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Sidebar

By Teri Pham, APABA President

At its Retreat in January this year, the APABA Board voted to support Judge Dan Oki in his re-election to the Los Angeles Superior Court, and we are thrilled that Judge Oki soundly defeated the small minority who opposed his re-election on grounds having absolutely nothing to do with his qualifications and capabilities as a judge. APABA's unanimous support of Judge Oki and the principles of judicial independence and diversity on the bench are hallmarks of APABA's commitment to the legal community and to the public as a whole.

APABA's own diversity is reflected in its membership, as well as its Board of Governors, which is diverse not only in the multitude of cultures and ethnicities, but also in diverse practices, from government and public interest lawyers, to private firm and corporate attorneys. APABA's amazing 2004 Board also includes law students, solo practitioners, small firm and big firm lawyers, defense attorneys and prosecutors -- all working together for the common goal of providing a forum for lawyers, judges and law students in Los Angeles County to come together and to discuss issues and express opinions and ideas significant to the API community.

That common goal was successfully displayed at our New Admittee/Lunar New Year reception earlier this year. Through the joint efforts of our sister API bar associations,



JABA, KABA, PABA, and SCCLA, and the LACBA Real Property Section, APABA welcomed in our newest attorneys, as well as the Year of the Monkey, at a fantastic social event at Oiwake Restaurant in Little Tokyo. Not only did the event provide law students and new attorneys an opportunity to learn about the different API organizations in Los Angeles County, but it also provided an opportunity for everyone present to meet and greet judges, bar leaders, and lawyers of all experience levels and practice areas, in a casual and relaxed environment. Other APABA social activities include our many happy hours and networking events, and our annual Softball Tourney, which will be held on Saturday, August 21 this year.

On a more serious level, to commemorate APA Heritage Month this year, APABA has also planned a community symposium on May 13, 2004, to explore and discuss the issue of hate crimes in our communities, from the violent attack on Vincent Chin to the countless numbers of hate crimes and acts against South Asians in the aftermath of 9-11. The program will include a thought-provoking discussion with a panel of distinguished guests, including Assemblymember Judy Chu,

LAPD Commissioner Rose Ochi, South Asian Network Executive Director Hamid Khan, and Connie Rice. The symposium follows APABA's Hate Crimes Project -- now in its second year -- through which APABA's volunteer attorneys have been traveling to local middle schools to educate young children about hate crimes, including prevention and reporting, and tolerance and respect for differences. APABA hopes that by bringing these issues to the forefront, and by working together with public officials, law enforcement, and other communities and organizations, we will be able to build alliances against hate and prejudice and put an end to hate crimes.

We hope that you will join us for all of these wonderful events, or if you have ideas of your own, please do not hesitate to let us know. APABA will be hosting a Mid-Year meeting for all members on July 27, 2004. Please be sure to check out our website at www.apabala.org for further details. We welcome all of your comments and questions!

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in flagrante delicto



T'S 2045. MACHINES RULE THE EARTH, STARTING WITH THE FIRST ANDROID FREELY ELECTED TO GOVERN CALIFORNIA, WHOSE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT EMPOWERING ANDROIDS TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT opened the floodgates for machines to dominate elections worldwide; until, finally, a human wins elective office, single-handedly turning the tide and threatening to return humankind to pre-eminence, thereby causing the usual android decision to travel back in time, destroy the mother, etc. Predictably, the plot was uncovered, defeated, and now IFD is free to reveal that the target, APABA President Teri Pham, was successfully protected by a phalanx of APABA security.

It began in the year 2004. Wednesday evening, January 28th, at a jam-packed joint bar reception, a lone android assassin, clearly unable to demonstrate membership in bench, bar or law school, is turned away at the door of Oiwake by APABA Social Committee event organizers **Ed Lew** and **Michael Suzuki**. Despite this initial rebuff, on February 5th, at the SABA Scholarship Dinner, with APABA loyalists **Dolly Gee, Paula Daniels, Paul Estuar, Michael Suzuki, Kathy Hirano, Rita Gunasekaran, Sandeep Baweja, Chirag Shah, Mona Patel, Akemi Arakaki, Bill Seki** and **Suma Mattai** deployed around **President Teri** through a dazzling array of Indian cuisine, South Asian dance, music and dress, an android assassin is denied admittance, this time uttering the catch-phrase: "I'll be back," and upon return, is told that the event is still sold out. On the very next night, February 6th, President Teri, while flanked by Paul Estuar, **Rosario Tobias, Anna Lisa Biason, Lorinda Franco, Michael Suzuki, Kasie Lee, Luci-Ellen Chun, Frank Chen** and **Wonkoo Chang** is attending the PABA Installation Dinner, when an android assassin is turned away while, this time, attempting to imitate the music, dance and dress from the previous evening, apparently unable to discern the cultural differences between South Asia and the Philippines (and reportedly still wondering why this clever disguise failed so badly).

On February 20th, this now-familiar android assassin entered the Biltmore Hotel KABA Installation dinner, as Won Koo Chang and Robert Sheen welcomed keynote speaker Senator Barbara Boxer. Having anticipated and planned for this, President Teri is tucked away at a safe location, as the hotel surveillance cameras document the confusion displayed by the predatory robot when confronted, not with President Teri, but with a whole host of Teri Pham impersonators. IFD thanks Teri Pham look-alikes: **Joann Lee, Judge Tammy Chung-Ryu, Paula Daniels, Betty Chia, Deborah Hong, Kiya Kato, Kathy Yoo, Michael Suzuki** and **John Y. Lee**, for sowing further confusion into the ranks of the enemy.

On March 19th, the last android plot (involving an attempt to get in disguised as a dragon) failed, while the allure of Chinese cuisine as well as the glamour and spectacle of the SCCLA Installation Dinner featuring Phil Lam and former APABA student rep **Betty Chim**, brought out a star-studded crowd that included: Ted Lieu, Paula Daniels, Dolly Gee, Rita Gunasekaran, Mona Patel, President Teri, Grace Ashikawa, Craig Osaki, Tracy Kann, Akemi Arakaki, Judges George King, Ernest Hiroshige, Fred Fujioka, Owen Kwong, Ruth Kwan, Daniel Oki, Commissioner Robert Kawahara, Candice Kim, Jean Song, Al Dai, Jay Chung, Robert Sheen, Victoria Suh, Angela Suh, Paige Yeh, Diane Tsang, Howard Halm, Gail Dulay, Bruce Iwasaki, Jon Takasugi, Haideh Takasugi, Anna Chu, Betty Chia and Diane Tan, among many, many others. Meanwhile, earlier in the evening, the LAPD arrested an android assassin for DWDD (Driving While Dressed as a Dragon), subsequently turning it over to the INS for indefinite detention pending deportation proceedings.

Until next issue, IFD would like to thank APABA security for this great victory...



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POINT / COUNTERPOINT:

North Carolina Attorney Targeted for Speaking Out Against 9/11?

by Scott Trent, APABA Contributing Writer and Founder of the North Carolina-based Blue Triangle Network

ONCE AGAIN, OUR GRAVEST FEARS ARE BEING REALIZED AS THE LONG ARM OF THE USA PATRIOT ACT IS NOW THREATENING ONE OF GREENSBORO, N.C. ATTORNEY MANLIN CHEE. Chee, a Singaporean-American, has long been an advocate and friend to immigrants, one of the most powerless groups in our society. She often goes beyond an attorney's duties, helping her clients obtain education, work, credit, and housing.

For the past year, Chee has been the target of an exhaustive investigation by the F.B.I. and the Department of Homeland Security. Federal agents have scrutinized every aspect of her personal and professional life. They have threatened past and present employees and clients of her law practice, scoured her financial records, used undercover agents for entrapment, and reopened her naturalization files (she became a citizen in 1992). They have even questioned the validity of her marriage, which took place in 1973 and has produced three children.

Recently, Chee and her daughter, Lielani, who works at her mother's firm, received letters from the F.B.I. notifying them that they were targets of an investigation of whether Chee helped immigrants obtain fraudulent marriages to stay in the country. Just this month, Chee took inactive status with the North Carolina State Bar in an agreement which stated that she suffered from a mental illness.

Point / Counterpoint is a new column in which APABA members are invited to express their opinions on select issues. Thus, opinions expressed in this article are not necessarily those shared by APABA or the Editorial Board. The topic chosen for this year is the prosecution of Singaporean-American attorney Manlin Chee.

To respond to this article, please send your submission to Kasie W. Lee at kasiewlee@hotmail.com by June 1, 2004.

Why all this scrutiny? Since 2001, Chee has courageously spoken out against the excesses of the "war on terrorism." Carrying perhaps the largest caseload of Muslim clients in the area, Manlin would show solidarity by wearing Muslim dress and veil every Friday, saying that if people cannot identify the Muslims, they can't target and discriminate against them. She has been very vocal in criticizing the post-9/11 "Special Registration" of certain immigrants, arguing that it is ineffective profiling of innocent nationals of targeted countries, all of which are predominantly Muslim except for North Korea, and that it is not unlike the registrations required in early Nazi Germany. She also points out the futility of this policy as undocumented immigrants, as those who come across our borders without any passports or visas are not required to register, and would-be terrorists and alien criminals will not comply. Congress must have agreed with her, because these "Special Registrations" have since been suspended. In the meantime, hundreds of immigrants who voluntarily complied and registered have disappeared after registration; some have been deported and others are unaccounted for to this day.

The harassment of Manlin Chee went into overdrive after two events in March 2003. First, an F.B.I. agent, while questioning one of her Arab clients, asked Manlin her opinion of the impending war on Iraq. Manlin expressed her opposition and her skepticism that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction. Earlier that month, Manlin had taken part in a panel discussion about the PATRIOT Act,

held at the Greensboro Central Library. To an overflow crowd, she stated that the PATRIOT Act undermined the Bill of Rights and insisted that after the government goes after the immigrants, it will be emboldened to come after anyone of us who disagree with their politics. Her warning has proven horribly prophetic in her own case.

If the prosecution of Manlin Chee goes unchallenged, a chill will be sent through the field of immigration law, lawyers will be afraid to defend their clients against attacks by the government, and the status of millions of immigrants who came to this country seeking a better life could be jeopardized. The Manlin Chee Defense Committee calls on everyone to speak out against the persecution of a courageous woman who dared to question the increasingly repressive policies of the U. S. government. History teaches us, as the quote from Pastor Neimoller shows ["First they came for the communists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a communist, then they came for the Jews..."], that if we don't speak up now, there will be no one left to speak up when they come for us.

Dewey Ballantine in the Dog House

On February 23, 2004, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association along with a number of other bar associations and law student organizations, sent a letter to Dewey Ballantine, an NYC/international law firm, in response to one of its partners emails to the entire staff warning about the dangers of sending dogs near Chinese restaurants. Only one year ago, Dewey Ballantine made the news over a similar incident in which an associate made "Me So Solly" jokes during a speech at a firm reception in Hong Kong. NAPABA's letter stated, in part: "We believe that taking the position that repeated apologies should resolve this matter is not the most productive under the circumstances. Rather than seeking a solution very easily and quickly, a thoughtful, respectful approach to what appear to be recurring incidents at your firm would be more appropriate and effective. Instead of framing the issue as one of merely convincing an unspecified them of the firm's innocence, Dewey Ballantine ought to devote its energies to determining whether the recurrence of racially offensive incidents may be symptomatic of deeper issues in its firm culture that should be addressed." The ball is now in Dewey's court.

JUDICIAL PROFILE

Mona Patel-Sikora

by Sara Lee, 3L Loyola Law School and APABA 2003 Summer Fellow

Mona Patel-Sikora has dedicated her career to helping promote women's issues. Born and raised in Bombay, India, Patel-Sikora grew up in a family of educated women. While the notion of an educated woman is prevalent in this day and age, it was unusual for the 1960's, even in America.

"My mother was an attorney, and that's the way it was. I didn't know any other way," says Patel-Sikora, pointing to the picture of her mother hanging on her office wall. Nonetheless, she was aware of women's issues in India. In fact, she devoted the early years of her career to social work, focusing on domestic violence victims and prostitutes. However, feeling helpless since she could do no more than counsel her clients, Patel-Sikora realized she needed to learn the law. After completing two years of law school in India, Patel-Sikora finished her legal education at the University of Southern California. Although she initially planned to return to India after getting her degree, she changed her mind and decided to practice in the United States.

Upon graduation, Patel-Sikora worked at a business litigation firm for five years. But she soon realized that her passion was working with immigrant's rights, and she began volunteering at Public Counsel, where she was eventually hired to head the immigrants' rights project.

Currently, she works at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, where she is able to utilize her master's in social work to help her clients. Patel-Sikora now uses her master's degree in social work to draw empathy for her clients.

In 2002, Patel-Sikora was named one of California's top 20 lawyers under 40 by California Law Business Magazine. She was recognized for her work with battered immigrants. This year, Patel-Sikora received the Public Service Award from South Asian Bar Association.



APABA's New Admittee Reception a Blast!

On Thursday, January 29, 2004, over 140 attorneys, judges, law students, and community members packed the house at Oiwake Restaurant in Little Tokyo to welcome our newest admittees to the California State Bar. The event, which was organized by APABA members Edward Lew and Raymond Sakai, and co-sponsored by JABA, KABA, PABA, SCCLA, and the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Real Property Section, provided attendees with an opportunity to learn more about the goals and activities of each of the sponsoring bar associations. The featured speakers included Teri Pham of APABA, Bill Seki of JABA, Wonkoo Chang of KABA, Ken Reyes of PABA, Phil Lam of SCCLA, and Ira Waldman of the LACBA Real Property Section. In addition, attendees enjoyed a fun-filled evening highlighted by a hearty Japanese buffet dinner, drinks of all varieties, networking, socializing, and terrific karaoke performances. Special thanks to everyone who attended and made the event such a success!

MIKE SUZUKI BEHIND THE BAMBOO CURTAIN

Greetings from Hefei, China

Greetings from Hefei, Anhui Province, China. I've been here for 11 days now and am having an incredible time. As a trainer sent on behalf of International Bridges to Justice, I've been hosted by the Director of the Anhui Provincial Legal Aid Office. I've been treated like an esteemed official, been provided with a driver and full time translator, and was the honoree of at least 7 banquets given by every justice system official in town. (If they only knew). Seriously, they have been the most gracious and accommodating hosts. Besides the feasts, I have been taken on weekend trips to the Huangshan mountains (the scenic mural in many a Chinese restaurant) and Ming Dynasty historic villages (the location of several scenes from Hidden Dragon, Crouching Tiger).

Considered a relatively rural province, Anhui covers an area as large as California with a population of 65 million. My base in the capital city of Hefei, a small town of 3 million. I have visited 5 Legal Aid Offices in the Province as far as 600 kilometers away and spoken with lawyers who are truly dedicated to their work and profession. The current legal system is only about 10 years old and the right to counsel in criminal cases was only established 5 years ago. Legal Aid attorneys represent the poor in both civil and criminal cases. Most attorneys are relatively inexperienced (less than 5 years); however, they handle a diverse caseload including death penalty cases, and the death penalty may be imposed for a variety of crimes. They have few resources and little in the way of support staff. The average salary for a staff attorney is \$150 a month. Most have attended law school in Shanghai or Beijing but return to their home towns to serve their people.

I'll be conducting a training session at the end of this week and then it's off to Hanoi. P.S.: Attorneys here are fascinated that there are bar associations such as APABA. They are surprised that there would be such a number of APA attorneys to form such organizations and that we would form an affinity group based on race. Will write again.



Using the Socratic Method to Teach Against Hate

Entitled the "Hate Crime Prevention Project: Preventing Hate, Promoting Respect," APABA and the South Asian Bar Association (SABA) undertook this project last year to raise awareness among junior high school students about hate crimes and acts of hate, in light of 9/11. APABA and SABA are continuing this project this Spring and request your continued participation.

"Socratic Dialogue" as Teaching Method – Volunteer attorneys engage students in a "Socratic dialogue" utilizing a video produced by the South Asian American Leaders of Tomorrow (SAALT), based in Washington, D.C., which includes personal anecdotes from actual hate crime victims from across the country, to develop and understand a working definition of hate crimes. Our volunteer attorneys then ask the students to apply the definitions of hate crimes to hypothetical fact patterns, many of which are based on actual incidents which have occurred in different parts of the country.

The teachers like the Socratic approach because it engages students and encourages them to actively think on their own. Last year, from May through July, more than a dozen volunteer attorneys made presentations at Garvey Intermediate School and Temple Intermediate School in the Garvey School District in Rosemead. Both schools have diverse student populations, the majority of whom are Asian. Presentations were made to more than 30 classes, including during the summer program.

Volunteer attorneys also conducted orientations with the faculties of both schools prior to initiating classroom presentations, engaging teachers themselves in the Socratic dialogue to give them a "feel" for what the students would experience. The teachers were very supportive of the program and are looking forward to our continuing the project this year.

Your Continued Participation is Requested – APABA and SABA will continue the Project this Spring, with classroom presentations beginning in March through the end of the school year, every Tuesday and Thursday, at 9:30 a.m. at Willard Elementary School in Rosemead, and every Friday at Temple Intermediate School in Rosemead, at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. The principals of both schools have been very supportive and look forward to continuing the Project. As such, we need a large number of volunteers. Because of the popularity of last year's program, we have also been requested to extend our program to younger students in the fifth and sixth grade.

The presentations last about one hour, and the schools are located approximately 20 minutes East of downtown Los Angeles. The training materials for speakers have been formulated with the guidance of the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission.

New Component: Teacher Training – We are extending this year's program to include a workshop for teachers at both schools entitled, "Hate Crimes and Hate Acts: Your Responsibilities as a Teacher." Specifically tailored for teachers at elementary and junior high schools, these presentations will provide substantive information to teachers to increase the awareness among educators and school staff about their obligations in response to hate crimes and hate acts.

The “How” on the Tao of Yao

Author Oliver Chin discusses basketball transcendence in new book

by Winston Lin, 2L, USC Law School

STANDING 7'5" AND POSSESSING INCREDIBLE BASKETBALL SKILLS, IT IS NO SURPRISE THAT YAO MING HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MOST RECOGNIZED PLAYERS IN THE NBA. YET HIS RECOGNITION on the court has in some respects been dwarfed by his enormous impact away from it, especially in the Asian-American community. Oliver Chin, a third generation Chinese-American, is among the countless numbers influenced by one of basketball's most recent superstars. In his book, *The Tao of Yao: Insights from Basketball's Brightest Big Man*, Chin examines how Yao has become a spokesperson for Asian-Americans, redefining not only how they are perceived by others but also how they perceive themselves within an increasingly multi-cultural society.

APABA Reporter: What was one interesting thing that you discovered while writing this book?

Oliver Chin: One of my goals in writing this book was to provide a more in-depth analysis of Yao's unique perspective on life. I felt that there was more to him beyond a mere entertainment value imparted by the media. But as I became more involved with this project, it was interesting to discover all the things that I myself had taken for granted while growing up in America. As a third-generation Chinese-American, I was taught principles such as saving face, being humble, and respecting elders, assuming that they were simply expected ways to behave. Yet, as I began to recognize the Taoist influences underlying these principles, I was amazed to discover that these principles have been ingrained in Chinese culture for generations. It was interesting to be able to give these principles a name and identify their roots.

How do you believe Yao has redefined the Asian-American community?

Yao is similar to Jackie Robinson in the sense that both are trailblazers for their people. But while the African-American cause focused on civil rights, Asian-Americans have historically found themselves deprived of media representation. Yao has redefined the Asian-American community simply through his status as a cultural role model. I have found that basketball and non-basketball fans gravitate to him for their hopes and dreams. Also, he comes along at a time where Asian-Americans have just started to become more involved in their communities. In this context, he is an ideal spokesperson and it is no surprise that he is already helping to redefine the Asian-American community.

Will Yao assume a greater role in becoming a spokesperson for Asian-Americans?

While he is definitely aware of his potential role as a spokesperson, Yao's approach thus far has been simply to be himself. Yet even though he hasn't expressly assumed this role, Yao has definitely been a voice to and for Asian-Americans in a number of different ways. He has inspired people, motivating them to do things that



they would not have done otherwise. His unique behavior has also reflected a refreshing way of life. One poignant example is when Yao, having already signed a deal with Pepsi, filed a suit against Coke for one *yuan* (the equivalent of fifty cents) for the unauthorized use of his image. Here was a multi-million dollar individual bringing a lawsuit simply to defend his integrity – a concept that is readily identifiable in the Asian culture. Ultimately, it is Yao's decision whether to make a greater effort to promote the economic and social well being of Asian-Americans. But whatever that decision may be, his impact thus far has served as a conduit for the interests and identity of Asian-Americans.

Do you feel that there is a need for more Asian-American perspectives in literature?

More voices are definitely needed. Asian-Americans are one of the fastest growing minorities in the United States. While we currently make up less than 5% of the population, it is projected that one in ten Americans will be of Asian descent by the year 2050. Granted, more voices don't necessarily translate into more insightful or profound literature. But I feel that as a group Asian-Americans are culturally underrepresented. As our numbers grow, we will realize a greater need to be recognized in terms of politics and culture. In turn, we will have something to say, not just to our own community, but also to others in general. Expressing these various opinions will be indispensable in the years to come.

What do you think is a key to bringing together different Asian-American groups?

I believe there is a need to establish stepping stones in order to unite Asian-Americans. One of these stepping stones is to find parallels to our different experiences. The use of Chinese workers during the gold rush, Japanese internment camps, the plight of Cambodians and Vietnamese during the Vietnam War are just a few examples. There are lots of events in history that could bring the groups together as a greater whole. I don't think we necessarily need to create a superstructure along the lines of a NAACP. Instead participation in and awareness of existing intermediary groups can just as effectively be utilized to bridge the gap.

Oliver Chin is a media professional and columnist on entertainment and cultural needs. In addition to The Tao of Yao, he recently wrote and illustrated the acclaimed graphic novel Nine of One: A Window to the World (www.9of1.com), chronicling the stories and perspectives of nine California teenagers in the wake of September 11th. He currently resides in San Francisco with his wife and son.

APABA TIDBITS

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Community Outreach Committee will continue its outreach efforts in the Cambodian community. Two events, organized by the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, will be held in April.

The first event will take place on Saturday, April 10, 2004, at the Cambodian New Year festival in Long Beach. It is from 9 am - 5 pm at El Dorado East Park, Area III.

The second event, "Law Day," will take place on Saturday, April 24, 2004, at the United Cambodian Community, from 10 am - 2 pm. This year, our focus will be on immigration law. Although we have always had a sufficient number of volunteer attorneys, we are still in need of more Khmer interpreters. If you would like to volunteer at this event either as an attorney or as an interpreter, please contact Kasie at (323) 801-7939.

II. CONGRATULATIONS

FORMER APABA BOARD MEMBER FRANK W. CHEN SELECTED ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR FOR 2003 BY CALIFORNIA LAWYER MAGAZINE. Every year, the CLAY Awards recognize California lawyers in each of several practice areas such as civil litigation, real estate, employment, environmental law, intellectual property, civil rights, criminal law, and transactional practice who has "substantially influenced public policy or a particular industry, brought about a significant development in their field of practice or in law-firm management, or achieved a notable victory for a client or for the public in a difficult, high-stakes matter." Chen received the coveted CLAY award for his pro bono work in coordinating a unique and sweeping defense to THE abusive litigation brought by the Trevor Law Group of Beverly Hills.

FORMER APABA PRESIDENT PAULA DANIELS ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF HEAL THE BAY, AND IS THE FIRST ASIAN-AMERICAN TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION IN ITS 19 YEAR HISTORY. "We're excited about the incredible vision and leadership Paula brings to her new role," said Mark Gold, executive director of Heal the Bay. "We are especially looking forward to Paula's enthusiasm for continuing to increase Heal the Bay's efforts in inland communities."

III. SUPER LAWYERS

The following APABA members who were named in Los Angeles' Magazine's list of Super Lawyers:

- Morgan Chu
- Dolly Gee
- Rita Gunasekaran
- Holly Fujie
- Janice Fukai
- Howard Halm
- Sid Kanazawa
- Patricia Kinaga
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- Brian Sun
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IV. JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Bilingual Staff Attorney (Los Angeles)

The Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC) is seeking a staff attorney for their Legal Services Unit to coordinate and provide civil legal assistance to immigrant legal communities. The Legal Services Unit focuses on the indigent, monolingual, immigrant community with services that include legal counseling, document preparation, court representation, and community education in several poverty law areas, with an emphasis on family law, domestic violence, immigration, housing, and to a lesser extent, consumer and elder law, and government benefits. Please send cover letter, resume, and references to: Director of Legal Services, Asian Pacific American Legal Center, 1145 Wilshire Boulevard, Second Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

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ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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Title _____

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The APABA Mission

In 1998, the **Asian Pacific American Bar Association (APABA)** was established and adopted the following multifaceted mission: 1) to establish a broad base of membership that is reflective of the ethnic and cultural diversity of the Asian/Pacific Islander American (APIA) community in the greater Los Angeles area; 2) to provide a vehicle and forum for the unified expression of opinions and positions by the Association upon current social, political, economic, legal or other matters or events of concern to its members; 3) to foster the exchange of ideas and information amongst and between Association members and other members of the legal profession, the judiciary and the community; 4) to encourage and promote the professional growth of the members of the Association; 5) to provide an opportunity for fellowship among the Association's members; 6) to develop and encourage inter-cooperation with and between other bar organizations, especially other minority bar associations; and 7) to provide coordinated service to the community-at-large as well as the local APIA community.

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