

Over a Dozen CAPAJA Members Meet with APALIE and SABA-SC

On October 10, the Asian Pacific American Lawyers of the Inland Empire and the South Asian Bar Association of Southern California brought together one of the largest groups of CAPAJA members to gather in the IE in an event called “APALIE & SABA Invite You to Network, Eat & Drink With Local Judges.” From the San Bernardino County Superior Court were Presiding Judge Glen Yabuno and the Hons. Aruna Rodrigo, Charles Umeda, Corey Lee, Geraldine Wong-Williams, Kawika Smith, Stephanie Tanada and Winston Keh. CAPAJA President Judge Terry Truong (Los Angeles), Riverside County Superior Court Judges Mark Singerton and Mona Nemat, Orange County Judge Vibhav Mittal, and Magistrate Judge Hermant H. Kewalramani of the C.D. California District Court also participated. APALIE and SABA-SC members had a great time meeting CAPAJA members in an informal setting, with great food, drink and conversation had by all!

CAPAJA Member Speaks on Panel

On October 24, 2023, CAPAJA Member Judge Esther P. Kim, Chair of the Los Angeles Superior Court Anti-Bias Committee, spoke on a program called “Implicit Bias Training with Perspectives From the Bench,” sponsored by the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel and the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles. Also on the program were LASC Presiding Judge, Samantha Jessner and Assistant Presiding Judge, Sergio Tapia. The program focused on implicit bias based on gender identity, mental health, race and disability.

OCSC Judge Named Judge of the Year by OCKABA

On September 28, 2023, CAPAJA Member Judge Richard Lee of the Orange County Superior Court received the Judge of the Year award from the Orange County Korean American Bar Association at their installation dinner. Congratulations, Judge Lee!

CAPAJA Member To Be Awarded Judge of the Year by VABASC

On November 2, 2023, Orange County Superior Court Assistant Presiding Judge Cheri Pham is receiving the Judge of the Year award from the Vietnamese American Bar Association of Southern California.

New API Judges Appointed

On October 5, Governor Newsom appointed three new API judges: Commissioner Melissa Sato Begley to the Placer County Superior Court, Allan Jose to the San Joaquin County Superior Court and Kinna Patel Crocker to the Sonoma County Superior Court. All our newly appointed judges have been notified of their complimentary membership in CAPAJA and invited to participate in our many committees and activities. Welcome to the bench, Judges-to-be Begley, Jose and Crocker!

On October 18, the Governor announced the appointments of two more API judges to the California Superior Court: Danette Castillo Brown of Yolo County Superior Court and Ami Sheth Sagel to the Orange County Superior Court.

So FIVE new CAPAJA Judges this month – Thank you, Governor Newsom!