



Connecticut Asian Pacific American Bar Association E-Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Members, Friends and Colleagues,

We started the 2007-2008 bar year on a strong note. CAPABA's 7th Annual Dinner and Auction at Chengdu in West Hartford was our most successful annual dinner to date, thanks to the support of growing membership and sponsors. We also had our most well-attended CAPABA Luau this year at Winding Trails in Farmington, where we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon with our CAPABA colleagues and families.

The board has been working hard to serve you and the APA community. CAPABA's theme this year is "Strengthening Our Community through Active Participation." We believe active participation makes our community stronger. With this goal in mind, we have been working with the affinity bar associations to assist APA's in better understanding and navigating the court system. Inspired by NAPABA's "Access to Justice" project under the leadership of Amy Lin Meyerson, CAPABA founder and NAPABA's Immediate Past President, we are collaborating with the affinity bar associations to make access to courts a priority. This partnership has found a strong supporter in Chief Justice Chase Rogers. With her assistance, we are seeking to increase a number of services offered by the courts, including translation services offered to APAs. Since my departure from the Hartford area, Susan Kim, CAPABA's Past President, has been representing CAPABA's interests at meetings with Justice Rogers and advocating on behalf of the APA community. Justice Rogers is also reaching out to minority attorneys in the state by

scheduling focus group meetings. The first one is set to take place on November 27, 2007.

To solidify our goals and plans for the year, the board held a Strategic Planning Session. We revamped our committees and assigned new chairs to rejuvenate the committees.

We encourage you to join a committee and participate in our efforts to make a better and stronger CAPABA. The committees are: Community Affairs, Judiciary Endorsements Committee, Legislative Committee, and Membership Committee. We are also reinvigorating CAPABA's Mentorship Program.

We also have many events planned. Our first bar year Open Membership Meeting will be on December 6, and we will be welcoming to Connecticut Don Liu, General Counsel of Xerox. In association with the CHBA, we will be holding our Annual Career Development, Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Legal Profession Workshop at UConn Law.

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We are also very pleased to be the host of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) Northeast Regional Conference on May 3, 2008 at Dolce in Norwalk, Connecticut. We are seeking submissions for panel presentations and volunteers. If you have a suggestion or would like to help, please contact me or Amy Lin Meyerson.

Please contact me or a board member if you are interested in participating in any of the many committees and events we have this year.

Hope to see you at one of our events soon.

Best regards,

Angel

Don H. Liu, New GC at Xerox Corporation and CAPABA Member

By Amy Lin Meyerson CAPABA Director



CAPABA is pleased to welcome Don H. Liu as one of its newest members. Don joined Xerox Corporation in June as its General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. He is also a Senior Vice President for the corporation. Don was Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Toll Brothers, Inc.

prior to joining Xerox. Before Toll Brothers, Don was the Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of IKON Office Solutions where he was responsible for the supervision of IKON's legal and regulatory affairs and chaired the IKON Diversity Council, which promotes diversity within IKON and the community at large. Prior to joining IKON, Don was vice president and deputy

chief legal officer of Aetna U.S. Healthcare (and its predecessor entity, U.S. Healthcare) from 1992 to 1999. He previously worked as an associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, and then at Richards & O'Neil, after serving as a Law Clerk to Justice Stewart G. Pollock at the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

Don received his B.A. degree from Haverford College with Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa honors. He earned his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.

NAPABA and the Asian Pacific American legal community are fortunate beneficiaries of Don's extraordinary leadership. NAPABA proudly recognized Don as an icon who inspires others with his unparalleled service to our NAPABA community at our 17th Annual Convention in 2005, by naming him as the recipient of our first-ever NAPABA Icon Award.

The Award recognizes a person with a distinguished, exemplary legal career who, through outstanding and selfless dedication and leadership, serves as a catalyst for fundamental advancement of the ideals of NAPABA and the Asian Pacific American legal community. Among Don's numerous contributions to NAPABA over the years, one of the most significant was that while serving as In-House Counsel Committee chair, Don established the In-House Mentoring Program that fosters relationships between NAPABA's in-house counsel members. Additionally, when Don received the coveted Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) Justice in Action Award in February 2005, he helped AALDEF raise a record amount of donations.

The NAPABA Icon Award is a highly selective honor to be given by NAPABA's Board of Governors, in consultation with the NAPABA Law Foundation and NAPABA's Leadership Advisory Council. The honor is given only when the Board

believes that someone meets our stringent criteria. “The Award is all about extraordinary yet selfless contribution and leadership,” said Wilson Chu, former chair of the NAPABA Partners Committee, “and Don Liu is all about stepping up in the most selfless of ways.”

Welcome to Connecticut, Don! We look forward to working with you to advance APAs in the legal community and further promote diversity.

Sold Out - CAPABA's 7th Annual Dinner & Auction!

By Shirley S. Ma, CAPABA Director & Immediate Past President

The CAPABA 7th Annual Dinner and Auction was held on August 8th at Chengdu in West Hartford. The sold out event was a first in CAPABA history with many dignitaries on hand to celebrate another successful year. Attorney General Richard Blumenthal made a surprise appearance, and had just enough time to give opening remarks welcoming attendees before heading to Norwalk to provide testimony for the State. Chief State's Attorney Kevin Kane did the honors in introducing the keynote speaker, Dr. Henry Lee with the most memorable line of the evening, “The State calls Dr. Henry Lee.”

Dr. Lee regaled the audience with tales of forensics and crime scenes from around the world. In his signature style, Dr. Lee played up to dinner attendees by tossing out lapel pins, and English and Chinese versions of his latest book. Dr. Lee had previously addressed CAPABA attendees in 2003 when CAPABA hosted the NAPABA Northeast Regional Conference. His continuing interest and support of CAPABA was graciously acknowledged that evening.

CAPABA Director Susan Kim presented the CAPABA Diversity Award to the Hartford office of Jackson Lewis LLP. Managing Partner William

J. Anthony was present to receive the award on behalf of the firm. Mr. Anthony spoke of Jackson Lewis' commitment to diversity long before it was in vogue. Both CAPABA President Angel Y.C. Feng and President-Elect Tanya Wolanic are associates at Jackson Lewis LLP.

The evening concluded with Silent Auction winners going home with prizes such as original paintings, gift baskets, wine, a signed copy of Dr. Lee's book, tickets to UCONN football and basketball games, and Yankees tickets. We look forward to next year's Annual Dinner with gusto!

John J. Nazzaro Appointed as Judge of the Connecticut Superior Court

On August 21, 2007, John J. Nazzaro took the oath as the second APA to be sworn a Judge of the Connecticut Superior Court. Judge Nazzaro is the first American of Japanese descent to be appointed a Judge of the Superior Court. At the time of his appointment, Judge Nazzaro was the managing partner of the New London branch of Rome McGuigan and was board certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy in Civil Law, where his practice was predominantly criminal and civil litigation. Judge Nazzaro was a 1980 graduate of Southern Connecticut State University with a B.S. in Journalism and a 1984 graduate of Quinnipiac Law School. For further information contact the Honorable John J. Nazzaro at 860-608-4051.

CAPABA's Annual Luau

By Judge Nina Elgo, CAPABA Director

On September 22, 2007, CAPABA attracted 60 attendees to its third annual Luau at Winding Trails in Farmington, CT. Attorneys and their families from all around the state enjoyed delicious food and great weather with law students from both the University of Connecticut School of Law and Quinnipiac University School of Law. Attendees and their families enjoyed football, soccer, and softball,

and Board member Joe Khanna led a particularly competitive game of Ultimate Frisbee. Members shared with each other and the students networking strategies, experiences in their area of practice, and modeled the challenges and rewards of raising a family as practitioners in various areas of the law. The event was fun and informative for all.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Deputy Assistant State's Attorney Judicial District of Stamford/Norwalk G.A. #1, Stamford

Applications are being accepted for the full-time position of Deputy Assistant State's Attorney for the Judicial District of Stamford/Norwalk (PCN 5375). The duty station for this position will be at Geographical Area #1 in Stamford, and duties will be performed at the duty station or other geographical area offices within the Judicial District. Starting salary is \$2235.52 biweekly, plus fringe benefits and career ladder. Applicants must be admitted to practice in this state. Residency in the State of Connecticut is a prerequisite to appointment. Division of Criminal Justice application forms must be completed by all applicants. These forms may be obtained from the Office of the Chief State's Attorney, any State's Attorney's Office, or downloaded from the Division web site at www.ct.gov/csao.

The original and one (1) complete copy of all application documents, including resumes and law school transcripts, must be sent via U.S. Mail to: Hon. Richard N. Palmer, Chairman, Criminal Justice Commission, c/o Chief State's Attorney's

Office, 300 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill, CT 06067, Attn: DASA GA #1 (PCN 5375). In addition to the above requirements, one (1) complete copy of application documents, including resumes and law school transcripts, must be sent to: David I. Cohen, State's Attorney, Stamford/Norwalk Judicial District, State's Attorney's Office, 123 Hoyt Street, Stamford, CT 06905, Attn: DASA-GA #1(PCN 5375). Applications must be post-marked no later than October 25, 2007. Applications received by facsimile and e-mail will not be accepted. The Division of Criminal Justice is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

NORTHEAST UTILITIES BERLIN, CT (HARTFORD AREA) SYSTEM HEADQUARTERS

Northeast Utilities (NU) is a Fortune 500 diversified energy company and New England's largest electric utility system. With more than 2 million electric and natural gas customers in Connecticut, western Massachusetts and New Hampshire, we are committed to meeting our service area's energy needs, protecting the environment, and making positive contributions to the communities we serve. NU has the following openings:

- ***Assistant General Counsel***

We currently seek a seasoned legal professional with the proven background and expertise required to function as the Chief Regulatory Lawyer for NU and its subsidiaries, in our Hartford, CT location.

The successful candidate will call on his/her diverse background to serve as the principal legal counsel to the President of The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) and Yankee Gas Services Company. Responsibilities include the establishment of regulatory policy and the analysis of Connecticut legislation. Additionally, the Assistant General Counsel has supervisory and

administrative responsibilities. For consideration, please apply on-line to: www.nu.com
Please use Requisition # S-07-00440

• **Attorney- Federal Regulatory**

Northeast Utilities (“NU”) seeks to hire a junior to mid-level Attorney for its federal regulatory practice, with a concentration in transmission-related legal issues.

The successful candidate will provide legal support and advice to the NU Companies’ Transmission Group. The individual will participate in a variety of regulatory proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and related appeals, the Independent System Operator - New England, and the New England Power Pool stakeholder organization. The successful candidate will also handle a wide range of transactional work, including legal issues associated with transmission contracts, transmission services, and transmission rates. In addition, the successful candidate advises business clients on the impact of applicable energy law, rules and regulations. Experience with FERC regulatory proceedings and ISO-NE and NEPOOL proceedings will be favorably considered. For consideration, please apply on-line to: www.nu.com
Please use Requisition # S-06-00310

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date!

Public Service and Trust Commission - Judicial Department Focus Group

When: Tuesday, November 27th

Where: 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield

Time: 5 – 7 pm

Career Development Workshop “Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Legal Profession”

Kick off for the Mentor/Mentee Program

When: To be determined

Where: UConn School of Law, Hartford

Open Membership Meeting & Welcome to Connecticut Reception for Xerox GC Don Liu

When: Thursday, December 6th

Where: Pepe & Hazard LLP

30 Jelliff Lane, Southport

Time: 7 - 9 pm

NAPABA Northeast Regional Conference

When: Saturday, May 3, 2008

Where: Dolce, Norwalk

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