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## January 2023 CAPAJA Newsletter

Dear CAPAJA Members:

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Here is the first CAPAJA newsletter for 2023.

### NEWS

#### CAPAJA Member Nominated to the Federal Court

On December 21, LA Superior Court Judge and CAPAJA Bar Association Outreach Committee Co-Chair Wes Hsu was nominated by President Joe Biden to become a District Court Judge on the Central District of California U.S. District Court. Judge Hsu has been an active CAPAJA Member since his appointment. We wish him a speedy and successful confirmation process!

#### CAPAJA Member Elevated to Court of Appeal

On December 23, Governor Newsom announced that he has nominated Judge Shama Mesiwala of the Sacramento Superior Court for appointment to the Third District Court of Appeal. Soon-to-be-Justice Mesiwala has been active as a member of CAPAJA, especially on behalf of the CAPAJA-PAC. Congratulations!

#### CAPAJA President-Elect is Appointed as an LASC Judge

CAPAJA President-Elect Terry Truong, who has served as a Referee and then as a Commissioner of the Los Angeles Superior Court since 2014, was elevated by Governor Newsom on December 23 to become a Judge on the LASC. CAPAJA's Executive Committee and Board send a special Congratulations to Judge Truong!

#### New CAPAJA Member for San Bernardino County

Stephanie Tanada was appointed to the San Bernardino County Superior Court by Governor Newsom on December 23. Welcome to the Bench, Stephanie!

#### CAPAJA Member Celebrated by APABA

On December 6, 2022, Ninth Circuit Judge Lucy Koh was honored as a Recent Trailblazer in the Law in a Zoom celebration hosted by the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Los Angeles. CAPAJA Member Judge Koh was honored as the first Korean American woman to serve on a U.S. federal appellate court.

#### CAPAJA Member Named Juvenile Court Judge of the Year

The Juvenile Court Judges of California, a section of the California Judges Association, named San Francisco County Superior Court Judge Roger Chan as its 2022 Wilmot Sweeney Juvenile Court Judge of the Year. Appointed to the bench in 2016, Judge Chan presides over family dependency and juvenile justice cases in San Francisco's Unified Family Court.

### **CAPAJA Members Speak on CEB Panel**

On December 13, 2022, CAPAJA Treasurer SCSC Judge Sunil Kulkarni and CAPAJA Past President LASC Judge Holly Fujie spoke on a panel for the Continuing Education of the Bar program on “How NOT to Snatch Defeat From the Jaws of Victory,” which will be made available on the CEB website.

### **CAPAJA Member Profiled in DJ**

Riverside County Superior Court Judge Jackson Lucky (Ret.) was profiled in his role as a neutral for JAMS in the December 23 issue of the Daily Journal. Headlined “The Facilitator,” the article notes that Judge Lucky “relies on broad experience and a light touch to resolve disputes.”

### **CAPAJA Members Who Retired in 2022**

The Daily Journal, on the last court day of 2022, listed all retirements for the year, which included CAPAJA Members Judge Fred Fujioka (LASC), Judge Russell L. Hom (Sacto.SC); Judge Tamila Ipema (SDSC), and Judge Paul Suzuki (LASC). All best wishes from CAPAJA for a long and happy retirement to all!

### **Interested in Travelling with CAPAJA to JAPAN in 2023?**

The CAPAJA Travel Committee is back in business and planning for a trip to Japan in early November 2023 (approximate dates November 1-12, 2023). Please let us know if you are interested in traveling with your CAPAJA colleagues to Japan and some general parameters for your interest by completing the SurveyMonkey which will be sent out soon. For additional information, or if you would like to join the Travel Committee, please contact Judge Roberta Hayashi (SCSC) at [rhayashi@scscourt.org](mailto:rhayashi@scscourt.org).

### **CAPAJA Seeks a NorCal Co-Chair for its Social Committee.**

CAPAJA is looking for a volunteer to serve as Northern California Co-Chair of its Social Committee – Please contact President Sonny Sandhu if you are interested. The Social Committee helps coordinate the social activities of CAPAJA, including annual meeting and mid-year meeting events, new judge gatherings and regional dinners.

### **Your Law Student Mentees Still Have Until January 15 to apply for a NAPABA Summer Internship**

CAPAJA Member and Ninth Circuit Judge Lucy Koh is offering a Summer Internship through NAPABA, linked to a \$1,000 scholarship. Also offering Summer Internships through the NAPABA program are Judge Edmon E-Min Chang (N.D. Ill.) and Georgia Supreme Court Justice Carla Wong McMillian. Your law school student mentees can apply for these amazing opportunities by submitting the materials described in the attached flyer and letter from CAPAJA Member and NAPABA Judicial Council President Judge Curtis Kin by January 15, 2023.

With CAPAJA’s best wishes to all its members for a healthy, happy and productive 2023!

Sonny Sandhu, CAPAJA President  
Terry Truong, 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, 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](mailto:HFujie@LACourt.org), and we will feature it in the next newsletter.*