



NAPABA'S

**BEST  
LAWYERS  
UNDER  
FORTY**

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**2012 HONOREES REACHING  
MONUMENTAL HEIGHTS**

**ONE LAWYER WAS PART OF A HIGH-PROFILE ANTITRUST CASE THAT WAS SELECTED AS ONE OF THE *DAILY JOURNAL'S* "TOP VERDICTS OF THE YEAR" IN 2011. THE LEGAL TEAM WAS ABLE TO CONVINCE A JURY TO RULE IN THEIR FAVOR, WHICH DROPPED A POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS CLAIM AMOUNTING TO \$1.7 BILLION TO WHAT THE JURY DECIDED WAS VALUED AT \$3.5 MILLION.**

**OTHER ATTORNEYS HAVE WON CASES ON BEHALF OF LOW-WAGE NAIL SALON WORKERS. ONE IS THE SECOND ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN ELECTED TO THE BENCH IN GEORGIA.**

**THEY HAVE ALL ACCOMPLISHED FEATS THAT PUT THEM AHEAD OF THEIR PEERS. THEY ARE COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS, JUDGES, GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS, IN-HOUSE COUNSEL, LAW PROFESSORS, AND PARTNERS FROM BOTH SMALL AND LARGE FIRMS. THEY ARE THE NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION'S (NAPABA) 2012 CLASS OF "BEST LAWYERS UNDER 40" (BU40).**

**N**APABA, the only national bar association representing the interest of Asian Pacific American (APA)

lawyers, judges, law professors, and law students, honored the 2012 BU40 class during its annual gala, the finale event of the 24th Annual NAPABA Convention, which featured a conversation with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

The NAPABA BU40 Award recognizes talented lawyers in the APA community who have achieved prominence and distinction in their respective fields at a relatively young age while also showing a deep commitment to community. This

year over 50 lawyers were nominated for the BU40 Award. Each candidate was carefully evaluated and interviewed by the selection committee. Unlike other similar awards, there is no set amount of awardees each year—the selection process is based solely on the merit of each candidate, making the selection process highly competitive and rigorous.

### **MOVING MONUMENTS**

Diversity in the legal profession is still a concept that has yet to be fully realized. Although many corporations and law firms have shown a commitment to diversity efforts, according to a study by

### **THE 2012 HONOREES ARE:**

**HON. AKEMI ARAKAKI,**  
LA County Superior Court,  
Central Juvenile District

**STEVEN CHOI,**  
MinKwon Center for  
Community Action

**JAMES DERRY,**  
Arbitron Inc.

**MARITA ETCUBAÑEZ,**  
Asian American  
Justice Center

**RIO M. GUERRERO,**  
Guerrero Yee LLP

**MARK HANASONO,**  
LA County Alternate  
Public Defender

**MELISSA S. HO,**  
Polsinelli Shughart PC

**PEGGY L. HO,**  
LPL Financial

**LABONI HOQ,**  
Asian Pacific American  
Legal Center

**BLOSSOM KAN,**  
MetLife, Inc.

**NAHO KOBAYASHI,**  
McGuireWoods LLP

**NICOLE KUBISTA,**  
Office of the Public  
Defender, St. Paul, MN

**JASON LEUNG,**  
Ridout & Maybee LLP

**EDWARD LEW,**  
The Walt Disney Company

**TIRZAH ABE LOWE,**  
Knobbe Martens  
Olson & Bear LLP

**SAMUEL S. PARK,**  
Winston & Strawn LLP

**TEENA-ANN SANKOORIKAL,**  
Cravath, Swaine &  
Moore LLP

**JEANNIE SUK,**  
Harvard Law School

**VINOO VARGHESE,**  
Varghese & Associates P.C.

**HON. CARLA WONG**  
McMillian, State Court of  
Fayette County, GA

**CALVIN K. WOO,**  
McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney  
& Carpenter, LLP

the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession (IILP) and the Association of Legal Administrators (ALA), only a small ratio of APA associates are making the conversion to partner. Although APAs make up roughly half of all associates of color, they are less likely than other racial groups to become partners. The ALA and IILP study found that only 11.5 percent of APA lawyers transition from associate to partner, compared to 90 percent of Latino and 81 percent of African American associates.

These low conversion rates are staggering, however not a new discovery in the APA legal community. In 2000 the BU40 Award was created in part to help the best APA lawyers break those barriers and move up in their career paths. As Jim

Goh, chair of the BU40 Selection Committee, states, "NAPABA's Best Lawyers Under 40 Award is rooted in the notion that APA lawyers often feel reticent about promoting themselves... Over the years, we have heard many accounts of how the award had made a difference in the recipients' careers and professional endeavors. The award is highly sought after, and the nomination process

highly competitive. Nominations go through rigorous scrutiny by the Selection Committee. Those selected enjoy the prestige of an award reserved only for the best of the best." APA lawyers from various fields also face misconceptions about their performance. "Being an APA female, people are sure that you're not capable," says Melissa Ho, shareholder at Polsinelli Shughart in Phoenix, Ariz. Nicole Kubista, a lawyer in the Office of the Public Defender in St. Paul, Minn., echoed Ho's sentiment. "Asian, and in particular Asian women, are stereotyped. We're underestimated and have to fight with the idea of 'you might not be the best candidate for this job,'" says Kubista. Both Ho and Kubista say they continually have to prove that not only are they capable lawyers, but that they are among the brightest in their fields.

Fortunately, not every APA woman has had the same experiences. Some, like Jeannie Suk, a

professor at Harvard School of Law, have had the opportunity to work in settings that allow them to embrace being different. "When I started my law teaching career, many who gave me advice assumed that I would have disadvantages as a woman, a minority, and a young person—a triple whammy—since there were hardly any law professors who were all three. However, I enjoy the reality that my just doing the job I love each day and naturally inhabiting the role of law teacher make those qualities more and more unremarkable. I'm aware of being a novelty in some ways but I truly don't experience that as a burden!"

### REACHING COMMUNITY

An essential part of the BU40 Award is service and dedication to the APA community. BU40 honorees are not only stellar lawyers, but have actively demonstrated a responsibility to give back. The 2012 class is no exception—between them this year's honorees have performed hundreds of hours of pro bono and community service.

Working in the community is nothing new for Steven Choi, executive director at the MinKwon Center for Community Action, who has committed his career to serving the APA community. Since law school Choi has had a special interest in serving low-income APAs, by first interning and eventually working as a fellow with the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund. At MinKwon Center for Community Action, Choi continues his commitment through organizing, advocacy, legal services, voting engagement, and youth empowerment in Flushing, Queens, N.Y..

Tirzah Abe Lowe, partner at Knobbe Martens, is the immediate past president of the Orange County Asian American Bar Association and past NAPABA Southern California regional governor. Although her clients include Shaquille O'Neal and Oscar de la Hoya, it is her pro bono work with the Tronie Foundation, an organization to combat human trafficking founded by a survivor, that helps set Abe Lowe apart from many of her peers. Abe Lowe connected the Tronie Foundation and founder Rani Hong with NAPABA's anti-human trafficking efforts, resulting in Hong speaking to a sold-out crowd at the NAPABA annual convention. NAPABA helped raise over \$15,000 for the Tronie Foundation during the convention.

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**AKEMI  
ARAKAI**

**AKEMI ARAKAKI** was appointed to the Los Angeles County Superior Court in December of 2010 at the age of 37. She is currently sitting in the Antelope Valley Delinquency Court. Prior to her appointment she served as a deputy public defender for the Los Angeles County

Public Defender's Office. In 2003 she was appointed by Governor Gray Davis to sit on the statewide Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs. She also served in 2004 as the president of the Japanese American Bar Association. She earned a Juris Doctorate degree from Loyola Law School and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wellesley College.



**MARITA  
ETCUBANEZ**

**MARITA ETCUBANEZ** is Director of Programs at the Asian American Justice Center, member of the Asian American Center for Advancing Justice. AAJC's mission is to advance civil and human rights for Asian Americans, and to build and promote a fair and equitable society for all. Etcubanez coordinates the work of AAJC's attorneys and program staff, including collaboration with the

Advancing Justice affiliates.

Etcubanez has over a decade of experience providing legal assistance to low-income individuals, working with the Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center in Washington, D.C.; Homeless Persons Representation Project in Baltimore, Maryland; and Texas Rural Legal Aid in Plainview, Texas.

Etcubanez received both her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Michigan.



**STEVE  
CHOI**

**STEVE CHOI** is the Executive Director of the MinKwon Center for Community Action, which organizes, educates, and

serves the Korean and Asian communities in New York. Choi was formerly at the Asian American Legal Defense & Education Fund as Director of the Korean Workers Project, the only such effort providing free legal services to low-wage Korean immigrants. He also has experience with the Hale and Dorr Legal Services Center in Boston, Greater Boston Legal Services, and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Los Angeles.

Choi received his B.A. from Stanford University in History with Honors and his J.D. from Harvard Law School. He has received awards such as the Korean American Association's "Man of the Year" Award, the Wasserstein Fellowship, the Skadden Fellowship, and the Harvard Law School Asian Pacific American Alumni Award.



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**RIO  
GUERRERO**

**RIO GUERRERO** is a partner with the U.S. immigration law firm Guerrero Yee LLP in New York City. For over a decade,

his firm has successfully represented corporate and individual clients with their immigration matters in all 50 United States and abroad. In 2012, the Filipino-American National Historical Society honored Rio with the Contributions to Excellence Award, recognizing his success as an attorney and pro bono service to the Filipino-American community. A respected member of AILA, he serves as one of eight appointed members on its National Committee on Health Care Professionals. In 2009, he formed and currently Co-Chairs the AABANY Immigration and Nationality Law Committee. Since 2007, he has taught as an Adjunct Professor of Immigration Law at the City University of New York - SPS. He is an Edward V. Sparer Fellow of Brooklyn Law School.

For Jason Leung, Ridout & Maybee LLP in Toronto, Canada, a foundation for support was not always there, so he helped build one. Leung is a founding member and past president of the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers (FACL), NAPABA's only Canadian affiliate. "Since FACL was founded in 2007, its membership has grown to almost 250, and it has established itself as a strong public advocate for the Asian Canadian community," says Leung. Leung is also the first Canadian lawyer to serve on the NAPABA Board of Governors as the NAPABA Northeast regional governor.

### WORDS OF ADVICE

Many BU40 honorees from previous years to the most recent class did not get to where they are in their careers alone. Most credit a network of peers and mentors who have pushed and encouraged them to take risks. Although the idea of having a mentors seem standard, finding one is not always easy. "Don't be afraid to seek out a mentor," says Ho, a child of immigrant parents who could not always help her navigate her academic and career paths. "I had to seek out my own mentors and had to build the confidence to do just that."

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Building a network of mentors is only one of the several ways BU40 honorees have succeeded. But what also makes a successful BU40 candidate is his/her ability to stand out, and for James Derry, associate general counsel and chief IP officer at Arbitron, Inc., that meant being authentic. "It is very easy to try and mold your attitude and personality to conform with your work environment," Derry says. "I'm not suggesting that one act in an unprofessional manner, but you have to be

'true' to yourself and stand by what you believe in, not what others tell you to believe in."

Anyone can attest that being the best is hard work. But hours at the office and with clients really do not matter if there is no balance between the professional and personal. "Work your tail off when you are at the office, but try your best to get

back home and have dinner with your family as often as possible. The work will always be there, but your kids won't always be kids," says Leung.

### REACHING MONUMENTAL HEIGHTS

The NAPABA BU40 Award aims to leverage the careers of rising APA lawyers. Past honorees have gone on to establish incredible careers. This year's class joins the distinguished group of past BU40 honorees that include Honorable Jacqueline H. Nguyen of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the first Vietnamese American federal judge and first APA woman federal appellate judge; and Frank Wu, current dean of the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, the first APA to teach at Howard University Law School, and the first APA dean of Wayne State University Law School.

There is no doubt that this year's class will follow in the footsteps of their predecessors and blaze trails for those to come. It will be interesting to see what these young lawyers have in store in their prospering careers. NAPABA congratulates the 2012 class of BU40 as they continue to move mountains, break barriers, and reach monumental heights.



**MARK HANASONO**

**MARK HANASONO** is a senior trial attorney and team leader for the Los Angeles County Alternate Public Defender office. He represents indigent clients in felony cases, including capital murder, and supervises a team of attorneys in APD's central

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LLP in Los Angeles. Hoq graduated from U.C. Berkeley with a B.A. in 1996, Cambridge University with a M. Phil. in 1998, and Columbia Law School with a J.D. in 2001. In 2001, she was awarded a Fulbright fellowship to South Africa to clerk on its Constitutional Court and conduct research on indigenous land rights. Hoq has been listed in the Southern California Super Lawyers Magazine® - Rising Stars edition since 2008.



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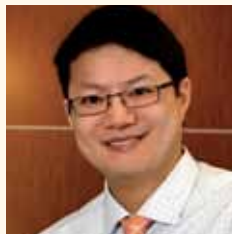
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Leung is a founding member and a past president of the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers and currently serves on the board of governors of NAPABA as the Northeast regional governor. He also serves on the boards of the Toronto Lawyers Association and LibraryCo Inc.



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In 2000, Varghese began his career as a prosecutor in the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office. In 2005, he was named senior assistant district attorney and was appointed to run a unit that prosecuted attempted murders of NYPD officers.

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