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45th Anniversary Installation & Awards Banquet

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Welcoming Remarks

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Recognition of Sponsors

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Lifetime Achievement Award

Hon. Denny Chin

United States Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

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Installation of the Board of Governors

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Incoming President's Remarks

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Scholarship and Fellowship Awards

Christine G. Chen

A Message from the Board

Mistress of Ceremonies: Amber Lee, CBS2 and KCAL9

Networking Reception to Follow

OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends, Family, Members, and Guests:

Welcome and thank you for celebrating SCCLA's 45th Annual Installation and Awards Banquet. For the past 45+ years, SCCLA has played an integral role in our community and in advancing the interests of the APA community. It has been an honor to serve this wonderful organization over the last decade.

2020 was a unique and unprecedented year in many respects. Looking back, it is hard for me to recall our "normal" life before the COVID-19 pandemic. But 2020 was, in many other ways, just another year for SCCLA. In 2020, I watched with pride as our board members raised funds to feed and support frontline workers and those who were in need of help. I saw SCCLA rise to the occasion to organize experts to engage and inform our community on the history of hate crimes and what we should do going forward. I saw around-the-clock work by SCCLA board members to ensure that SCCLA could once again host its monthly clinic to serve our community during the pandemic. SCCLA, through the grit and sweat of its volunteer board, worked to give back to our community. In 2020, I witnessed the best of what SCCLA has to offer – that is, friends working together to help others.

Tonight's dinner is no different. SCCLA's annual dinner is usually its most public and loudest event. It is usually a time for great food and an opportunity to catch-up with old friends, or to make new ones. Tonight marks the culmination of months of hard work and careful planning by the 2021 SCCLA board. Whether in-person or virtual, it usually takes a village to organize an event that is typically the size of SCCLA's annual dinner. Given that this is the first virtual gala in SCCLA's history, the 2021 SCCLA board likely had to overcome unprecedented challenges to make tonight possible. Congratulations to you all. I have no doubt of tonight's success (though I suppose it will no longer hold title as loudest dinner in town). And a special congratulations to tonight's honorees. Each of you exemplify the qualities to which every lawyer and law student should aspire.

SCCLA is one of the oldest APA organizations in the United States. For the past 46 years, it has been a stalwart member of our community. But what makes SCCLA consistently great? To me, it has always been about the people who form SCCLA. In the past decade, I have had the honor and privilege of serving with many of you. I have had the privilege of working closely with you and to witness first-hand your dedication. I've also had the honor of calling many of you my friend, and to have learned from you. Thank you for showing me the meaning of community; and thank you for teaching me what it means to grow and to give back. It has been a privilege and honor to serve as SCCLA's President. I look forward to all that SCCLA will accomplish in the many, many more years to come.

Lastly, I want to thank my family, my friends, and my mentor. Without your support, I would not be where and who I am today. Thank you for always being there for me.

Jason L. Liang

Jason Liang
SCCLA Immediate Past President

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear SCCLA Family:

It is with great pleasure and honor that I welcome you to the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association's 45th Annual Installation and Awards Banquet. This last year has been an unprecedented year for us and with the teamwork and persistence of the entire SCCLA Board, we are proud to present to you the first ever virtual SCCLA installation and awards banquet!

What a difference a year can make! From our typically rowdy dinner attended by hundreds of guests in person where attendees can barely hear what the speakers are saying, to one that is hosted completely online and guests get to click on tables to network with one another, our banquet sure has done a 180. This just goes to show how important being resilient and adaptable are in life. Having the ability to shift with each challenge that life throws our way and change our interpretation of a situation rather than wait for a situation to change is essential to success.

One of my favorite quotes is "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain." Whenever I am personally faced with a hardship, I remind myself that without the lows in life, we would not be able to appreciate the highs. And thus, it is important for us to see challenges as blessings in disguise and embrace any hardships that life throws at us. In fact, many times in life, the hardships that we have overcome are what really shape the people we are today.

As a result of undergoing the pandemic, SCCLA has been able to create numerous virtual events that were not in place before. In addition to tonight's banquet, SCCLA has shifted its monthly virtual clinic online, thereby making it available to litigants anywhere, not just in Los Angeles. In addition to hosting a myriad of virtual events and webinars in the last year, SCCLA came together with all of our sister bar organizations just last week to organize the first ever "UNITY" event, symbolizing that no matter how difficult things can get, we will always stick together.

Tonight's honorees are prime examples of leaders who embody resilience. Congratulations to the Honorable Denny Chin, US Court of Appeals Judge for the Second Circuit; Ivan Fong, General Counsel of 3M Company; and Manjusha P. Kulkarni, Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council (A3PCON). Thank you for being inspirations in our community and showing us that when things look dark, there is always a light at the end of the tunnel.

Thank you also to my family (my husband Phil and my two kids Liliana and Alexander) for being understanding of all the time I took away from them to dedicate to SCCLA. I am humbled to accept the SCCLA torch and continue leading this amazing organization alongside my dedicated Board members. Cheers to an amazing 2021 and may you all continue shifting towards fulfillment!

Elizabeth Yang

2021 SCCLA President

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May 13, 2021

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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association (SCCLA) on hosting their 45th Annual Installation & Awards Dinner.

SCCLA strives to promote the interests of the Chinese-American and Asian Pacific American communities, improving the community's access to legal services while encouraging the development of Chinese and Asian American lawyers, jurists, and law students' professional growth.

I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to this year's honorees: the Honorable Denny Chin, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, for the Lifetime Achievement Award; Ivan Fong, General Counsel, 3M Company, for the Impact Award; and, Manjusha P. Kulkarni, Executive Director, Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council for the Hon. Delbert Earl Wong Service Award. Additionally, my best wishes to the installation of the SCCLA's 2021-2022 Board of Governors.

On behalf of the 49th Assembly District, I commend your commitment and dedication in furthering the interests of Asian Americans in the legal field. Congratulations and best wishes on a successful event!

Warm Regards,

ED CHAU
Assemblymember, 49th District

May 13, 2021

Dear Friends:

Each year, since its founding in 1975, the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association(**SCCLA**) has hosted an Installation & Awards Banquet to install the incoming Board of Governors, honor community leaders, and recognize SCCLA's scholarship and fellowship recipients. I am so proud to join this wonderful organization in celebrating its 45th Anniversary Installation & Banquet honorees:

Hon. Denny Chin
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Ivan Fong
General Counsel, 3M Company

Manjusha P. Kulkarni
Executive Director of Asian Policy & Planning Council (A3PCON)

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, I extend my warmest gratitude and congratulations to these deserving recipients for their courage, wisdom, leadership, and ongoing commitment to SCCLA. Wishing you continued success for many years to come!

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the State of California, I offer my greetings to the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association (SCCLA) on the occasion of their 45th Anniversary and Awards Banquet.

Established in 1975 to create opportunities for equal access, professional development and mentorship, SCCLA has successfully supported Chinese American and Asian American lawyers, jurists, and law students in the Los Angeles and Orange County region. I applaud you for awarding annual scholarships and fellowships to law students who are poised to become the next generation of legal experts in public agencies, private practice or in the courtroom.

It is an honor to pay tribute to the distinguished honorees this evening: The Honorable Denny Chin, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit - Lifetime Achievement Award; Ivan Fong, General Counsel, 3M Company - Impact Award; and Manjusha P. Kulkarni, Executive Director, Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council - Hon. Delbert Earl Wong Service Award. The honorees have set the bar high with their stellar contributions to the legal profession and the community at large.

Congratulations to the Southern California Chinese Lawyer's Association's incoming officers and members on your extraordinary service and dedication during these unique and challenging times. I extend my sincere best wishes to you all for a successful event and many more years of service to the community.

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AMBER LEE

Amber joined CBS2 and KCAL9 in September 2012.

A Southern California native, Lee returned home after working for KOAT-TV in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as a reporter and fill-in meteorologist for three years.

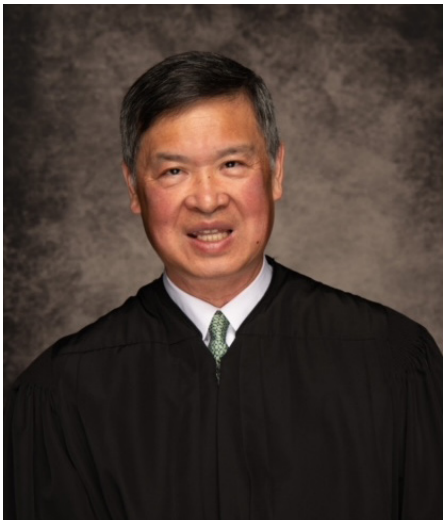
In 2011, she was recognized by the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau as "Reporter of the Year" for her coverage on one of the worst droughts in state history. Her reporting called attention to the hundreds of ranchers who bought insurance through the government and were then denied claims.

Prior to Albuquerque, Lee worked in San Luis Obispo at KSBY-TV and began her career at KCBY-TV in Coos Bay, Oregon.

Lee earned her master's degree in journalism from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut, and a bachelor's degree in communication studies at California State University in Northridge, California.

She earned her certificate in meteorology through Mississippi State University's Broadcast Meteorology Program.

In her spare time, Lee enjoys traveling with her husband and exploring the outdoors. She speaks Mandarin and makes delicious potstickers.



Hon. Denny Chin

United States Circuit Judge

for the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Denny Chin is a United States Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He was confirmed in April 2010. From 1994 until his appointment to the Second Circuit, he served as a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Judge Chin graduated from Princeton University magna cum laude and received his law degree from Fordham Law School. He clerked for the Honorable Henry F. Werker in the Southern District of New York; was associated with the law firm Davis Polk & Wardwell; served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; was a founding partner of the law firm Campbell, Patrick & Chin; and was a partner at a firm specializing in labor and employment law, Vladeck, Waldman & Engelhard, P.C.

Judge Chin was born in Hong Kong. He was the first Asian American appointed a United States District Judge outside the Ninth Circuit and the first Asian American appointed to the Second Circuit. He served as President of the Asian American Bar Association of New York from 1992-1993.

Judge Chin and his wife Kathy Hirata Chin have written, produced, and presented, together with a team from the Asian American Bar Association of New York, a series of reenactments of historic cases involving Asian American litigants. He has taught Asian Americans and the Law at Fordham, Harvard, and Yale Law Schools.

Ivan K. Fong

Executive Vice President, Chief Legal and Policy Officer and Secretary

3M Company

Ivan Fong is Senior Vice President, Legal Affairs and General Counsel of the 3M Company. In that role, he oversees all legal, legal policy, compliance, and government affairs matters for the company. He was recently named one of "America's 50 Outstanding General Counsel" by the National Law Journal, and under Ivan's leadership, 3M's law department was recently recognized by Corporate Counsel as one of the Best Legal Departments of the Year.

Prior to joining 3M in October 2012, Ivan served for more than three years as General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Before that, he was Chief Legal Officer and Secretary of Cardinal Health, Inc., where he was selected to be one of the "Twenty Most Influential General Counsel" by the National Law Journal. He was also previously Senior Vice President and General Counsel of GE Vendor Financial Services; Chief Privacy Leader and Senior Counsel, Information Technology of GE; and Deputy Associate Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Ivan has also been a partner with Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C.; an adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center; and a law clerk to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor of the U.S. Supreme Court.

He serves on the boards of directors of Equal Justice Works and Minnesota Public Radio, and he is a member of the Association of General Counsel and the Twin Cities United Way Tocqueville Society Cabinet. He has received, among other honors, the Trailblazer Award from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association; the Justice-in-Action Award from the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.; and the Spirit of Excellence Award from the American Bar Association.

Ivan holds a B.C.L. with first class honors from Oxford University, where he was a Fulbright Scholar. He received his J.D. (with distinction) from Stanford Law School, where he was president of the Stanford Law Review, and an S.B. in chemical engineering and an S.M. in chemical engineering practice from MIT. He is a registered patent attorney.

Manjusha P. Kulkarni (Manju) is Executive Director of Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON), a coalition of over forty community-based organizations that serves and represents the 1.5 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Los Angeles County. Manju also serves as a Lecturer in the Asian American Studies Department of UCLA. In March 2020, Manju co-founded Stop AAPI Hate, the nation's leading aggregator of COVID-19-related hate incidents against AAPIs.

Manju's work has been featured in numerous publications, including the New York Times, CBS News, and CNN, as well as several ethnic media outlets. On March 18, 2021, Manju testified before Congress at the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties on the issue of anti-Asian hate; she shared Stop AAPI Hate data as well as policy recommendations for addressing the current wave of racism and discrimination faced by AAPIs in the U.S.

Manju received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Duke University and a Juris Doctor degree from Boston University School of Law. In 2014, Manju received the White House Champions of Change award from President Obama for her dedication to improving health care access for Asians American communities.

Manjusha Kulkarni

Executive Director

Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCon)

SCCLA awards numerous $1,000 scholarships and $2,000 fellowships to law students based on academic merit, financial need, and/or demonstrated commitment to serving Asian American communities.

The submission deadline for 2021 Scholarship and Fellowship applications is July 1, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. (PST). For more information, please visit: https://www.sccla.org/scholarships

SCHOLARSHIPS

The **George S. Lee Scholarship** is bestowed in honor of the late George S. Lee, a SCCLA Past President and long-time Chinese American leader.

The **Judge Ronald S.W. Lew Scholarship** is bestowed in honor of United States Senior District Judge Lew. In November 2006, SCCLA hosted a dinner in Judge Lew's honor, proceeds of which exclusively endow this scholarship. A SCCLA Past President, Judge Lew continues to be a cornerstone of the SCCLA community.

SCCLA proudly presents two scholarships sponsored by the **LimNexus Foundation**, a non-profit funded by partners of LimNexus LLP to assist with the legal education of minority students. It views that a more diverse bar will lead to a more just and equitable society. The foundation works through bar associations to grant scholarships to law students of many ethnicities and minority communities.

The Fund proudly continues to present the **Loyola '96 APALSA Alumni Scholarship**, endowed by "Jun" Dominador Tolentino, Kevin Leung, and William Niu, former officers and members of APALSA at Loyola Law School. The scholarship encourages community involvement and leadership advancement.

LTL Attorneys LLP is dedicated to giving back and serving its communities. To further its community efforts, LTL generously established the **LTL Scholarship** through SCCLA to support local law students.

The Moy family has endowed the **Ming Y. Moy Memorial Scholarship** for over 30 years in honor of their late father. Despite knowing very little English, Mr. Moy won a scholarship to UCLA to attend college, an opportunity his parents never had. Admitted to the California Bar in 1966, he worked as a patent attorney before pursuing real estate development and business investments. After Mr. Moy's premature death at age 49, his family (Marianne, Marlowe, and Monica) founded this scholarship to foster the same values of commitment to education and hard work that were so important to Mr. Moy.

The **Ocinet Community Service Scholarship** is awarded to a Southern California law student who exemplifies dedication to serving the communities of Los Angeles, Orange County, and/or San Diego.

The **Sihang "Jerry" Oh Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to a Southern California law student who exemplifies principles the late Jerry Oh stood for–determination, passion, and drive to excel. Ocinet, Inc. sponsors both scholarships in dedication to Mr. Oh, who emigrated from Korea in 1983. In 2001, he moved to Los Angeles to fulfill his dream of founding his own company and factory to manufacture kimchi. Despite significant difficulties, Jerry was able to turn his company into a successful business by the time of his passing in 2010. Jerry is survived by his wife, Aesook, and daughters, Jennifer and Stephanie.

FELLOWSHIPS

SCCLA also annually sponsors fellows to work at non-profit organizations. SCCLA bestows Fellowships in honor of the following:

You Chung Hong (USC Law, '24 LLB, '25 LLM) was the first lawyer of Chinese descent admitted by examination to the California Bar in 1923. His tireless and relentless work on behalf of Chinese-American civil rights, including repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, brought him to testify before the U.S. Senate Hearing Committee on immigration before he was 30 years old. At 28, he was elected president of the Chinese American Citizen's Alliance, Los Angeles Lodge. Specializing in immigration law, "Y.C.," as he was known, was recognized as the foremost Chinese attorney for over 50 years.

Born in Canton, China, the late **Judge Jack B. Tso** (Loyola Law School '60) served on the Los Angeles Superior Court for over 20 years and was the third Chinese American judge appointed in Los Angeles. He was a prosecutor with the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office for over a decade. As a SCCLA founding member, Judge Tso left a legacy of serving the Asian Pacific American community by engaging in significant outreach to young, diverse Angelenos interested in pursuing legal careers.

A fourth generation Chinese American, the late **Judge Delbert E. Wong** was the first person of Chinese descent to serve in the judiciary on the continental United States. Judge Wong was instrumental in creating SCCLA and served as a trailblazer and role model for Chinese and Asian Americans. This fellowship is endowed by the Wong family, c/o Messrs. Marshall and Kent Wong.

2020 SCCLA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

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2019 SCCLA FELLOWSHIP AWARDEES

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Judge Delbert E. Wong Fellowship

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Organized in 1975, the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association (SCCLA) provides mutual support for Chinese and Asian American lawyers, jurists, and law students in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

Goals

- Advance professional growth and interests of Chinese and Asian American lawyers, jurists, and law students;
- Improve access of Chinese and Asian American community to legal services; and
- Promote interests of Chinese American and broader Asian Pacific American communities.

SCCLA is an affiliate of the Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA). SCCLA works closely with other local Asian Pacific American bars and community organizations.

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SCCLA 2020 EVENTS

SCCLA held several events in 2020, many with the generous support of sister bar associations. SCCLA understands that it is more important than ever to stay connected and informed during the changing landscape caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and has hosted many of its events, including the Monthly Pro Bono Legal Aid Clinic, virtually for its members and the community.

Programs included SCCLA Cares, CLE panels, SCCLA's Annual Food Basket Drive, a series of panels on federal and state court clerkships, a mock interview program, Trivia Night, and a happy hour with the NAPABA candidates. SCCLA understands that it is more important than ever to stay connected and informed during the changing landscape caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and has hosted many of its events, including the Monthly Pro Bono Legal Aid Clinic, virtually for its members and the community. We hope you found these programs as informative and entertaining as we did.

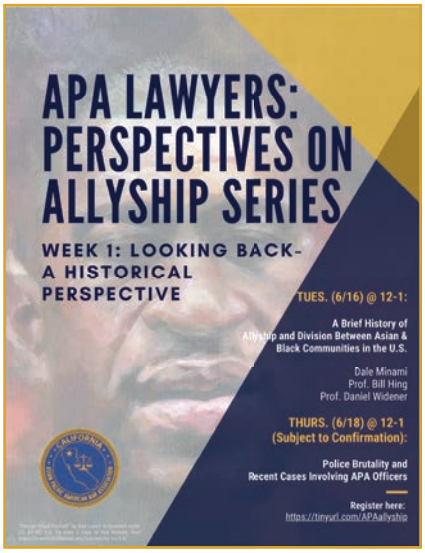
If you have an idea for a co-sponsored event or feedback on our programming, please contact us at info@sccla.org. We'd love to hear from you.

Pathways: Practicing Law at the Big and Mid-Sized Level

In one of our last in-person events before the pandemic, we hosted a program to shed light on traditional and non-traditional paths to careers in big and mid-sized law firms. Students and young associates had the opportunity to learn about navigating on-campus interviews, obtaining jobs when on-campus interviews do not go as planned, and striking a work-life balance as a young associate. More senior associates also had the opportunity to discuss how to transition from associates to partners and how to begin to build a book of business.

APA Lawyers: Perspectives on Allyship Series
SCCLA Presents Hate Crimes: Then and Now

SCCLA Secretary Vicki Chou moderated a panel involving Mack Jenkins, Chief of the Public Corruption Civil Rights Section at the US Attorney's Office, Brian Sun, SCCLA Past President and former Deputy General Counsel to the Christopher Commission, and Manjusha Kulkarni, Executive Director of A3PCON and this year's winner of the Delbert Earl Wong Service Award. In June 2020, the group discussed historical perspectives on hate crimes, including the 1992 Los Angeles uprising, and how present day trends seemed to be auguring a rise in hate crimes.

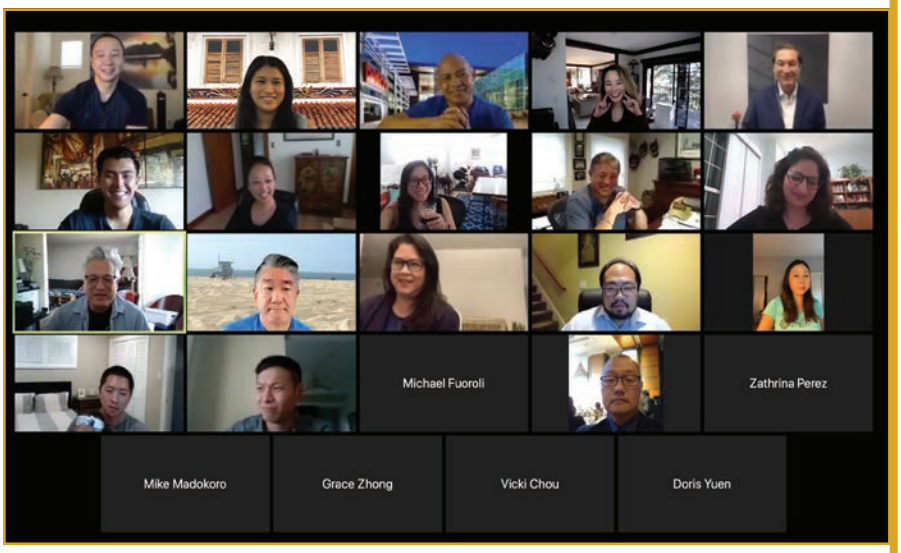


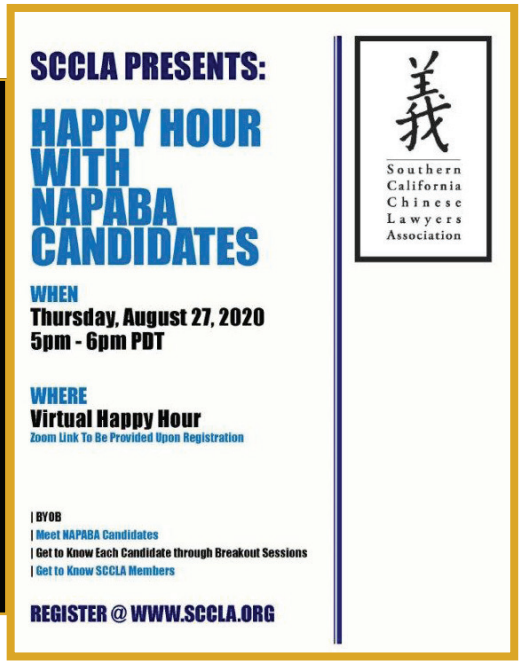
Jury Selection in The Time of Covid-19:
Preparing For and Identifying Anti-Asian Bias

Our panel — including a jury consultant, civil litigator, and the Federal Public Defender in Los Angeles — analyzed a hypothetical case study involving a China-based company, shared their techniques and approach to jury selection, and explored how they might tailor those methods in the current climate.

Happy Hour with NAPABA Candidates

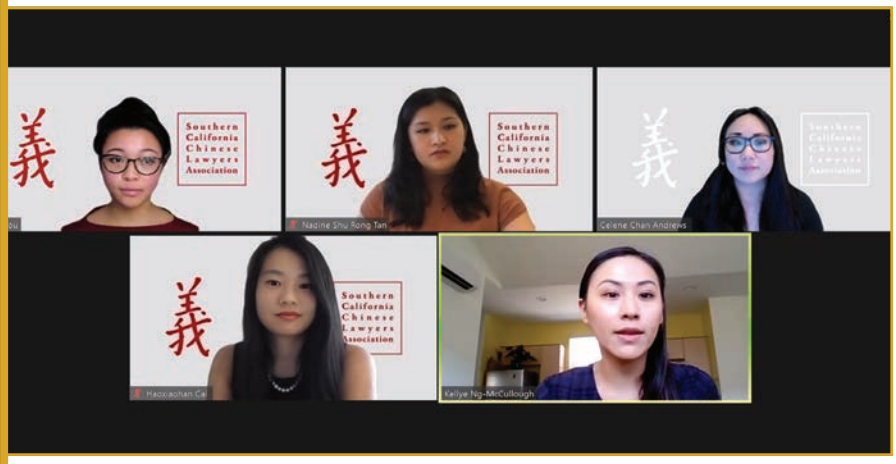
SCCLA hosted a summertime meet-and-greet with the NAPABA board candidates to provide a forum for attendees to learn more about each candidate and their plans for NAPABA. NAPABA's Executive Director Priya Purandare and members from various affiliate associations attended the complimentary program. As a NAPABA affiliate, SCCLA looks forward to future collaborations with NAPABA.





Federal Externships & Clerkships Series

SCCLA presented the first installment of its free clerkship panel series on October 15, 2020, during which former clerks and externs discussed aspects of federal externships and clerkships, including how to obtain a clerkship and make the most of the experience.



SCCLA Externships & Clerkships Series

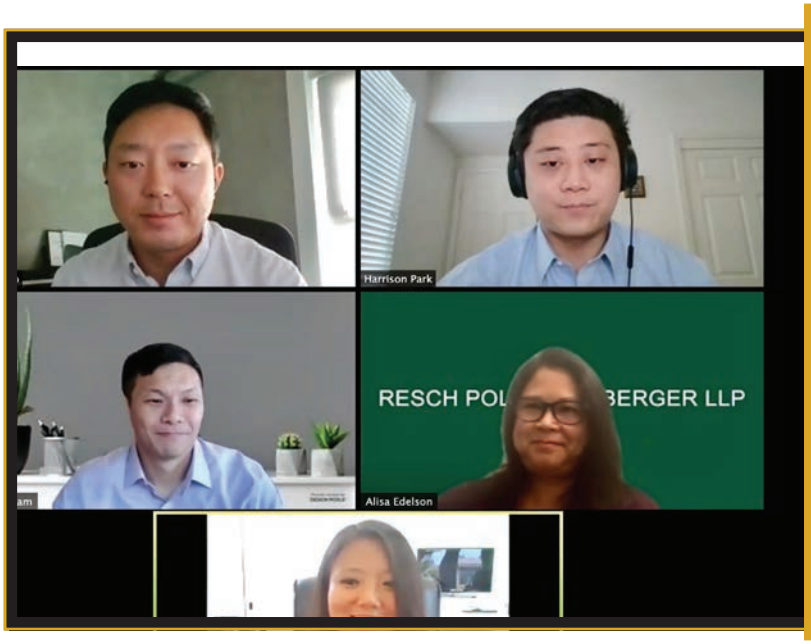
SCCLA presented the second installment of its Clerkship Panel Series on November 12, 2020, during which a panel of former clerks and externs discussed state court externships and clerkships, including how they differ from federal clerkships and externships.

Whiskey Tasting Night

On October 8, 2020, SCCLA hosted a virtual happy hour during which members tasted whiskey from the famous Kavalan Distillery, a Taiwanese whiskey distillery.

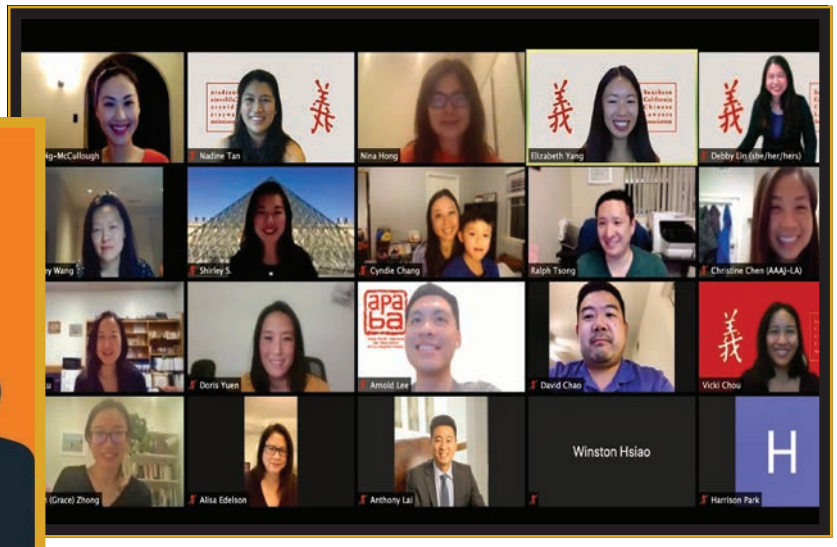
Bringing Your Best To A Virtual Interview

On October 20, 2020, SCCLA and KABA kicked off their Mock Interview Program for law students. The event featured a panel discussion of tips and tricks to ace a virtual interview during a pandemic. Students also had the opportunity to conduct individual mock interviews with attorney volunteers and receive one-on-one, personalized feedback.



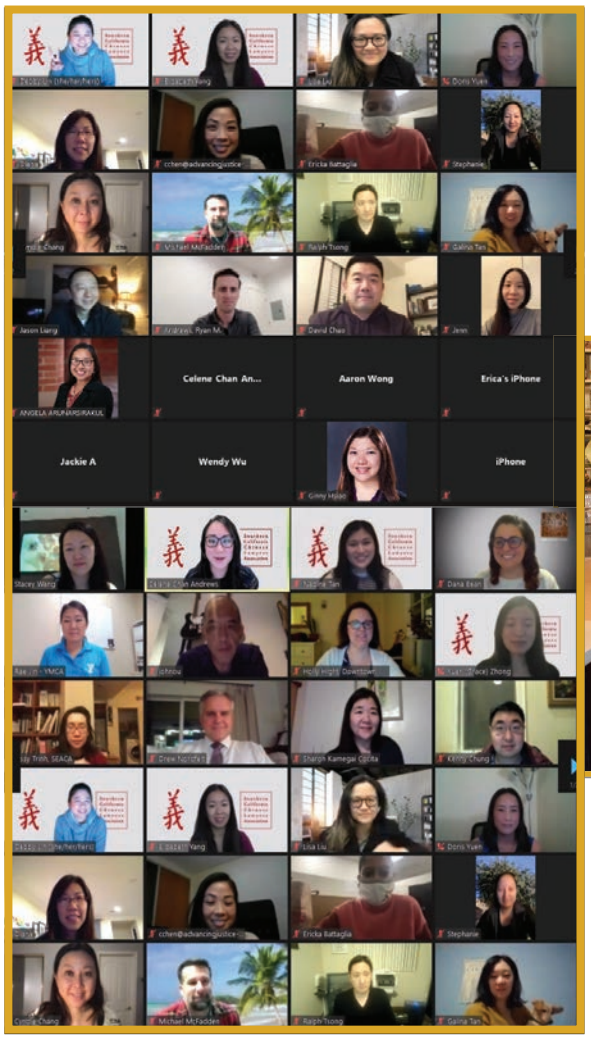
Annual Membership Meeting

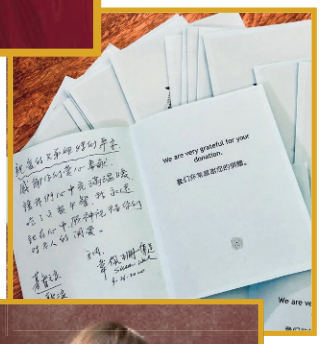
SCCLA held virtually its annual membership meeting on October 27, 2020. SCCLA provided committee reports to its members, an opportunity to socialize, and presented the swearing-in of the 2020 Board of Governors by the Honorable Elaine Lu, SCCLA Past President.



SCCLA Cares

On December 14, 2020, SCCLA hosted a virtual appreciation event recognizing the generous donors of SCCLA Cares. Through the SCCLA Cares program, SCCLA received 214 donations from 139 donors and consequently, was able to raise $8256 to provide 1,060 hot meals to communities in need. In addition, SCCLA is also grateful for two donors who made matching donations. The API group at the law firm of Holland & Knight, courtesy of partner Stacey Wang, made a $500 matching donation. Stacey, a SCCLA Past President, shared how SCCLA Cares enabled the firm to support minority businesses and give back to the community at the same time. Kenny Chung, Executive Vice President of Hong Kong Realty Management, Inc. and his family matched $400 in donations and donated $300 in in-kind donations for a total of $700 donated to SCCLA Cares.





Monthly Pro Bono Legal Aid Clinic

Since October 2003, SCCLA has conducted free legal clinics for the community on the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The clinic recognizes that there are immigrants in the Chinese community with limited English proficiency. The lack of language access has made it difficult to understand legal issues and legal rights in various areas of law. SCCLA seeks to minimize language access barriers by providing free legal information to the community, including in community members' native languages (*e.g.,* Mandarin and Cantonese dialects).

There is no income requirement. We thank our co-sponsor Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles (NLSLA). Volunteers are always welcome in any areas of law. Non-attorney volunteers can also assist with translation. For information, please visit our website at www.sccla.org.

SCCLA is pleased to announce that our monthly legal clinic has returned in a virtual format. Safely volunteer from your preferred location without a commute or social distancing.

Join SCCLA and NLSLA every third Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Our pro bono clinic is free and conducted telephonically.

Participants may speak with volunteer attorneys on a wide array of legal issues including family, immigration, business, employment, criminal, real estate, estate planning, probate, bankruptcy, consumer, intellectual property, and international law in English or Chinese (including Mandarin and Cantonese).

Attorneys, paralegals, translators, law students, and community members are welcome to volunteer. All language abilities welcome. Register here to volunteer: https://www.sccla.org/event-4032505

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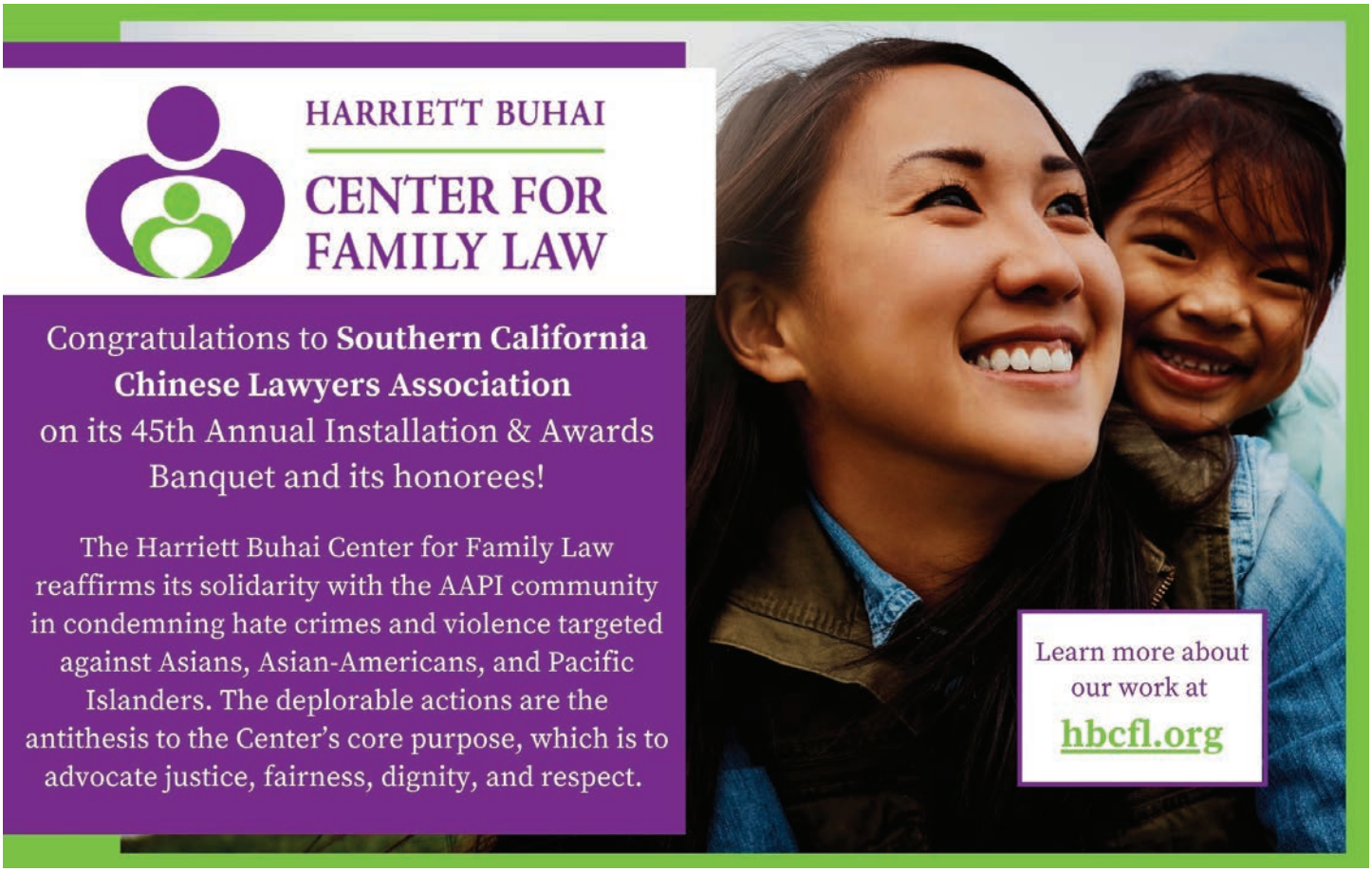

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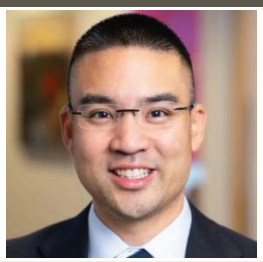

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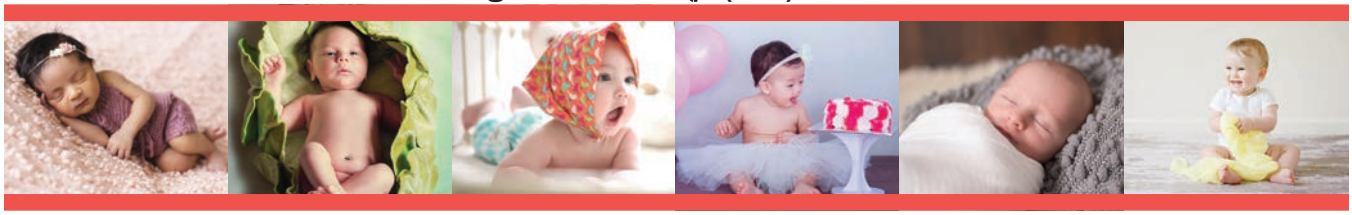

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