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As it had for its first twenty years, in the beginning years of the 2020s, CAPABA has continued to be an important center of professional life for AAPI lawyers in Connecticut.

In the community, CAPABA representatives continue to be a prominent face of Asian-American professional leadership in Connecticut, addressing lawmakers, change agents, freshly sworn-in attorneys, undergraduate students, law students, and high schoolers.



Our connections with our sister and brother affinity bars continue to strengthen through shared events, including last month's corporate-sponsored mixer, which was followed days later by a jointly bar-sponsored fundraiser for Maui wildfire relief.

From a winery in Glastonbury, to a brewery in Branford, to dim sum in Flushing, New York, our membership gathers regularly. I welcome these opportunities to relax and enjoy the special kind of camaraderie I only experience when with others who also get viewed as "model minorities" and "forever foreign."

We convened mid-career AAPI lawyers to answer the question "Why Go In-House?" and listened with fascination as the Connecticut Historical Society taught us about the boys of the Chinese Educational Mission living with host families in 1880s Connecticut.

We've also gathered (sometimes virtually) to laud our award-winning colleagues, as Dan Brody received the Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity's award recognizing a lawyer of distinction under the age of 40 who has demonstrated a commitment to developing diverse young lawyers in Connecticut. And, earlier this year, Tanyee Cheung, CAPABA Vice President - Programs, received the CBA Pathways to Leadership for Women "Ladder Award."

Our efforts to combat and defuse Anti-Asian hate continue. We aim to break the cycle in which dehumanizing rhetoric leads to hate, and hate leads to violence. Special thanks to Michelle Querijero and Amy Lin Meyerson for their service on the state Hate Crimes Advisory Council, on which CAPABA holds a statutorily mandated seat.

Finally, this recitation would not be complete without recognizing my predecessor, Dan Brody, who steered CAPABA through its Covid years. CAPABA remained active and important due to Dan's leadership and determination.

We're looking forward to our next twenty years. Thanks for joining us this evening to celebrate the past and anticipate the future.

*Carolyn Aiko Ikari*  
October 25, 2023



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*Presented by Ginny Kim*

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Welcome to tonight's 20th Annual Gala Dinner. CAPABA was founded in 2000 by Attorney Amy Lin Meyerson, who also served as our first President. When Amy moved to Connecticut in 1999, she found that our state lacked a bar association that represented the needs and promoted the career development of Asian Americans. Thus, she set out to create the Connecticut affiliate of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA).

With the encouragement and support of NAPABA, the UConn School of Law, the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA) and other attorneys of color, Amy established a small but dedicated network of attorneys of Asian and Pacific descent who shared the vision of creating a NAPABA affiliate in Connecticut. The CBA lent its assistance by hosting CAPABA's website during its early years, and the UConn School of Law hosted functions where prospective CAPABA members could meet to facilitate its foundation.

On May 1, 2000, CAPABA was incorporated and on May 20, 2000, held its first organizational meeting. CAPABA's inaugural officers and directors were Amy Lin Meyerson (President and Director), Mony P.B. Yin (Vice-President and Director), Mary Chang (Secretary and Director), Ivan K. Fong (Director) and James Wu (Director).

CAPABA's First Annual Dinner was held on July 30, 2001, at Butterfly Restaurant in West Hartford with approximately thirty attendees. In 2003, only three years after its incorporation, CAPABA hosted its first NAPABA Northeast Regional Conference, which drew a substantial number of attendees. In 2008, 2011, and again in 2018, CAPABA hosted the NAPABA Northeast Regional Conferences, drawing hundreds of attendees from multiple states. Every year since its founding, CAPABA's Annual Gala Dinner attracts lawyers, judges, law



students, and other legal professionals to gather in a celebration of the year's accomplishments and to look forward to those to come. Our Annual Gala Dinners also provide us an opportunity to recognize those in the legal profession who have provided exemplary service and support to our mission or the APA community.

In 2006, the CAPABA Educational Foundation was established as a non-profit educational affiliate of CAPABA. Each year, the Foundation oversees the annual award of the CAPABA Educational Foundation Scholarship. The Scholarship is intended to be awarded each academic year to an Asian Pacific American law student who demonstrates leadership potential, excellence in academia, and a firm commitment to and involvement with the Asian American community in Connecticut. Scholarships are awarded each year at CAPABA's Annual Dinner.

CAPABA celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the middle of the global COVID-19 pandemic on May 20, 2020 and pivoted from in-person events to online events throughout 2020 and 2021, including a Wine and Whiskey Tasting, a panel on Anti-Asian Violence, and Holiday Parties, as well as outdoor get-togethers. While we have been unable to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in-person until today, we were proud to continue our outreach remotely until we could safely return to in-person events again.

CAPABA has steadily grown, and today proudly includes attorneys in the private and public sectors, in-house counsel, judges, professors, law students and others who support CAPABA's mission. CAPABA currently has three regional committees in Fairfield County, Hartford County and New Haven County to better serve the needs of APA communities throughout Connecticut and to provide more frequent and readily accessible opportunities for CAPABA's members to attend and participate in various events and initiatives throughout the year and collaborate with each other.

We are delighted to celebrate CAPABA again in-person with you!

# ***THE YEAR(S) IN REVIEW***

## ***2019-2023***

It's been an incredible few years. COVID-19 hit the world hard, and CAPABA pivoted along with everyone else to creative ways to get together. Look back with us and see what we've been doing for the last few years.

### ***2019-2020***

As 2019 came to an end after our last in-person Gala, we all looked forward to CAPABA's upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We began the bar year with our annual meeting, where our officers for the 2019-2020 term were sworn in under the leadership of President Dan Brody. Each of CAPABA's three regional subcommittees held holiday parties to close out the year along with the traditional White Elephant gift exchange.

In February, 2020, CAPABA members with STEM backgrounds presented a panel on Careers in Law for a group of about fifty students before the UCONN Pan-Asian Council. The panel focused on legal career options for college graduates with a STEM degree. CAPABA members also volunteered to conduct mock interviews for students at Quinnipiac University School of Law, coordinated by the law school's APALSA chapter and career center. CAPABA also planned a panel discussion about Asian-American immigration and the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 in connection with a performance of the Chinese Lady at Long Wharf Theatre in late March, 2020.

Everything changed, however, with the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to the rapid spread of the coronavirus, Asian-Americans began experiencing a significant uptick in anti-Asian violence. On March 19, 2020, CAPABA signed onto a NAPABA statement condemning the use of terms like "Chinese Virus" and "Wuhan virus" and calling for action against the racial attacks those statements lead to. As the world, including the legal profession, pivoted to remote work, CAPABA also organized a COVID-19 task force to address instances of anti-Asian racism experienced by members and developed a COVID-19 Resource Guide to offer support to those affected by the coronavirus, including resources to report incidents of anti-Asian racism.

In April and May 2020, CAPABA hosted a Stay Connected Game Night series to support members and Asian restaurants. The winner of each game night received a \$50 gift card to a local Asian restaurant.

In June, 2020, CAPABA Founder Amy Lin Meyerson was sworn in as Connecticut Bar Association president. CAPABA co-sponsored a virtual panel discussion with the CBA titled “Asian American Experiences under COVID-19: Looking Back to Move Forward in the Legal Profession,” moderated by CAPABA member Michelle Querijero. The panel discussed discrimination against Asian-Americans throughout history and examined how COVID-19 inflamed anti-Asian biases as well as strategies to counter biases in the legal profession. CAPABA Members Tanya Boveé and Michelle Querijero also participated in the CBA’s first virtual Connecticut Legal Conference in September, 2020 for a panel titled Women in the Legal Profession through the Decades.



In October, CAPABA also organized an outdoor, in-person, socially-distanced Autumn Picnic at Elizabeth Park in October, 2020. This was our first in-person event since March, 2020. But the COVID-19 virus was still active and was beginning to spike again as the weather grew colder, so this would be one of CAPABA’s last in-person events for a while. Late in October, 2020, CAPABA and the other affinity bars co-sponsored a virtual panel developed with the CBA’s DE&I Committee titled “Law Firm Retention: the Achilles Heel of Diversity.” CAPABA member Tanya Boveé spoke on this panel and offered advice on retaining diverse employees as they move through their legal careers.

As the year came to a close, CAPABA and the CHBA co-sponsored a joint 2020 Year End Reflection and Virtual Celebration, with a keynote address by the Honorable Richard A. Robinson and the presentation of scholarships. It was hard to process the changes the last year had wrought, but getting together virtually helped us do it.

And not to be outdone, CAPABA’s traditional Holiday Party also continued, albeit virtually, organized by CAPABA member Yuri Min, who orchestrated a complex, virtual White Elephant gift exchange and the delivery of CAPABA Goody Bags by CAPABA Elves.



2021

CAPABA continued its tradition of assisting in mock interviews of UConn Law and Quinnipiac Law students as both schools pivoted to virtual interviews. In March, 2021, CAPABA members Wonchi Ju and Andrew Feng organized a special remote wine and whiskey tasting night. This amazing event included the delivery of wines and whiskeys to members, guided by a wine professional who led over a hundred members virtually through the tasting process. Many thanks to Janine Sacco from the Wine Thief for guiding us!

That moment was not to last as anti-Asian violence continued to escalate throughout 2020 and 2021, culminating in a targeted series of attacks on Asian-American women in Georgia in March, 2021 in which

eight women were killed, six of whom were Asian-American. CAPABA immediately issued a statement and organized a virtual panel titled “Stand Up, Speak Out, Be Seen: Moving from Violence to Equity & Inclusion for Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.” The panel featured CAPABA Community Award recipient Mike Keo, along with Dr. William Howe and Anastasia King from the US Attorney’s Office and was moderated by CAPABA member Michelle Querijero.



Before an audience of over 200 people, the panelists explored the history of anti-Asian violence in America, the experience of growing up as an Asian-American, and steps to de-escalate violence. The US Attorney’s Office also presented on laws against hate crimes and resources available to the public in combating hate. This panel was the most far-reaching and successful panel CAPABA has presented to date, and a recording of it can be found on CAPABA’s website.

In March and April, 2021, CAPABA members spoke at numerous rallies around Connecticut addressing anti-Asian violence. CAPABA collaborated with the UCONN Law Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) and the Quinnipiac Law APALSA to organize a Unity Rally Condemning Asian Hate in Bushnell Park in Hartford in April, 2021. A large CAPABA contingent attended and spoke.



In June, 2021, CAPABA Founder Amy Lin Meyerson was named co-chair of Governor Lamont’s Hate Crimes Advisory Council. CAPABA member Michelle Querijero was designated as an *ex officio* member of the Council on behalf of CAPABA. The Council immediately began researching best practices to address hate crimes. The Council examined possible improvements in reporting, law enforcement practices, community engagement, sentencing and statutory reforms. After over a year of work, the Council published its first [Annual Report](#) in October, 2022, making sweeping recommendations to reduce hate crimes and hate incidents in the state of Connecticut. The Council is continuing its work and has just published its second [Annual Report](#), which details work the Council has done to improve police reporting of hate-based crimes and bias incidents and ongoing work to develop a community-based reporting tool.

In June, 2021, CAPABA Member Dan Brody was selected by the Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity to receive its 2021 Carolyn Golden Hebsgaard Award as part of the organization’s annual Edwin Archer Randolph Diversity Awards. The recognition is named in honor of Carolyn Golden Hebsgaard, the founding executive director of the Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity, who spearheaded initiatives designed to identify, recruit, advance, and retain young attorneys of color in the Connecticut legal profession.



In August, 2021, CAPABA held a summer picnic, “Cookin’ Out with CAPABA”, at Fern Park in Hartford. Hartford-area members and UCONN

APALSA students joined together to grill burgers, hot dogs and s'mores together.

In the fall of 2021, CAPABA members attended the annual NAPABA Conference. CAPABA continued its in-person events in October, 2021, with a (late) Moon Festival celebration at Tribus Brewing. This event brought CAPABA members from around the state together for the first time in over a year. CAPABA members enjoyed catching over drinks and food and participated in a trivia matchup sponsored by Tribus. CAPABA closed out the year in December with a return to in-person holiday parties.



### 2022-2023

2022 began with a changing of the guard, as CAPABA elected a new Board of Directors and Officer slate, this time led by President Carolyn Ikari with many thanks to Dan Brody for his leadership during the pandemic.

CAPABA started out the year again participating in both UCONN Law's and Quinnipiac Law's mock interview program, which was again held virtually. In May, CAPABA held an in-person Spring Networking Event at Trumbull Kitchen in Hartford.



After a summer hiatus, CAPABA began planning numerous in-person events for the fall. In September, CAPABA hosted a summer picnic at Crystal Ridge Winery in South Glastonbury. Later that month, CAPABA also hosted a bocce tournament at Pinstripes in Norwalk. Events continued with a fall

brunch at Harvest in Westport as well as a networking mixer at Koma in Hartford. In October, CAPABA held a "Collabrewtive Happy Hour" at Thimble Island Brewery in Branford. Members were invited to stop by Creative Artways before the event to celebrate CAPABA

member Quyen Truong's art works in a public showing. CAPABA also made its usual strong showing at the NAPABA Convention. The year closed with CAPABA's traditional Holiday parties.



In February, 2023, CAPABA also joined the other affinity bars in co-sponsoring a Wellness Dance Event in New Haven in February, 2023. In this event, the first of its kind, members of the UCONN Bhangra team showed attendees how to relieve stress through dance.

In March, 2023, CAPABA celebrated Vice President Tanyee Cheung, the 2023 recipient of the Ladder Award, which honors a woman attorney who has “left the ladder down” for those women who follow in her footsteps. CAPABA members attended this event at the Aqua Turf to see Tan receive her award and hear the keynote delivered by the Honorable Nina Elgo. CAPABA also co-sponsored an Affinity Bar Mixer with the other affinity bars in late March.

In April, 2023, CAPABA Founder Amy Lin Meyerson and CAPABA Vice President Michelle Querijero gave a virtual presentation on the Hate Crimes Advisory Council's activities to the AAPI Democratic caucus to update them on the Council's efforts to reduce hate crimes in Connecticut.



In May, 2023, CAPABA scheduled a Special Tour at the Connecticut Historical Society Museum to view their exhibit *Journeys: Boys of the Chinese Educational Mission*. CAPABA members were treated to a tour with Research Historian Karen Li Miller, who curated the exhibit. The [Chinese](#)

[Educational Mission](#) began in 1872, bringing over 100 Chinese boys to live with host families and attend school throughout Connecticut. The Mission ended with rising anti-Chinese sentiment and the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act in 1882.



CAPABA President Carolyn Ikari and Past President Dan Brody also participated in NAPABA's Lobby Day in May 2023. The NAPABA Annual Lobby Day is an opportunity for NAPABA members from across the country to educate members of Congress and Congressional staffers on issues of importance to the Asian Pacific American community. Lobby Day also gives members an active role in promoting NAPABA's mission of advocating for justice, equity, and opportunity for Asian Pacific American



In July 2023, Dan Brody and Hanna Kim were selected to join the NAPABA Leadership Advancement Program. This program is designed to build leadership skills and foster relationships with peers.

Whew!

It has been a busy couple of years since we were able to host our Gala, but in that time CAPABA hosted many events, in-person and virtual, which promoted our mission and helped support our members. We regularly co-sponsored events with our sister organizations around Connecticut. We also supported law students and area non-profits. We fundraised, we raised awareness on important issues, and most importantly, we connected people to each other. We're glad to be back with you in-person again and look forward connecting in the future soon!

## ***CAPABA COMMUNITY AWARD***

### ***MIKE KEO***



**MIKE KEO** is a storyteller and community builder. He is the founder of #IAMNOTAVIRUS, an online campaign that highlighted Asian American stories during the tide of anti-Asian discrimination during the pandemic, to take back the narrative by and for Asian Americans.

Through partnerships, Mike designed a coloring book of Asian American heroes and an Asian American mental health workbook. He and others successfully advocated for federal hate crime legislation, known as the No Hate Act. He is the Senior Communications Officer at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and currently serves on Governor Lamont's Hate Crimes Advisory Council.

Mike also successfully advocated for Connecticut legislation requiring that AAPI history be taught in grades K-12 in CT. He also launched a program for Asian American and Black students to find deeper understanding of each other and their families. Mike is a parent leader in his children's schools and volunteers as the Director of Programming at the Cambodian Buddhist Society of CT. In 2023, Mike was recognized in CT Magazine's 40 Under 40, influential young people changing the game in Connecticut and beyond.

Congratulations to Mike!

**CAPABA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION  
SCHOLARSHIP  
2023  
*LALLANE GUIAO-SENG***



**LALLANE GUIAO-SENG** originally hails from Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. She currently works for the state legislative branch under the Auditors of Public Accounts as a performance auditor. Previously, she spent four years as an auditor for the Office of the Public Auditor in Saipan before transitioning as a clerk for the

United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI). During her time at the District Court, she drafted and published the Court's second edition of its *Pro Se* Handbook. She also oversaw the compilation of the Court's history exhibit in anticipation for the grand opening of its new courtroom. Also, during this time, she participated and was selected as class speaker for the CNMI's Summer Pre-Law Program which encouraged residents to pursue a degree in law by offering participants two introductory law courses taught by mainland law professors.

After this and with encouragement from the District Court of the NMI, Lallane moved to Connecticut with her family to pursue her JD. She has a bachelor's degree in government from Wesleyan University and a master's in public administration from Indiana Wesleyan University. She is now attending the University of Connecticut School of Law in its evening division where she also serves as a member of the Negotiation Dispute and Resolution Society and the 1LE representative of the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association.

Congratulations to Lallane!

# ***JUSTIN J. SHIGEMI SCHOLARSHIP***

## **AUDREY HUYNH**



**AUDREY HUYNH** is a second-year student at Yale Law School. At Yale, Audrey is a member of the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic and a Policy Editor for the Yale Law & Policy Review. She also serves as Co-President of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, Co-Chair of the Clinical Student Board, Co-Chair of the Immigrant Justice Project, and a Research Assistant for the Global Constitutionalism Seminar. Audrey spent last summer as a law clerk with the Federal Public Defender of Oregon.

Prior to law school, Audrey served as an immigration and judiciary legislative aide in the United States Senate. Before working in Congress, she also served as a John Gardner Public Service Fellow at the Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition, where she provided direct legal services for immigrant adults and children and worked on strategic impact litigation in the Fourth Circuit to advance immigrants' rights.

Originally from Charlotte, North Carolina, Audrey graduated from Stanford University with a B.A. in International Relations and Human Rights with honors and distinction in 2019. Her honors thesis "'The Black Blouse Girl': The History of Sexual Violence in the Vietnam War and Opportunities for Justice" was awarded the International Relations Departmental Thesis Prize. She also received the Campus Impact Award and the University Award of Excellence and was selected by her professors and classmates as a Class of 2019 commencement speaker.

Congratulations to Audrey!

# ***CAPABA RISING STAR AWARD***

## **DAN BRODY**



**DAN BRODY** is a member of Robinson + Cole's Litigation Section. He focuses his practice on complex business litigation in state and federal courts, white collar enforcement and investigations, corporate compliance and criminal defense. Dan has been selected as a Rising Star to the Connecticut Super Lawyers list from 2019 to 2022, as

a New Leader in the Law by the CT Law Tribune and selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America in Criminal Defense: White Collar for 2022 and 2023.

Dan was awarded the Lawyer's Collaborative for Diversity (LCD) Carolyn Golden Hebsgaard award for his contributions to diversity equity and inclusion and the UConn Law Alumni Association Graduates of the Last Decade award. Dan maintains a significant pro bono practice, in particular the firm's Domestic Violence Restraining Order program. Dan is currently serving as co-chair of the CBA's Pro Bono Committee and has volunteered at covid-legal clinics.

Dan has been involved in CAPABA since 2016, serving terms as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and President, for which he served for two terms through the COVID-19 pandemic. He focused on pipeline initiatives and mentorship for young and aspiring lawyers, leading to annual CAPABA panels and events with law schools and undergrad students. Dan dedicated countless hours speaking and engaging with nearly every APALSA student in the region. He also led CAPABA's response to anti-Asian bullying during the pandemic.

Dan will soon be sworn in as a National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) Regional Governor. He is currently co-chair of NAPABA's Young Lawyer's Network and a member of NAPABA's Leadership Advancement Program. Most of all, he genuinely cares about CAPABA, NAPABA and its members and community.

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- An annual award to recognize attorneys and legal professional staff who have made outstanding contributions that help drive a more inclusive culture; and
- Travelers' sponsorship of the newly created Asian American Insurance Network and the NAPABA annual convention.

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- Jackson Lewis has been a member of Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity since its founding and is proud to have mentored numerous law students over the years.
- Jackson Lewis is a founding member of the Asian American Insurance Network, which is led by Jackson Lewis principal Peter Woo.
- In 2017, Jackson Lewis was the first law firm to join the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion™ pledge, the largest CEO-driven business commitment to advance diversity and inclusion in the workplace.
- In 2020, Jackson Lewis joined the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) Stand Against Hate Pledge, denouncing the anti-Asian hate, violence, and racism related to COVID-19.
- Jackson Lewis joined the Law Firm Antiracism Alliance, a program whose purpose is to “leverage the resources of the private bar to amplify the voices of communities and

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- Jackson Lewis is a Mansfield Certified Plus firm for the fourth year in a row, having affirmatively considered women, attorneys of color, LGBTQ+ attorneys, and attorneys with disabilities for recruitment, governance roles, equity partner promotions, and inclusion in formal pitches to clients. The firm achieved “Plus” status for exceeding the baseline certification requirements.
- Jackson Lewis is ranked #25 on Law360’s 2023 Diversity Snapshot report, which scores law firms based on their percentage of minority attorneys.
- Jackson Lewis was listed among Seramount’s 2023 “Best Law Firms for Women and Diversity.” This list distinguishes the U.S. law firms who are utilizing best practices in recruiting, retaining, promoting, and developing women attorneys and attorneys from underrepresented groups, including attorneys of color.
- Jackson Lewis ranked #26, the highest among Labor and Employment firms, out of 200-plus Am Law 200 and NLJ 250 firms in The American Lawyer’s 2023 Diversity Scorecard.



## ***CAPABA IMPACT AWARD***

### **DANIEL S. JO**



**DANIEL S. JO** is a partner at the law firm of Silver Golub & Teitell LLP in Stamford, Connecticut where he focuses his practice in the areas of medical malpractice, serious personal injury, and product liability. His clients are individuals who have suffered life-altering injuries and those who have lost their spouses, children, parents, and siblings because of negligent or

reckless conduct of others. In his early years with the firm, Daniel represented victims of Bernard Madoff's multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme, family members of those who lost their lives because of product defects, and business owners engaged in hotly contested financial actions against institutional defendants.

Daniel began his legal career at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP in New York where he was an associate within the firm's Litigation Department representing corporate clients in a wide range of matters, including the Enron class action, the SEC's investigation of the New York Stock Exchange, and long-term supply contract disputes between major players within the aluminum and beverage industries.

Daniel joined as an officer and board member of CAPABA in 2012 and served as President from 2015 to 2016. He currently serves on CAPABA's Advisory Board and is the President of the CAPABA Educational Foundation. From 2019 to 2022, Daniel served on the Cornell Law School Alumni Association Executive Board and was the President of the Cornell Alumni Network of Asian Lawyers. He is also a member of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association and the Fairfield County Bar Association.

Congratulations to Daniel!

## ***CAPABA IMPACT AWARD***

### **AMY LIN MEYERSON**



**AMY LIN MEYERSON** is in the third year of her American Bar Association (ABA) Board term. She currently chairs the Board's Profession, Public Service and Diversity (PPSD) Committee and serves on the ABA Executive Committee. She has also served as chair of the ABA Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division (2014-2015); is a member of the ABA House of Delegates and served on its Admissions and Credentials (2018-2020) and ABA Scope and Correlation of Work (2020-2021) Committees. Meyerson chaired the ABA Solo and Small Firm Caucus (2012-2013) and served as the ABA Alternate Deputy Representative to the United Nations and Vice-Chair of the ABA UN Representatives and Observers (2020-2021).

Amy is the Founder and first President of the Connecticut Asian Pacific American Bar Association, which she founded in 2000. Meyerson was also the first Asian Pacific American and 97th President of the Connecticut Bar Association (2020-2021). She served as President of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (2005-2006) and President of the NAPABA Law Foundation (2016-2018). Amy is the recipient of numerous recognitions and awards, including the 2021 NAPABA Daniel K. Inouye Trailblazer Award and the LCD Edwin Archer Randolph Award.

Amy currently co-chairs the Connecticut Hate Crimes Advisory Council and is a member of the newly created Connecticut Civics Education and Media Literacy Task Force and the CBA's Civics Education committee. In January, 2024, Amy Lin Meyerson will be sworn in as a magistrate judge in the Danbury, Litchfield and Waterbury judicial districts.

Congratulations to Amy!

# ***CAPABA IMPACT AWARD***

## **AN-PING HSIEH**



### **AN-PING HSIEH**

Before retiring in 2019, Ping was the senior vice president, general counsel and secretary at Hubbell Incorporated, where he was responsible for the company's legal, governance, compliance, internal audit, and environmental, health and safety functions. Prior to joining Hubbell in 2012, Ping had a 16-year career at United Technologies Corporation (now RTX). He began as the chief legal officer for Otis Elevator's Asia Pacific Area region, headquartered in Singapore. He rose to positions of increasing responsibility as deputy general counsel of Otis, general counsel of UTC's then Fire & Security division, and then as vice president, secretary and associate general counsel of United Technologies.

Ping believes strongly in our obligation to give back to the community. He currently serves as the Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Hartford, Vice Chair of the Simsbury Performing Arts Center, and is also on the Board of the Greater Hartford Legal Aid Foundation. Over the years he has served on the board of CAPABA, the Long Wharf Theatre in New Haven, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Connecticut, the Connecticut Lawyers' Collaborative for Diversity, and the Mark Twain House.

When not planning his next trip to Singapore to visit his first grandchild, Ping is an adjunct professor at UConn School of Law.

Congratulations to Ping!

## ***KEYNOTE SPEAKER***

**WILLIAM TONG**

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**WILLIAM TONG** is the 25<sup>th</sup> Attorney General to serve Connecticut since the office was established by the Connecticut Constitution in 1897. He first took office in 2019 and is currently serving his second term.

Attorney General Tong is a national leader in many of the most consequential lawsuits and investigations in our country today, including bipartisan, multistate efforts to hold the addiction industry accountable for their role in the opioid crisis; to restore fair competition and prices in the generic drug industry; to hold social media giants accountable for the harms they may cause to kids and young people; to stop robocall scammers; and to ensure corporations safeguard our personal information from misuse and respect consumers' rights regarding the collection and use of their information.

Attorney General Tong previously practiced for 18 years as a litigator in both state and federal courts. He served for 12 years as a State Representative in the Connecticut General Assembly, where he served as House Chairman of the Judiciary Committee as well as the Banking Committee.

During his service in the legislature, Attorney General Tong was the author and driver of several major Connecticut laws, helping lead the state's efforts against gun violence and domestic violence, among many other critical laws and initiatives.

A Connecticut native, Attorney General Tong grew up in the Hartford area and attended schools in West Hartford. He graduated from Phillips Academy Andover, Brown University, and the University of Chicago Law School.

Attorney General Tong is the oldest of five children and grew up working side-by-side with his immigrant parents in their family's Chinese restaurant. He and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Stamford with their three children and way too many pets. Elizabeth is the Vice President of Tax for North America for Diageo Corporation.

In quieter moments, General Tong likes to fly fish (and tie flies), try all the great foods and restaurants across Connecticut and is an amateur carpenter and cook.

He is the first Asian American elected to statewide office in Connecticut history, and the first Chinese American to be elected Attorney General nationwide.

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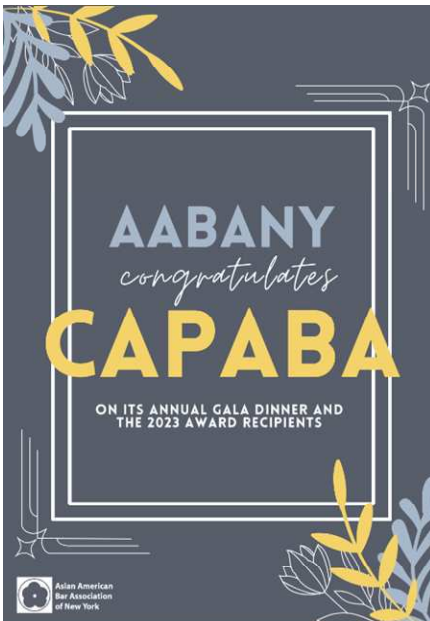
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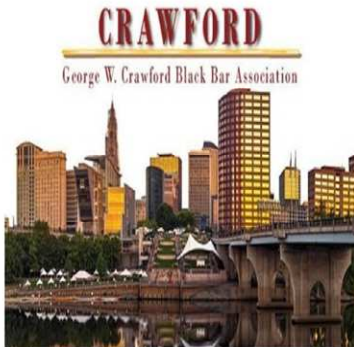


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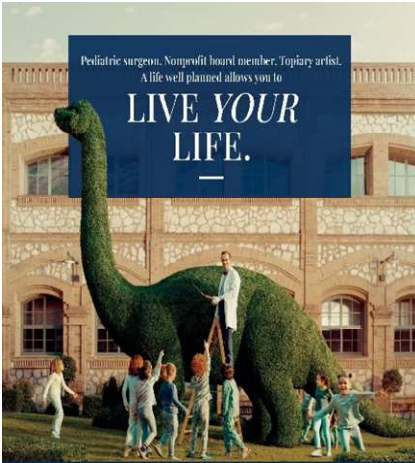
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