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Dear CAPAJA Member:

Hope everyone is having a healthy and happy summer.

NEWS

CAPAJA Member Nominated to 6th District Court of Appeal

Governor Gavin Newsom appointed former CAPAJA Board member Santa Clara Superior Court Judge Cynthia C. Lie to be an Associate Justice of the Sixth District Court of Appeal on July 9. Judge Lie has served as a Judge of the SCSC since 2015 and fills the position vacated by the retirement of CAPAJA member Nathan D. Mihara. Congratulations, soon-to-be Justice Lie!

Governor Newsom Appoints 4 APIs to the Superior Court

Also on July 9, Governor Newsom appointed four APIs to the Superior Court – two of whom had been endorsed for appointment by CAPAJA: Stephanie Sato to the Alameda Superior Court and Marisa Chun to the San Francisco Superior Court. Soon-to-be Judge Sato has been an Administrative Law Judge for the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board since 2021. Judge-Elect Chun has been a partner at Crowell & Moring LLP since 2019. In addition, Aruna Rodrigo and Jerry Bustos Vinluan III were appointed to the San Bernardino Superior Court and Santa Cruz Superior Court, respectively. Congratulations, all of you!

New API Commissioner elected to San Bernardino Superior Court

The San Bernardino Superior Court Judges have elected Geri Wong-Williams as a Commissioner.

CAPAJA in "The Bench"

CAPAJA was well represented in this month's edition of CJA's magazine "The Bench." Los Angeles Superior Court Judges Elaine Lu and Curtis Kin wrote their regular column on Civil Law. Judge Bryant Yang was featured in an article entitled "New Judge Bryan Yang is Always Looking to 'Pay it Forward.'" Judge Curtis Kin contributed a book review on "Why the Innocent Plead Guilty, and the Guilty Go Free" by Jed Rakoff. Judge Rohanee Zapanta of the San Diego Superior Court created a "Vacation Self-Assessment."

CAPAJA Member Judge Tamila Ipema of the SDSC Profiled in DJ

San Diego Superior Court Judge and CAPAJA member Judge Tamila Ipema was profiled in the July 6 edition of the Los Angeles Daily Journal. The profile was headed "Immigrating from Iran gave Judge Tamila Ipema an early understanding of the law" and discussed her early study of immigration law when she moved to the United States after the Iranian Revolution. An excellent profile – Congratulations, Judge Ipema!

UPCOMING CAPAJA EVENTS

Judicial Diversity Summit Kickoff Events Online in August

The Judicial Diversity Summit is in September, but there are kickoff events in August, including a fireside with CAPAJA member California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye on August 4 at 5 pm and a program entitled “Affinity Judicial Associations: What are they and what are they doing to increase diversity on the bench?” featuring CAPAJA Board member and Stanislaus Superior Court Judge Sonny Sandhu on August 18 at noon. See the attached flyer for more information and sign up to attend one or more sessions.

Program on Personal Story Telling Online on August 4

CAPAJA is co-sponsoring with CJA a program hosted by FALSD, IABA, JABA, NAPIPA, and PALSD entitled “Your Own Advocate: Discovering your personal narrative” on August 4 at 5:30-7 pm. Interested judicial officers can register by emailing CAPAJA member Judge Rohanee Zapanta at: <redacted>.

Multicultural Bar Alliance of LA Summer Reception Online on August 11

CAPAJA is co-sponsoring the annual summer reception of the Multicultural Bar Alliance of Los Angeles, featuring a keynote address by CAPAJA member Associate Supreme Court Justice Goodwin Liu. The reception will be held on August 11. You can register for the event through the attached flyer.

CAPAJA Membership Meeting and CJA Vote on September 26 in Monterey

CAPAJA will be hosting its membership meeting on September 26 in Monterey, in conjunction with the CJA annual meeting on September 23-26. At the CJA business meeting on September 26, there will be a vote on whether CAPAJA and other affinity judge groups should have a seat on the CJA Board. For a discussion of why they should have a seat, see the attached article by Judge Kirk Nakamura, past CAPAJA President, published in CJA’s publication “The Voice.” The vote requires a 2/3 majority to pass, and you must be present to vote. CAPAJA needs its members to vote in person. The CAPAJA membership meeting is just before the CJA business meeting. So this will be an excellent opportunity to connect in person with your colleagues and friends from all over the state and then vote on getting the board seat right afterward.

If you have not taken it already, please take our July survey, which covers the CJA annual meeting, the CAPAJA membership meeting, and a potential CAPAJA member dinner in Monterey on Saturday, September 25. - <redacted> see newsletter emailed to members

For head-count purposes and to ensure that we have adequate space for all who wish to attend, please fill out the survey if you plan to attend any of the following: 1) the entire CJA annual meeting; 2) the CAPAJA membership meeting on Sunday, September 26, whether in person in Monterey or virtually; or 3) a CAPAJA dinner on Saturday, September 25.

CAPAJA Members at the CJA Annual Meeting September 23-26 in Monterey

Eleven CAPAJA members will speak at the CJA annual meeting in Monterey: On Friday, September 24, immediate past CAPAJA President Judge Roberta Hayashi (“Misogyny” panel at 8:30 am); CAPAJA President Holly Fujie and President-Elect Audra Ibarra (“Unscripted Conversations on Diversity and Inclusivity, Where Have We Been and Where We Are Going” at 3 pm); on Saturday, September 25, Judge Rupa Goswami (“Judging, Fast and Slow: A Conversation with Nobel Laureate Daniel Kahneman” at 9 am); Judge Joni Hiramoto (“CJA Talks” at 10:30 am); Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye and Justice Goodwin Liu will speak with their colleagues on the Chief’s ten years leading the California Supreme Court (“Life Lessons: How We Learned about Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Equality” at 1:30 pm); Judge Jackson Lucky (ret.) (“Realizing the ‘New Normal’: Tackling Issues Facing the Courts in a Time of Coronavirus” at 3 pm); and Judges Jacqueline Duong and Erica Yew (“Promoting Equality and Social Justice In and Out of Court: Wait, Can We Do That?” at 4:30). Also, Judge Roger Chan will speak on “Building a Better Juvenile Court: After DJJ – Where Do We Go from Here?” in a virtual on-demand program, available beginning September 27.

With CAPAJA’s best wishes for a great August,

Holly J. Fujie, CAPAJA President
Audra Ibarra, 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 or is taking a new position, please let us know, and we will feature it in the following newsletter.