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April 2023 CAPAJA Newsletter

Dear CAPAJA Member:

CAPAJA's Members are out and about! Here is the CAPAJA newsletter for April.

NEWS

Join the CAPAJA General Meeting on April 12!

CAPAJA will hold a General Meeting of its membership on April 12 at 12:15. The zoom link and agenda will be sent by email closer to the actual date. "E-meet up" with your fellow CAPAJA Members and hear about CAPAJA's exciting activities!

Join CAPAJA on its Amazing Trip to Japan!

CAPAJA is planning a fabulous trip to Osaka, Kyoto, Hakone and Tokyo for November 1 through 10, 2023! The planners, led by CAPAJA Past President Judge Roberta Hayashi, need to make sure that there are enough folks who can make the commitment for those dates and the costs of the planned itinerary. So please contact CAPAJA Past President Judge Teresa Magno (TMagno@LACourt.org) to find out more about the trip and to sign up to be a part of this wonderful opportunity!

Confirmation Hearing for New 2nd DCA API Justice

On April 17 at 10:30 am, at the 2nd District Court of Appeal in Downtown Los Angeles, CAPAJA Member Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Audra Mori will appear at her Confirmation Hearing to confirm her nomination to become an Associate Justice of the 2d District Court of Appeal for the State of California. Details are pending, but be sure to cheer her on then, wherever you are!

NAPABA Members Hold Meet and Greet with UCI Law

NAPABA Members and Orange County Superior Court Judges Cherie Pham and Deb Servino will be the subject of "Conversations with Judges Pham and Servino" which will be held hybrid online and in-person at U.C. Irvine Law School Room EDU 1121 (Moot Court Room) on April 4 at 12:15 pm. The program, which is co-hosted with APALSA UCI Law and the National Asian Pacific Islander Prosecutors Association, is accessible by registering at

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUodumgrjopHNX4PwhGZaCXBBUs4uc8_zBe. See attached flyer.



LA Superior Court
Dinner with Presiding Judge Samantha Jessner
March 2, 2023

LASC's CAPAJA Members Hold Meet and Greet with LASC PJ

On March 2, CAPAJA's LASC Members socialized and got better acquainted with the Los Angeles Superior Court's new Presiding Judge Samantha Jessner. Representing the more than 65 API judicial officers in the LASC (I know – can you believe it??), CAPAJA Members gave the new PJ, the first woman of color PJ in LASC's history, a rousing CAPAJA welcome to her new position while scarfing down delicious food at Broadway Cuisine. Thanks to 2nd District Representatives Judge Chris Lui and Judge Jana Seng for organizing this amazing gathering. We certainly let PJ Jessner know that API judicial officers are a true force to be reckoned with on our Court!

CAPAJA Holds Webinar on Working with Interns and Externs

On March 10, CAPAJA Members Judge Tim Saito and Judge Deb Servino gave a terrific presentation on "Working with Court Interns and Externs." The speakers gave valuable information on both the ethical obligations of judges in dealing with interns and externs, and tips for making sure that they get the most benefit possible from the experience. Even those CAPAJA Members who have had externs and interns for many years were surprised at the new

information and useful suggestions provided by the extremely knowledgeable panelists. Thanks, Judges Saito and Servino!

LASC CAPAJA Member Profiled in the DJ

The remarkable journey to the bench of CAPAJA Member Judge Ramiro Cisneros was recounted in a Daily Journal article that appeared on March 21. Judge Cisneros discussed how he tried to withdraw his application for appointment to the bench but was still appointed by Governor Newsom to the Los Angeles Superior Court the day he returned to his job as a Deputy Public Defender after completing cancer treatment. A fascinating and inspirational story.

CAPAJA Past President Speaks at Women's History Month Event

CAPAJA Past President Judge Holly Fujie was one of the panelists at an event put on by the Los Angeles Superior Court's Diversity and Inclusion Committee celebrating Women's History Month on March 29. Moderator Judge Nicole Bershon led a great discussion on judges' activities in community outreach with Judges Fujie, Maria Byrum and Rene Gilbertson, covering the panelists' volunteering at Homeless Court, Teen Court, Mock Trial, minority and specialty bars and soup kitchens. The panel encouraged judges to be active in organizations like CAPAJA and to keep in touch with the community.

Every Month is a Great Time to Give to CAPAJA's Scholarship Fund!

Last year, we awarded two scholarships to deserving law student clerks: Allen Sin (UC Hastings) and Jean Fang (Pepperdine). This was only made possible thanks to your generous donations. We hope to grow our scholarship fund with your help and offer scholarships to two more worthy students this year. Please help us reach our goal! If you are a judge, please consider making a tax-deductible donation of \$150, or any amount you feel comfortable, to our Scholarship Fund via our website at www.capaja.org/student-scholarship. Thank you for your support!

WLALA Meet and Greet with LASC Women of the Bench

Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles is hosting an in-person event to meet some amazing women judges on the LA Superior Court. Many CAPAJA bench officers will be in attendance. The event will feature CAPAJA Member Holly Fujie (Civil), along with Judge Julie Blackshaw (Dependency), Judge Nicole Heeseman (Criminal), Judge Lynn Hobbs (Civil), Judge Michelle Kazadi (Family), Judge Jessica Uzcategui (Probate), Judge Yvette Verastegui (Criminal), and Judge Pamela Villanueva (Juvenile Justice). It will be on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the Everson Royce Bar (Arts District, Downtown LA). The cost is \$30, and RSVP at <https://wlala.org/event/meet-and-greet-judges/>. **Please see attached flyer.**

CAPAJA Members
Assist Judge from Japan

CAPAJA Co-Chair for Strategic Partnerships Judge Holly Fujie arranged a series of interviews in Los Angeles for Judge Sho Mizutani, who is a resident Graduate Fellow at the UC Berkeley School of Law and is studying bail and remote hearing issues for the Japanese Courts. Judge Mizutani met with Judge Tim Saito to discuss and observe bail hearings and with Judge Fujie to discuss remote trials. He observed jury selection in Judge Bruce Iwasaki's courtroom. Judge Mizutani met with Chief Judge Phil Gutierrez to discuss remote hearings and trials in federal court and with Chief Magistrate Judge Karen Stevenson to discuss bail proceedings in federal court. He also met with Civil Division Supervising Judge Michelle Williams Court and Judge Mark Juhas to discuss the use of technology in the Superior Court. Judge Mizutani was extremely grateful to CAPAJA for arranging these meetings – a picture is attached. Judge Mizutani expressed an interest in meeting with judges in Alameda and San Francisco Counties to discuss how their courts handle these issues, so CAPAJA Members in those counties can expect to hear from Judge Fujie with that request! Thanks to our CAPAJA Members for agreeing to meet with Judge Mizutani.



Judge Sho Mizutani from Japan with
LASC Judge Holly Fujie

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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, 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.