2018

TWOSECOND ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS AND INSTALLATION BANQUET

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018

AAABA
Arizona Asian American Bar Association
The Arizona Asian American Bar Association (AAABA), founded in 1993 by the late Honorable Thomas Tang, one of the first Asian Pacific American (APA) judges to be appointed to the federal bench, is a non-profit organization composed of legal professionals, law students, and members of the community. AAABA is an affiliate member of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), a national organization that represents the interests of over 50,000 attorneys and 75 national, state, and local bar associations.

Vision: To promote and advocate for justice, equity, equality, inclusion, and opportunity for Asian Pacific Americans in the Arizona legal profession and the community-at-large.

Mission: The Arizona Asian American Bar Association is a voluntary bar association for individuals of all backgrounds, including attorneys, judges, law professors, law students, and community members with an interest in the Arizona legal profession. Our mission is to:

1. Encourage and promote the professional growth and advancement of our members by providing professional development and educational programs and mentoring and networking opportunities;
2. Cultivate an understanding of the issues facing the APA legal community and the APA community-at-large and promote and advocate for justice, equity, equality, inclusion, and opportunity through the Arizona legal profession;
3. Engage with the community-at-large by providing opportunities for leadership, education, and community service, and by encouraging cooperation with and between other bar and community organizations and;
4. Promote access to legal education and diversity in the legal profession by assisting law students financially and academically.

We welcome anyone passionate about issues of interest to the legal community to join AAABA. We also invite all members to become active in planning and implementing AAABA’s services, programs, and events, by joining a committee or by volunteering to help with specific events.

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To learn more about AAABA and become a member or to be added to our email list, please visit our website at www.azasianbar.org. Photos from the banquet will be posted on AAABA’s website and Facebook page when they become available.
Dear Members, Friends, and Guests of AAABA:

Arizona Asian American Bar Association welcomes you to the 22nd Annual Scholarship Awards and Installation Banquet. AAABA is a professional organization formed 25 years ago by the late Hon. Thomas Tang. Judge Tang was the first Asian American federal judge in the continental United States.

AAABA thanks everyone for your generous support this year. Your contributions have allowed AAABA to award over $100,000 in scholarship to Arizona law students over the years. These scholarships are awarded to students who reflect the vision of Judge Tang.

AAABA is pleased to install its new 2018–2019 Executive Board that will carry forward AAABA’s mission. This past summer, the Board began to re-evaluate AAABA’s mission statement. A Mission Statement Committee was formed, and feedback was sought from members and founders. After gaining inspiration from our local sister bars as well as from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, our mission statement was expanded to encompass community, professional development, and advocacy. Today we are proud to unveil our new mission statement, which reflects our legacy and represents our hope for the future.

This year we are honored to induct Hon. Roxanne Song Ong into our Hall of Fame Class of 2018. Judge Song Ong has had a broad career that has touched and shaped many communities. Judge Song Ong continues to do amazing work and we are here to celebrate her many achievements.

Our keynote speaker this year is California Supreme Court Justice Goodwin Liu. Justice Liu has led groundbreaking research and published the first-ever comprehensive study of Asian Americans in the legal profession. Asian Pacific Americans have been the fastest-growing minority group in the legal profession for the past three decades, but they have made only limited progress in reaching the top ranks of the profession. Justice Liu will share his research findings and provide us with the key takeaways as we tackle this issue.

Thank you for sharing and supporting AAABA’s mission and values.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Chiang
Arizona Asian American Bar Association Vice-President and Banquet Chair
Incoming President 2018–2019
Program

Welcome
Tim Eigo

Outgoing President’s Remarks
Eileen Sullivan

Installation of the 2018-2019 AAABA Officers and Board of Directors
The Honorable Joan Wagener

Recognition of Special Guests
Tim Eigo

President’s Remarks
Thomas W. Chiang

AAABA’s Hall of Fame Induction:

   The Honorable Roxanne K. Song Ong
   Tim Eigo

The Thomas Tang Memorial Scholarship
Briana E. Chua & John H. Gray

Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Lisa Loo

Keynote Speaker
The Honorable Goodwin Liu

Closing Remarks & Special Recognition to Sponsors
Tim Eigo & Thomas W. Chiang

Menu

Appetizers: Vegetable Egg Rolls,* Crab Puffs, Fried Shrimp, and Fried Wontons
Sautéed Mushrooms with Baby Bok Choy*
Vegetable Fried Rice*
Walnut Shrimp with Candied Walnuts
Pepper Beef with Chinese Broccoli
Vegetable Lo Mein*
Superior Rock Cod Fillet with Peas
Crispy Fried Chicken
Dessert: Sesame Balls*

*indicates vegetarian dish
Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Goodwin Liu

The son of Taiwanese immigrants, Justice Goodwin Liu is an Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court. He was confirmed to office by a unanimous vote of the California Commission on Judicial Appointments on August 31, 2011, following his appointment by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. on July 26, 2011. The Governor administered the oath of office to Justice Liu in a public ceremony in Sacramento, California on September 1, 2011.

Before joining the California Supreme Court, Justice Liu was a law professor and associate dean at the UC Berkeley School of Law. An influential scholar and acclaimed teacher, he received UC Berkeley’s Distinguished Teaching Award in 2009. He clerked for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge David Tatel on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. He has also worked as special assistant to the deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, as a litigation associate at O’Melveny & Myers in Washington, D.C., and as senior program officer for higher education at the Corporation for National Service (AmeriCorps).

His primary areas of expertise are constitutional law, education law and policy, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He has published widely on these subjects in books, law reviews, and the general media. His recent publication, “A Portrait of Asian Americans in the Law,” resulting from a two-year study, revealed that Asian Pacific American lawyers have increased in number from 10,000 in 1990 to over 50,000 today, but they face challenges reaching the top ranks of the profession. For example, although Asian Pacific Americans are the largest minority group in big law firms, they have the highest attrition rates and the lowest ratio of partners to associates.

Justice Liu serves on the Council of the American Law Institute; the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Science, Technology, and Law; and the board of directors of the James Irvine Foundation. He has previously served on the Stanford University Board of Trustees and the governing boards of the American Constitution Society, National Women’s Law Center, and Public Welfare Foundation.
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Emcee: Tim Eigo

When Tim Eigo is not thinking about ways to use GIFs on Twitter, he edits Arizona Attorney, the monthly magazine of the State Bar of Arizona, and co-writes the Daily 5 legal newsletter – the best 0.2 of a lawyer’s day. He also manages and writes more social-media content than is good for anyone, and he writes a blog (remember blogs?) and misses Vine. Before that, he edited and wrote at various publications, including the Orange County (Calif.) Business Journal. He was an English major back when people did that, and earned a law degree way back in the 20th century. He has practiced law in California, but he’s been told he’s nice. Currently, he serves on the Phoenix Board of Adjustment, as Chair of Phoenix’s Downtown Voices Coalition, and as President of the Valley of the Sun Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. #RealNews. He’s opinionated, except on United Airlines, where he has learned to be very, very compliant (“Just a water, please”). And if you wondered, his lifelong dream job has evolved, from Solicitor General to Buzzfeed quiz creator. #goals

AAABA Hall of Fame Inductee:
The Honorable Roxanne K. Song Ong

Judge Roxanne K. Song Ong has served the Arizona criminal justice system for nearly 40 years, breaking new ground as the first Asian American woman lawyer and judge in Arizona. A Phoenix native, Judge Song Ong began her career practicing in the areas of criminal prosecution, defense, and immigration law, followed by her judicial career beginning in 1986 on the Scottsdale City Court. In 1991, she became a judge for the Phoenix Municipal Court and in 2000 became the Assistant Presiding Judge. In 2005 she was appointed as the Chief Presiding Judge of Phoenix, the fifth largest city in the United States, running one of the busiest courts in the country until her retirement from the court in late 2014. Judge Song Ong became the first woman and minority to hold the chief judge position.

Judge Song Ong’s term was marked by advances in the management of DUI cases and the introduction of specialty courts to address cases involving populations with significant financial, psychological, behavioral, physical and related challenges. Phoenix’s Veterans Court, Homeless Court, Mental Health Court, and Domestic Violence Court have become models for other courts in the state and country. Judge Song Ong continues to serve as Pro Tem Judge for other jurisdictions while teaching and speaking on topics of judicial, legal and civics education, access to justice, and diversity and cultural competency.
**The Thomas Tang Memorial Scholarship Recipients**

**Jesus Alonso: 2L at The University of Arizona.** Jesus is originally from Los Angeles, California, and he double majored in Psychology and Political Science at the University of California, San Diego. After finishing his undergraduate studies, he spent some years working in various tutoring and mentoring programs in K-12 schools. Although he enjoyed working in education, he realized that teaching and counseling were not for him and he decided to attend law school. In his free time, Jesus enjoys hiking, camping, football, soccer, and basketball.

**Stephen Fong: 1L at The University of Arizona.** Born and raised in San Francisco, Stephen came to Arizona to gain a perspective of the United States not from California. His lifetime hobbies include photography and martial arts, which he has been practicing for 7 years and 18 years respectively. Most recently, Stephen has taken up cooking, specifically meat curing. As Arizona holds much Asian-American history, Stephen hopes to better familiarize himself with the Asian-American community to have a positive impact on Asian Americans growing up in Arizona.

**Verity Kang: 2L at Arizona State University.** Verity is a Phoenix native, a Korean-American, and a double-devil ASU student. She also served on the executive board for the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association at ASU and participated in the Diversity Legal Writing Program at Quarles & Brady. In summer 2018, she will be a law clerk at Kutak Rock in Scottsdale.

**Cindy Nguyen: 3L at The University of Arizona.** Cindy is from Atlanta, Georgia, and graduated from the University of Georgia in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a minor in Chinese Language and Literature. After graduating college, Cindy worked for two years as an Administrative Assistant before applying to law school. Cindy chose Arizona Law because of its smaller class size and hands-on legal clinics. Her favorite classes have been contract drafting, employment law, and the Workers’ Rights Clinic. Cindy is graduating in May 2018 and will be working as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Charles V. Harrington.
AAABA’s 2017-2018 Events and Sponsorships

★ The Twenty-First Annual Scholarship Awards and Installation Banquet, April 20, 2017
★ 2017-2018 Sponsorships of State Bar of Arizona Activities, including Spring Training for Lawyers, the Annual State Bar Convention, and the Bar Leadership Institute
★ Successful Nominations for Nicole Ong Colyer for NAPABA’s Best Under Forty Award; Lisa Loo for the Arizona Black Bar’s Diversity Award; Eileen Sullivan for ABA Difference Maker Award for Community Service; Nomination of the Arizona Collaborative Bar for the State Bar of Arizona Diversity and Inclusion Leadership Award; Sheena Chiang for AJC Judge Learned Hand Emerging Leader Award
★ Celebratory Happy Hour for Lisa Loo for her successful term as first Asian American woman State Bar President
★ Arizona Collaborative Bar Reception at FOUND:RE Phoenix
★ Networking Happy House with APALSA Law Student Members
★ Annual Fall Picnic and Kick-Off of the AAABA Networking Circles Program
★ Past Presidents’ Luncheon for AAABA Past Presidents and Founders
★ January 30, 2018 Fred T. Korematsu Day and Proclamation by Governor Doug Ducey
★ Karaoke Event
★ AAABA Sponsorships, including, but not limited to: 2018 ACELebration of Leadership Board Gala; AWLA Wine & Cheese; the Hayzel B. Daniels Scholarship Award Dinner; Los Abogados Scholarship and Fundraising Gala; NABA Seventh Generations Awards Dinner & Silent Auction; Asian Chamber of Commerce Annual Lunar New Year Banquet; Chinese Chamber of Commerce Annual Lunar Banquet; and Arizona Minority Bar Association’s Annual Scholarship Dinner
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Thomas W. Chiang
A graduate of the University of Arizona (J.D.) and Harvard School of Law (LL.M.), Mr. Anthony “Tony” Ching devoted his professional career and life to serving the legal needs of the poor and securing civil rights for all. A nationally recognized and accomplished litigator, Mr. Ching won numerous landmark decisions that blazed the trail for many of the civil rights we take for granted today, including equal protection for legal aliens (Graham v. Richardson, 403 U.S. 365 (1971)) and the right of women to obtain their own drivers’ licenses and car registrations (Perez v. Campbell, 402 U.S. 637 (1971)).

Mr. Ching won these landmark cases in the U.S. Supreme Court while serving as the Chief Trial Counsel to the Legal Aid Society of Pima County. In addition to serving as Arizona’s first Solicitor General (1979–1991), Mr. Ching served as Director of Litigation for the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, President and Board Member of the National Consumer Law Center, and consultant for the National Legal Aid and Defender Association and the Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund. Mr. Ching also taught constitutional law, civil procedure, and federal litigation at Loyola Law School. After retiring, he continued to consult on constitutional law matters on a pro bono basis.

Despite his many career achievements, Tony was most proud of his family. He was a devoted husband to Nancy Ann Ching from 1961 until her death in 2015. He is survived by his eight children: Anthony Jr., Alice, Alexander, Andrew, Ann, Audrey, Anastasia, and Albert.