judge Curtis Kin is a recent graduate of the weeklong Faculty Development Workshop and Judge Holly Fujie has taught aspiring judges in the NJC's annual Judicial Academy since 2019. For more information about this opportunity, contact NJC President and retired Judge Benes Z. Aldana at Aldana@judges.org.

PAST CAPAJA EVENTS

The CAPAJA Mid-Year Meeting and Dinner

President Jayne Lee presided over CAPAJA's mid-year meeting on Thursday, March 13 at the CJA mid-year meeting in Monterey. The meeting was very well attended, and it was great to see so many CAPAJA members in person! We also got to see many of our newest CAPAJA members – some of whom are still waiting to be sworn in. That evening a large group met for a wonderful dinner at Pangaea Restaurant in Carmel-by-the-Sea. CAPAJA Members and their guests shared delicious food and engaged with friends both old and new in a relaxing atmosphere. Thanks to Judges Andrew Liu and Terry Truong for organizing the dinner!



CAPAJA's South Korea trip participants had a mini reunion at the CAPAJA Dinner.

From left to right: Judge Tammy Ryu, Lorraine Iida, Judge Sharon Cho, Judge Teresa Magno, Judge Ann Park, Judge Holly Fujie, and Judge Keith Fudenna.

Group shots from the CAPAJA Dinner:





Group shot of CAPAJA members attending the conference. From left to right: Judge Erica Yew, Judge Cynthia Chen, Judge Ann Park, Judge Keith Fudenna, Judge Terry Truong, Judge Jayne Lee, Judge Jeff Mangar, Judge Christine Gonong, Judge Tony Cho, Judge Tiffany Tai, Judge Johnny Gogo, Judge Tammy Chung Ryu.



CAJAC Reception at the CJA Spring Conference

The California Affinity Judicial Association Coalition (CAJAC) invited all members of its affiliates, including CAPAJA, to a reception at the California Judges Association Spring Conference in March. It was held at the Monterey Plaza in the Dolphin Ballroom immediately following the CJA Reception on Friday, March 14. As always, CAPAJA Members had a wonderful time meeting and socializing with other members of CAPAJA and with the Association of African American California Judicial Officers (AAACJO), the California Association of Black Lawyers, Judicial Council (CABL-JC), California Latino/a/x Judges Association (CLJA), California Women Judges (CWJ), LGBT Judicial officers of California (LGBT-JOC) and Middle Eastern and North African Judicial Officers of California (MENA JOC).

CAPAJA's Mentoring Committee Continues to Support New Bench Officers

Judge Corey Lee, Judge Paul Baelly, and Judge Pahoua Lor provided advice and tips to our newest bench officers at a virtual discussion organized by CAPAJA's Mentoring Committee. This March 26 event was well attended by 25 bench officers. The Mentoring Committee will continue to provide virtual discussions throughout the year to support our new bench officers so continue to read the newsletter for upcoming events!



*Things I Wish I Had Known When I First Joined the Bench
and
What They Didn't Teach You at NJO*

Join
California Asian-Pacific American Judges Association's
Mentoring Committee
on
Wednesday, March 26, 2025 from 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm


**Virtual Meet & Greet and
Hear Practical Advice from CAPAJA Bench Officers**



Hon. Corey G. Lee
San Bernardino County



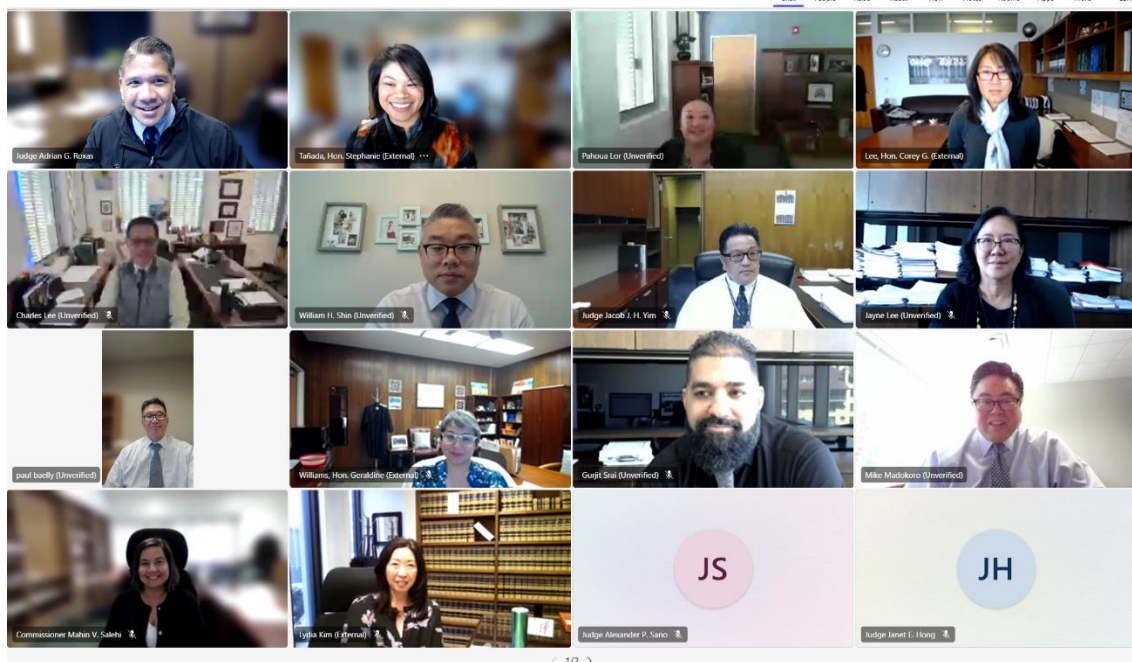
Hon. Paul W. Baelly
Ventura County



Hon. Pahoua Lor
Fresno County

**Please Email CAPAJA's Mentoring Committee to RSVP and Submit Any
Questions/Topics You Would Like Discussed**

Hon. Charles J. Lee - clee@fresno.courts.ca.gov
Hon. Stephanie J. Tañada - stanada@sb-court.org
Hon. Adrian G. Roxas - aroxas@lacourt.org



A sampling of some of the bench officers attending the Mentoring Committee's Meet and Greet held on March 26, 2025.

Our Best Wishes to you all for a very Happy, Healthy and Productive April!
Jayne Chong-Soon Lee, CAPAJA President
Jana Seng, CAPAJA President-Elect for 2024-2025
Nathan Vu, CAPAJA President-Elect for 2025-2026

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 or of an event that may be of interest to CAPAJA members, please send an email to Newsletter Editor Holly Fujie at HFujie@LACourt.org, and we will feature it in the next newsletter.